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Survivors include his wife, Marianne Farrier; his sons, Frank Owen IV and William Farrier Owen; his daughters, Catherine Anne Owen Woodul, Virginia Ruth Owen Roberts, Robin Owen Grambling and Lorrie Owen Ballinger; his sister, Chickie Bowden; and 15 grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Trinity First United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frank Owen III Memorial to benefit the University of Texas School of Law, c/o Chase Bank of Texas, 201 E. Main, Attention, Terry Crenshaw; Trinity First United Methodist Church for Lydia Patterson Scholarship Fund; or to a favorite charity.

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He was also a prominent Lower Valley cotton farmer.

A World War II Army Air Corps veteran, he served as a tail gunner on a B-17. In 1951, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and served two terms until 1955. After the end of his term in the House, he was elected to the Texas Senate, where he served until 1965.

He had several other positions including chairman of the Federal Relations Committee, chairman of the Oil and Gas Committee, vice chairman of the Water Conservation Committee and President Pro Tempore for the Texas Senate, which is the third-ranking member of Texas government. He served as acting governor of Texas for a day on Jan. 6, 1961.

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Senator Frank Owen, III, 72, born on February 25, 1926, in El Paso, TX, passed away Saturday, February 20, 1999. Son of Frank Owen, Jr. and Ruth Brown Owen. He was a 1951 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law earning an LLB/J.D. Member of the El Paso Bar Association, Texas Bar Association, American Bar Association, Texas Trial Lawyers, El Paso Sheriff's Posse, Trinity First United Methodist Church, Appaloosa Horse Club, avid raiser of registered Appaloosa horses, Founding Director/Chairman of Board American Bank of Commerce, former Director/Chairman of Board, First National Bank, Fabens, Texas, former member Administrative Board Trinity First United Methodist Church, Lay Reader of United Methodist Church, teacher of Tower Sunday School Class Trinity First United Methodist Church, prominent Lower Valley cotton farmer, listed in International Who's Who of Professionals, Who's Who in American Law, member of Masonic Lodge Fabens 1202, member of El Paso Scottish Rite Temple, member of El Maida Shrine Temple, and member of Gideon International. He was a World War II Army Air Force Veteran serving as tail gunner on the B-17, elected to Texas House of Representatives 1951 and served two terms - 1955, elected Texas Senate 1955 - served until 1965 in the Senate. Chairman Federal Relations Committee; Chairman Oil and Gas Committee 1959-1963; Vice-Chairman Water Conservation Committee, President Pro Tempore of Texas Senate - Third Ranking Member of Texas Government; Governor of Texas for a day January 6, 1961. He is survived by his wife, Marianne Farrier Owen; daughter, Catherine Anne Owen Woodul and husband Dr. Charles Woodul; granddaughters Alison Remington and Sharon Weinstein; daughter Virginia Ruth Owen Roberts and husband James V. Roberts; grandsons, Dustin James Roberts and Connor Owen Roberts; son, Frank Owen, IV; granddaughter, Pamela Owen Hamilton; grandson Frank Matthew Owen; son, William Farrier Owen and wife Julie Caldwell Owen; grandson, William Christian Owen; granddaughters, Lucy Brit Owen and Carolyn Elise Owen; daughter, Robin Owen Grambling and husband Randy Grambling; grandsons, Randolph Holt; Preston Summerfield and Ryan Owen Grambling; daughter, Lorrie Owen Ballinger and husband Ron Ballinger; granddaughters, Whitney Marianne, Caylor Brynne and Kylie Elizabeth Ballinger; sister, Chickie Bowden and husband Jim Bowden; numerous nieces and nephews and many friends. Funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 24, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at Trinity First United Methodist Church, Mesa and Yandell Streets; El Paso, TX. Dr. Will Cotton and Dr. Brodace Elkins officiating. Pallbearers will be Ron Ballinger, Randy Grambling, Dr. Charles Woodul, James Roberts, Steve McKee, Dr. Jim Bowden. Honorary pallbearers will be Harry Anderson, Leon Ballinger, Jim Bowden; John Moore, Dr. Robert Foster, W.C. Douthit, Sam Sredanovich, El Paso Bar Association, El Paso Sheriff's Posse, First National Bank of Fabens; Herb Ehrlich, Dr. William Pitt, Al Gough, John Grambling, Dale Owen, Walter Hocker, Jack Rich, Steve Sredanovich, Jack McGrath, John Magruder, Cole Holderman, Bill Cramer, Ed Stone, W. Clyde Rathwick, and Dr. Steve Caldwell. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Frank Owen, III memorial to benefit the University of Texas School of Law, Care of Chase Bank of Texas, 201 E. Main: Attention: Terry Crenshaw, or Trinity First United Methodist Church for Lydia Patterson Scholarship Fund, or any favorite charity. Interment will be in Memory Gardens of the Valley. Frank loved life. He loved his wife, his children, grandchildren, friends and most of all he loved his Lord Jesus Christ.

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