

# HUGH CROUSE, FAMOUS PASO SURGEON, DIES

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Noted Physician  
At Home

CONSCIOUS TO LAST

Nationally-Known Figure  
Receives Friends Few  
Hours Before End

Dr. Hugh Woodward Crouse, 59, noted surgeon and diagnostician, died at 6 a. m. Saturday at his home, 1101 N. Mesa, after an illness of more than a year.

Funeral services for Dr. Crouse will be at Peak-Hagedorn's chapel, probably Monday morning. The hour has not yet been set. Pallbearers will be Dr. W. W. Waite, Dr. W. R. Jamieson, Dr. H. T. Safford, Dr. J. A. Rawlings, Dr. G. Werley and Dr. E. A. Duncan.

Dr. Crouse had been paralyzed since a year ago last Easter and had never left his bed nor been able to talk since then. Previously he had suffered from heart disease.

Conscious to the last, Dr. Crouse recognized members of the family and friends who called and only the day before his death was visited by Dr. W. J. Mayo, Rochester, Minn., famous surgeon who had long been his friend. Dr. Mayo's visit was purely a friendly call, as he was passing thru El Paso.

Dr. Crouse had a national reputation as surgeon and diagnostician and many times had been called into consultation in distant cases.

He was born at Ossian, Ind., Sept. 22, 1869, and was educated at Wabash College, Crawfordville, Ind., and received his medical degree from University of Indiana in 1892.

## Here Since 1903

Dr. Crouse came to El Paso in 1903. His first medical work was as an assistant to a Pennsylvania railroad surgeon. Prior to coming to El Paso he practiced at Rockport, Tex., and Victoria, Tex.

During his residence in Victoria Dr. Crouse collected living specimens of every poisonous snake and spider in Texas and wrote a monograph on the subject. He also contributed monographs of importance to the medical profession on cancer, tumor and other subjects, besides a score of inventions to the field of surgery.

Dr. Crouse was one of the founders and original charter members of the American College of Surgeons, member of Texas State Medical Assn., president Southwest Surgical and Medical Assn., president El Paso County Medical Society in 1912, member American Assn. and president Texas Medical Assn. in 1903. He was exalted ruler of the Elks in 1909.

## Welfare Worker

Regarded as one of the leading surgeons of the Southwest, Dr. Crouse was never too busy to give his time to the civic welfare of El Paso.

He advocated public health work in the city for many years and during the campaign against mosquitoes launched by the Chas. Davis administration, Dr. Crouse was made chairman of the committee in charge of the work.

Dr. Crouse was first married in 1893 in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Gertrude Bobo. In 1916 he was married in Pasadena, Cal., to Miss Maude Austin, who survives. There are five daughters, Mrs. Sonia Phillips and the Misses Vera and Esme Crouse of Los Angeles, by the first marriage, and the Misses Helen and Patricia Crouse, El Paso.