

Montes' father dies in Clint at age 80

Jesus Maria "Chano" Montes, father of Sheriff Ray Montes, died Wednesday at his home in Clint, Texas. He was 80.

Rosary will be at 8:30 p.m. Sunday in Martin Chapel. Funeral mass will be said at 11 a.m., Monday, at San Lorenzo Catholic Church, of which he was a member, with Monsignor Gonzalo Morales officiating.

He will be buried in the Clint Cemetery.

Montes was a lifelong resident of Clint, a member of a pioneer family there, and had been a law enforcement officer for 40 years.

Constable Montes was born in Mexico in 1902, and came to the United States at age 5 months.

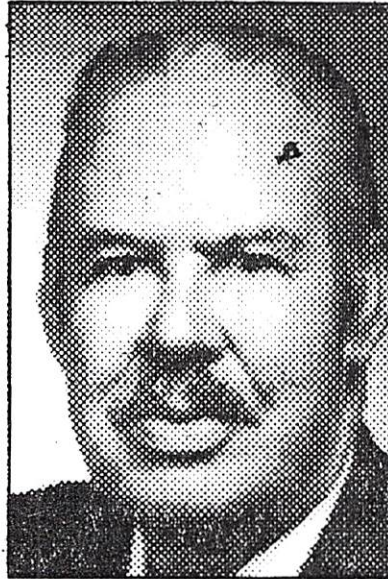
He went to work for the Immigration and Naturalization Service — driving a Maxwell automobile — at age 22.

He and his wife, Angela, were married in 1926 and were remarried on their 50th wedding anniversary.

He was proud of his U.S. citizenship, and of the confidence Clint residents had in his ability to protect the community.

A certified Texas peace officer, he was a deputy constable for 20 years, before becoming constable of Clint. He also served four years with the Ascarate Constable Posse.

He had belonged to the Sandhills sharpshooter club, and was deputized as a reserve sheriff's deputy by former El Paso County



"Chano" Montes

Sheriff Mike Sullivan.

Montes claimed to know "a little about everything," including cars, and repaired television sets when they first came out. He knew how to make radios, and once said he established the first electric plant and opened the first movie theater in his community.

He was also involved in farming and in business in Clint.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Angela Montes; another son, Bobby Montes, an investigator for the Border Patrol in El Toro, Calif.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.