



## Obituary



### **John W. Dendy, Texas Ranger 1930 - 2016**

John was born on March 1, 1930 in De Leon, Texas to the late Bill and Lillie Mae Reed Dendy. After high school graduation, he joined the U. S. Navy where he developed a love of flying. This ultimately led him to obtain his private pilot's license and enjoy many years of flying the skies of this country.

In 1956, John graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy and was stationed as a Highway Patrolman in Waco and League City for the next fifteen years. In 1973, he promoted to Texas Ranger and was stationed in Canyon. In 1979, he transferred to Stephenville where he worked until his retirement in 1992 and where he was a member of the Masonic Lodge 276.

John married Vinita Miller on August 14, 1965 in Houston and together they raised two children. In addition to his family, he dearly loved his ranch where he was always busy raising cattle, horses and pecans.

John is survived by his wife of 50 years, Vinita Dendy; two children, Kirby Dendy, retired Chief of the Texas Rangers, and wife Donna, and Kathy Wiley and husband Bill; four grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

