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STURM RUGER & CO INC  
Form 8-K  
July 10, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED)  
JULY 6, 2002

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-10435  
(Commission File Number)

06-0633559  
(IRS Employer Identification  
Number)

ONE LACEY PLACE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT 06490  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 259-7843

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On July 8, 2002, Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. issued a press release announcing that William Batterman Ruger, founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Company, died on July 6, 2002, at age 86. For further information, stockholders and other interested parties are referred to the Company's press release dated July 8, 2002, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT, PRO FORMA  
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

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| Exhibit<br>----- | Description<br>-----             |
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| 99.1             | Press release dated July 8, 2002 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

By: /s/ Erle G. Blanchard

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Name: Erle G. Blanchard  
Title: Principal Financial Officer,  
Vice Chairman, President,  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Treasurer and Director

Date: July 9, 2002