

Rites Arranged For Maurice C. Edwards

Funeral services for Maurice C. Edwards, 92-year-old El Paso pioneer who died yesterday, will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow at the Harding and Orr Chapel.

George McCann of Elks Lodge No. 187 will conduct services at the chapel and also at the grave in Evergreen Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Charles Byrne, Carl Beers, Ben Stein, Ed McQuaid, Charles Saunders and Hal M. Daugherty.

In Hospital Three Years

Honorary pallbearers: R. W. McAfee, Richard O'Leary, Judge P. R. Price, Charles R. Loomis and T. W. Scales.

Mr. Edwards died of the infirmities of old age. He had been in Southwestern General Hospital for more than three years. He would have been 93 in April.

He was born in Highland, Ind., in 1858, and came to El Paso in 1881, the year that the coming of the railroads started the Pass City on its way to size and prominence.

Worked in Lumber Yard

In Indiana Mr. Edwards had known O. T. Bassett and C. R. Morehead, who were destined to play important roles in development of El Paso, mainly through their organization of the State National Bank. Mr. Bassett and Mr. Morehead came to El Paso in 1881 by stagecoach and Mr. Edwards followed them later in the year.

Mr. Edwards worked for Mr. Bassett in the latter's lumber yard at Stanton and St. Louis (now Mills) streets, site of the Milner Building. He later became manager and a stockholder in the business.

Later he became president of the old El Paso Sash and Door Co., which was organized by Mr. Bassett's son, the late C. N. Bassett. He retired more than 30 years ago.

Was Star Player

In his youth Mr. Edwards was a star player for the El Paso Browns, a locally famous baseball team.

Mr. Edwards never married. For years he lived in a bachelor apartment with C. N. Bassett and George Flory, the latter a State National Bank executive. When Mr. Bassett married, Mr. Edwards continued to reside with Mr. Flory. When Mr. Flory died he moved to the old Toltec Club, later the Elks Club.

Joined Lodge in 1886

Mr. Edwards was a reticent man, but had numerous friends. He like to play golf and hunt and fish.

Mr. Edwards became a member of El Paso Masonic Lodge No. 130, AFAM in 1886, and was elected to life membership in 1939. He had been a Shriner since 1907. He joined the Elks Lodge in 1900, and at his death was the second oldest member.

He has no survivors.