The Texas Ranger Memorial Cross

The Texas Ranger Memorial Cross is furnished to members of the Former Texas Rangers Association at no cost. The Association does require that an application be filled out naming the Texas Ranger to be honored and where the Ranger is buried for archive purposes. The Association will also assist members in the planning of the Memorial ceremony and will have an Officer or Director at the ceremony if at all possible. The member is responsible for the installation of the cross. The mission statement of the Former Texas Rangers Association in part is to preserve the true history of the Texas Rangers and to provide landmarks relating to Texas Rangers. The marking of the Rangers' graves fulfills that part of our mission.

The Memorial Cross was first used in 1999 at the Center Point Cemetery in Kerr County where 32 Texas Rangers are buried. A Memorial ceremony was held at the cemetery and was attended by descendants, Texas Rangers, and the general public. A person can now walk through the cemetery and identify the Texas Ranger with the cross located next to their tombstone. Since that time, the Association has furnished over 650 crosses to descendants that have marked their Ranger's grave site. The ceremony has brought families together for the mutual purpose to honor one of their own who has served as a Texas Ranger.

The Memorial Cross was designed by Don Holmes of "Stars Over Texas" and is manufactured by his son Jimmy Don Holmes, exclusively for the Association. They both feel a great sense of pride to be a part of this program. The Cross is 18" x 36" with a mounted Texas Ranger circle star badge at the apex of the Cross. It is made of steel and powder-coated for protection from the outside elements.

The Association has received numerous letters of appreciation from not only members but others who have witnessed these ceremonies. It has gotten the attention of the public who did not know that the Former Texas Rangers Association existed, have learned about direct descendants who served as Rangers, have joined the FTRA and are now proud to be a part of this historic effort.

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