Joe Campbell Dies in Tucson



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Joe Campbell, 69, former El Paso County sheriff, died last night in his home at Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Campbell moved to Tucson three years ago after selling extensive farming interests here.

Mr. Campbell, a Lower Valley farmer and former County Commissioner, was appointed sheriff in July, 1949, after Allen Falby resigned. He had been elected commissioner from Precinct 2 in August of 1949, defeating Fred Bunson for the post.

In 1942 he was high man in the Democratic primary contest for state representative for the 90th Legislative District, but withdrew during the runoff contest.

Mr. Campbell was born in Arkansas in 1890, and came to West Texas in 1900. He helped organize and build the first farmers' cotton gin in the valley and was a valley representative for the cotton industry.

He served on the City-County Hospital Board five years, and was a member of the El Paso Water Improvement District No. 1 Board for 6 years. He was a Mason, a member of El Maida Shrine, and a member of the Sheriff's Posse.

Mrs. Campbell died three years ago. Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. E. A. Martin and Mrs. W. F. Norton, and a brother-in-law, W. C. Passmore, all of El Paso. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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