



Obituary



Joe B. Hunt

November 9, 1944 - October 1, 2013

Joe B. Hunt, Texas Ranger and former Sheriff of Tom Green County, passed away at his ranch on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

In spite of the harsh realities he faced daily in law enforcement for 43 years, Joe was always smiling, positive and helped many people during his life. It was said "Joe always treated everyone with respect"

Joe was born November 9, 1944 in Kermit, Texas to John C. and Willie Mae (Williams) Hunt. He attended public schools in San Angelo, graduating from Central High School in May, 1963. He started college at San Angelo College in the fall of 1963, he then left college to join the National Guard in January of 1964.

In December 1964 Joe married the love of his life, Linda Goetz.

In March of 1965, Joe began working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on a fish hatchery in Devine, Texas. He applied to the Texas National Guard Officer Candidate School and in June of 1966 was accepted to start the OCS Academy Class Number 10. He graduated OCS as a 2nd Lieutenant.

Joe's law enforcement career began on February 14, 1967 when he entered the DPS Law Enforcement Academy in Austin graduating in June 1967. Their first son, Mark, was born in 1968 while Joe was a Driver's License Patrolman in San Antonio. In 1970, their second son, Bryan, was born while Joe was stationed in Odessa where he was a Texas Highway Patrolman.

After being promoted to the Texas Rangers in July 1977, Joe and Linda moved to Lubbock where he was stationed until being transferred back to San Angelo in October 1993.

Joe retired from the Texas Rangers in 1998.

After his retirement, he was honored by the citizens of Tom Green County by being elected for 3 terms as Tom Green County Sheriff.

Joe retired during his third term due to health reasons. He and Linda then moved to his ranch in Schleicher Co.

He loved ranching, hunting, fishing, and the outdoors in general. He looked forward to hunting trips to Colorado and spending time with good friends who are too numerous to mention.

Joe, being known as a great story teller, had been asked by many to write a book which he did. The book entitled "Joe B. Hunt, Texas Ranger, Campfire Tales", was just recently finished, printed and published.

