



## OBITUARY

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**George Eugene "Gene" Powell**  
May 15, 1938 - February 9, 2022  
Ranger Service: 1973-2001

George Eugene Powell, "GENE" to his family and friends, was called home February 9, 2022. Gene was born in Stanton, Texas, and served 39 years in law enforcement. He began his career in 1962, graduating from the Dept of Public Safety's Training Academy in Austin, TX. After serving 5 years in the Highway Patrol, he was then elected Chief of Police in Pleasanton, TX.

In 1973 Gene became a member of the elite law enforcement agency, the Texas Rangers. In 1978 he was promoted to Sergeant, stationed in Company D's headquarters in San Antonio, TX. In 1985 he was promoted to Captain of Company E in Midland. After serving 12 years as Captain of Co. E, Gene

was promoted to Assistant Chief of the Rangers and transferred to DPS headquarters in Austin, until he retired in 2001.

Gene was devoted to his family & faith. He loved fishing and camping with his kids and grandkids on the Nueces River. After his retirement, he devoted his time to his church, and contributed greatly to the new construction of Faith Baptist Church in Round Rock, TX. He also enjoyed woodworking and crafted beautiful pieces of furniture. Gene had an uncanny ability to connect and relate to anyone he came in contact with and had a profound effect on many people's lives with his kind, caring, and giving ways. He was always up for a good laugh and saw the humor and positive side to every situation.

He is preceded in death by Anita Sue, his wife of 62 years, his son, Rodney and daughter, Annette. George is survived by his daughter, Kathy; his son, Roy; grandsons, Gregg and Kirkland; granddaughters, Stephanie and Rachael; great granddaughters, Laurel and Deja. Visitation 9:00 am - 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at First Baptist Church, Round Rock, TX with Funeral Service to begin at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at Sunset Hill Cemetery, La Pryor, TX.

Rank Attained: ASSISTANT CHIEF

Companies: D, E, HQ

Duty Stations: KINGSVILLE, PLEASANTON, MIDLAND, AUSTIN

Ranger Specializations: FORENSIC HYPNOSIS

Awards and Citations: N/A

Joined DPS: 1962

Divisions: TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL

Other Law Enforcement: CHIEF, PLEASANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Post Ranger Law Enforcement: N/A

Military Service: N/A

Birthplace: STANTON, TEXAS



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