

Mrs. Calisher, Pioneer Civic Leader, Dies



MRS. A. F. CALISHER

Mrs. Ada Fleischman Calisher, 87, and widow of Jacob Calisher, one of El Paso's first department store founders, died Saturday in her home, 1431 Hawthorn Place. Mr. Calisher died in 1922.

Mrs. Calisher came to El Paso in 1887 when this city was still turning out to see the trains that were beginning to span the continent through the Pass of the North. El Paso then was a rollicking, wild town with but about 10,000 population. She and her husband came here from Philadelphia shortly after they were married and she resided here from the time of her arrival until her death—60 years.

Mrs. Calisher was an active leader in civic and Jewish affairs throughout her life. She was organizer and first president of the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, name of which later was changed to Jewish Women's Relief Society. She was the first superintendent of the Sabbath School at Temple Mt. Sinai, and was active in organizing several other Jewish women's groups.

Survivors are a son, Laurence S. Calisher; a daughter, Mrs. Lily C. Moye, and four grandchildren, Max Moye, Jr., Mrs. Alfred A. Ratner, Edwin Moye and Barbara L. Calisher.

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isher, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral rites will be held at 10 a. m. Sunday in the Hagedon-Harding Funeral Home. The family requested that no flowers be sent.

Active pallbearers will be Ervin H. Schwartz, Karl P. Goodman, Isador Goodman, Leon Strelitz, Reuben Weinstein and Louis E. Given. Honorary pallbearers: Elias Sternglanz, Dr. N. H. Keller, Emil Strauss, Haymon Krupp, Sam Blumenthal, J. M. Krakauer, Ben Levy, Maurice Schwartz, A. S. Jacobs, Walter Kohlberg, Louis Zork, E. H. Krohn, Sidney Mayer, Dave Cohen, Ed Wisbrun, Jack Kaufman, Charles Levy, Louis Horwitz, Sidney Ullman, William Smallberg, Charles Given, L. Gattegno and H. Potash.