

FERNANDEZ

DR. CARLOS A. FERNANDEZ, M.D., Colonel (Ret.) U.S.A.R., MC passed away at Columbia Medical Center West, on Thursday, March 6, 1997. A life-long resident of El Paso. Attended Bailey Grammar School, El Paso High School and Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (UTEP). Received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in 1951. He practiced medicine and surgery in El Paso for 42 years, retiring in 1993. He was a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, American Academy of Family Practice. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the A.A.F.P. for three years. He was Chief of Staff of Hotel Dieu Hospital and President of the El Paso County Medical Society. During World War II he served with the Intelligence Reconnaissance Platoon, 394th regiment 99th Infantry Division. This Platoon through its heroic efforts became the most highly decorated single unit in the U.S. Army History. Dr. Fernandez was awarded the Bronze Star with A V emblem and an Oak Leaf Cluster, he wore the Presidential Unit Citation and two Belgian Foursage 1944-1945. He served as a member of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, District Review Committee being appointed by Governor Clements. Dr. Fernandez is survived by his wife Delfina, three sons, Luis and Daniel, all of El Paso, Carlos and his wife Michela, from Italy, and Daughter Christina F. Johnson and her husband Dan, from Carrollton, Texas, and his sister Elena Padilla, from El Paso. Dr. Fernandez will lie in state Monday from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Martin Funeral Home West. Rosary will be held Monday at 7:00 P.M. at Martin Chapel West. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday at 9:00 A.M. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Interment will be in Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with full Military Honors.

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