

Mrs. Kate Krause Ball, E.P. Artist, Dies at 81

Mrs. Kate Krause Ball, El Paso artist, died today. She was 81.

Mrs. Ball was a native and life-long resident of El Paso, and the daughter of a pioneer El Paso couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uorich Krause. Mrs. Ball's father was an architect and builder. Mrs. Ball lived at 3420 North Stanton street.

One of Mrs. Ball's best known works is a series of engrossed and illuminated religious scrolls, which was exhibited across the country and acclaimed as a fine example of an ancient art. The scrolls were reproduced and bound into a book "Thus It Is Written," published by Ideals Publishing Co., Milwaukee. This was the first of a number of Ideals publications by Mrs. Ball.

MRS. BALL began her career as an artist as a teacher in El Paso Public Schools. In 1939, while she was teaching at El Paso Technical Institute, she submitted the winning poster in the Sun Carnival Contest.

She later did illustrations for

a national magazine, Holland's; her paintings were chosen for Christmas card covers; she worked in advertising, and at the same time she was acclaimed as an outstanding painter of the American landscape.

Mrs. Ball was a graduate of the Federal Schools of Minneapolis, in commercial design. She studied art in Berkeley University, and at the University of Southern California.

MRS. BALL was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a life fellow of International Institute of Arts and Letters; a member of the American Artists Professional League; the Texas Fine Arts Assn., El Paso Art Assn., El Paso Woman's Club, El Paso Historical Society, and American Assn. of Retired People.

She is survived by her daughter, Miss Flora Ball of El Paso.

Funeral services will be held Monday, at 1:30 p.m., in Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana avenue chapel. Dr. Frank F. Jones will officiate. Interment will be in Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.