Obituary

Lewis Calvin Rigler, Texas Ranger
August 7, 1914 - June 25, 2009

Retired Texas Ranger Lewis C. Rigler, 94, passed away June 25, 2009, at Muenster Rehabilitation Center after a long battle with cancer. Rigler was the second oldest living retired Ranger.

Lewis Rigler was born Aug. 7, 1914, in Lorena, to John William and Sadie Willie Rigler. Rigler was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety from 1941 to 1977, first as a State Trooper, then as a Texas Ranger assigned to Company B in Gainesville.

After his retirement from the Rangers, Rigler entered the field of investment and business consultation and remained active, going to his office six days a week, until poor health forced his retirement in 2007. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Janette and Dorothy; brother, Linville; and his first wife, Leah.

Rigler is survived by his wife of 46 years, Joyce Tucker Tempel Rigler; eight children and their spouses, Steve Rigler and wife, Connie, Mike Rigler and wife, Joanna, Erik Rigler and wife, Judyth, Lynda Hacker and husband, Jim, Charlotte Barnes and husband, Mel, Patti Mercer and husband, Rick, Diane Rigler, and Janet Brazelton and husband, Mark; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

An oral history of Lewis Rigler is available at:

http://texasranger.org/E-Books/Main_Page.htm