



Obituary



Richard Bennie **September 3, 1940– February 23, 2006**

The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame is sad to report the passing of retired Texas Ranger Richard Bennie of Seguin, Texas. He was 65 and is survived by his wife Linda, son Ranger William Bennie, and daughter Keri Thompson.

Ranger Bennie served the Texas Department of Public Safety from October of 1971 to 1987 as a Highway Patrolman in Sherman, Texas, and a Patrol Sergeant in San Antonio, Texas.

He joined the Texas Rangers in March of 1987 and was assigned to Company "D" in McAllen. Ranger Bennie was assigned to investigations in Hidalgo and Starr Counties and worked for Captain Jack Dean and Captain C.J. Havrda.

Ranger Bennie was later transferred to Seguin. In 1995 his son, Trooper William A. (Tony) Bennie, was promoted to the Texas Rangers. Richard Bennie retired in August of 1996 and in January of 1997 took the position of Chief Deputy in Comal County where he won great respect from the community.

His accomplishments as Chief Deputy included providing law enforcement to Bulverde, Texas, before it created its own police department, expanding and upgrading the Comal County jail, creating the county's emergency operations center and responding to two major floods that came less than four years apart. Sheriff Bob Holder praised him stating:

"He brought tremendous management and investigation experience to the sheriff's office. He had a wide range of contacts in the state, and I had them elsewhere in the country. The man had credibility. They trusted him and they believed in him. What you saw was what you got with Richard Bennie."

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