

# Land-title pioneer Butterworth dies

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EL PASO — Hughes Butterworth, the president of LandAmerica Lawyers Title of El Paso and a longtime philanthropist, died early Monday following a lengthy illness. He was 77.

Butterworth's decades-long work in the land-title industry of El Paso earned him several awards and honors throughout the region and the state.

His family said Butterworth was considered a pioneer of the industry in El Paso.

"He pretty much raised every title person in El Paso," said his wife, Sharon Butterworth. "It doesn't matter what company they're with, he probably raised them."

Butterworth moved to El Paso as a child and attended Crockett School and Austin High School. He earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1954, and he was named the distinguished alumni

there in 1993.

He was president of the El Paso County Historical Society and on the board of the United Way of El Paso.

Other groups and organizations he served on included the Hospice of El Paso, the El Paso Services for Children and the American Cancer Society.

His volunteer work earned him the Citizen of the Year Award from the El Paso chapter of Military Order of the World Wars.

"He was a faithful Christian and he lived his life accordingly," Sharon Butterworth said. "He was a proud papa and we were very blessed to have had him."

Butterworth was a lifelong Episcopalian and an elder at St. Francis on the Hill Church.

He is survived by his wife, five children and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, but details were not yet available Monday.