



Obituary



Jerome Preiss, Texas Ranger **February 29, 1924 – July 12, 2004**

Jerome Preiss, "Geronimo" to his friends, passed away after a lengthy illness on July 12, 2004. He was born in Twin Sisters, Texas, on February 29, 1924. He is survived by his wife, Jean Ann Schrader.

Like most men of his age, Jerome served his country during World War II. He was a naval aviator tail-gunner. After returning to civilian life, he joined the Department of Public Safety. On August 1, 1948, he became a student Highway Patrolman. Twenty-two years later, on March 31, 1972, he retired as a Texas Ranger.

During the six years that he served as a Highway Patrolman, Jerome was stationed in Pleasanton, San Antonio, Carrizo Springs, and Johnson City. It was while he was stationed in Carrizo Springs that he became friends with the celebrated commander of Texas Ranger Company D, Captain A. Y. Allee. On December 15, 1956, Jerome promoted to the Texas Rangers and became a member of Allee's company. He was assigned to the deep Rio Grande Valley city of Harlingen, where he stayed for ten years before transferring to Seguin in 1966. He remained there until 1969, when he returned to Harlingen. He was still in that city when he retired.

Jerome was well known, especially for his legendary storytelling. Geronimo will be missed by all who knew him.

