



Obituary



Glenn Krueger, Texas Ranger **October 21, 1926 – July 17, 2004**

On Saturday, July 17, 2004, retired Texas Ranger Glenn Krueger, 77, left this life. Tragically it was only moments after his beloved wife Jackie, 72, who was suffering from terminal cancer, died. Perhaps it was meant to be. Friends of the two said they had a love affair that had endured for more than fifty years of marriage. They are survived by two sons, Richard and Wade.

Glenn was a second-generation Texas Ranger. His father Bennie left large boots for his son to fill, but fill them he did. Glenn was born on October 21, 1926, in Montgomery County, Texas. His mother was Ann Bosse. Being the son of a lawman who moved around a lot, Glenn spent his early years in Conroe (where he was born), Brenham, Fredericksburg, San Antonio, and Del Rio.

During World War II, Glenn served in the Navy. After the war, the law bug hit Glenn when he accompanied his father to South Texas on a case to apprehend a felon. Like his father, he soon became a city policeman. Bennie had served as a city policeman for ten years before joining the DPS; Glenn served less than a year before becoming a Highway Patrolman.

On December 1, 1948, Glenn became a student patrolman in the Texas Department of Safety. After graduation, he spent his Highway Patrol days serving in Falfurrias, Harlingen, and Kingville.

Glenn followed his father's footsteps and became a Texas Ranger on June 1, 1966. This was only the third father-son combination in the history of the Rangers as a part of the Department of Public Safety. The other two were Hardy Purvis Sr. and A. Y. Allee Sr. and their namesakes, Hardy Purvis Jr. and A.Y. Allee Jr.

Glenn was one of the greatest practical jokers in the history of the Rangers. When it came to his work, however, he was all business, as the many felons who went to prison because of him can attest. Glenn retired in 1986 after twenty years of distinguished Ranger service, all as a member of Company D stationed in Beeville. The praises heaped upon him by his friends are long and sincere. The father and son, Bennie and Glenn, have left a fine legacy for all Rangers.

