

# Broken-Hearted Ranger Is Dead; Had Colorful Career



**A**BOVE are shown four generations of the family of Capt. Pat Dolan, ex-ranger, Indian fighter and pioneer, who died at the age of 88 here yesterday. They are, left to right, Capt. Dolan, his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Lee; Mrs. Lenore Holmes, granddaughter; Pat Lee Holmes, great-grandson, and Mrs. Dolan, who preceded her husband in death by 19 days.

**A** BROKEN heart, torn by anguish from the separation with its mate of 57 years, caused the death at 2:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon of Capt. Pat Dolan, 85, west Texas pioneer, Indian fighter, former Texas ranger, cattleman and sheriff.

Capt. Dolan died at his home, 356 Trowbridge street. He was preceded in death, 18 days by his wife of nearly three score years, Mrs. Margaret J. Dolan, who died at the age of 77, on January 23.

Grief-stricken, Capt. Dolan told his daughters, Mrs. A. A. Funk and Mrs. M. G. Lee, yesterday, before he lapsed into final unconsciousness: "Don't do anything for me—I want to die. I want to join her."

#### Became Weaker

The aged man rapidly became weaker after the death of his wife and yesterday dropped into the fatal coma. The end then came swiftly.

The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home here on April 22, 1923.

Passing of the two pioneers marked the end of more than a half century of picturesque association. The couple, through several decades, lived in the company of civilization along the western border fighting Indian and bandit together and

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## COLORFUL RANGER CALLED BY DEATH

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blazing the trail for the West Texas of today.

Funeral services for Capt. Dolan were to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Peak-Hagedorn chapel. Burial was to be in Concordia cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. A. A. Funk and Mrs. M. G. Lee, of El Paso; and Mrs. O. L. Shipman of Marfa, Texas; three grandchildren, E. H. Funk, Robert Sterling Lee and Lehora Holmes; and one great-grandson, Pat Lee Holmes.

#### Born in Ireland

Born in Ireland in 1844, Capt. Dolan came to the United States when he was only six years of age. With his parents he settled in San Antonio in the early fifties.

First taste of warfare was given the then boy of 17 in the service of the Union army during the Civil war. In 1867, Capt. Dolan came to West Texas, becoming stationed at Fort Davis, then an outpost in the center of a country infested with hostile Indian tribes.

Leaving the army, Mr. Dolan went to Eagle Pass where he became a public weigher. Within a few years he was elected sheriff of Uvalde county and it was while sheriff, in 1873, that he was married to Margaret Jane Cook, his life-long companion, who preceded him in death by only a few days.

#### Joined Rangers

One year after his marriage, Mr. Dolan, already renowned in the Big Bend for his prowess as an officer, was appointed a lieutenant in the ranger forces. Later he became captain and he served with marked distinction until his retirement in 1879.

Then he bought a ranch in Zavalla county, among the Nueces, and he became a leading cattleman of southwestern and western Texas.

In 1903 he moved to Clint and he farmed in that vicinity for nearly 20 years. The past eight years he has lived in retirement at his home in El Paso.