



In Memoriam



Jim Ryan 1940 – 2012

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Jimmy “Jim” Eugene Ryan 71, a great friend of the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and Texas history, passed away of a sudden heat attack February 22, 2012. He was instrumental in forming Texas Ranger reenactment groups and had a love of 19th century Old West Ranger history. Jim also served on the Board of the museum.

Jim was born in Ada, Oklahoma September 7th 1940 to J.H. and Ruby Jones Ryan. He grew up in South Texas where he met and married the love of his life, Elizabeth Brod on January 29th 1960.

Jim spent his working years as a teacher, Principal, and Superintendent. He served in the San Isidro, Knippa, Nueces Canyon and Sabinal School Districts. Through the years he served as a mentor and role model to countless students.

Hobbies and interest were varied and wide-ranging. Jim was an artist, photographer, actor, scuba diver, pilot, rancher and deputy sheriff. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling, studying Native American history, and was a collector of all things dealing with the Texas Rangers.

He is survived by his wife Liz; daughter Lisa Smith, her husband Douglas, their children Ryan and Lauren Smith of San Angelo, Texas; daughter Leslie Lester, and her children Brody and Shelby Lester of Bandera, Texas. Sister Linda Jenkins and her husband Wayne of Weatherford, Texas, and Cindy Coleman and her husband Don of Sabinal, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews.

