

## FLETCHER



Frank Barron Fletcher, Jr., known as Barron, was seventy-three years old when he passed away on Saturday morning, May

twenty-eighth at his home in El Paso, Texas surrounded by family. He succumbed to a lengthy fight against melanoma. Barron was born on April 21, 1938 in El Paso Texas to Frank Barron Fletcher and Mildred Sullivan Fletcher, both originally from Little Rock, Arkansas. He had two older sisters, Mary Frances Fletcher Lawrence and Sarah Elizabeth Fletcher Platt Schuster. Barron spent his childhood in El Paso, attending Crockett Elementary School and serving as an acolyte at St. Alban's Episcopal Church. He attended Austin High school through the tenth grade. He then graduated from The Lawrenceville School in Princeton New Jersey in 1956 and went on to graduate from Yale University in 1960 with a B.S. in Industrial Engineering. Barron subsequently served in the US Marine Corps as a Lieutenant from 1960 to 1964. He was married to Elizabeth Lee Ponder of El Paso, Texas, daughter of Dan and Winifred Ponder on December 28th, 1962. They were married at St. Patrick's Church of El Paso. Barron was a life-long money manager and financial advisor beginning with his own firm in 1964, continuing on with a series of major national firms, most recently Wells Fargo Financial Advisors, as the industry consolidated. He managed the portfolios of generations of families throughout the southwest for forty-five years. As a strong and disciplined tennis player, Barron's active involvement and commitment to tennis spanned forty years. He was a fixture at the El Paso Tennis Club and played squash at the El Paso YMCA. The visual arts were a passion for him. Barron was a parishioner of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in La Union, New Mexico. He was instrumental in the formation of the Bridge Gallery of Contemporary Art

in the 1980's and its legacy into the 90's. Barron was a loyal supporter of the El Paso community through his involvement with the El Paso YMCA and the University of Texas at El Paso Library. He contributed his time and talent to the El Paso Museum of Art, most recently serving as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Barron lived in El Paso in the upper valley and he travelled often, visiting his children in Charlotte, NC and Dallas, TX. He also frequented the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club. He is survived by Catherine Fletcher Fortin and her husband Tom Fortin and their three children Andrew, 20, Betsy 18, and Matthew 12 of Charlotte, NC; Frank Barron Fletcher III and his wife Rebecca Enloe Fletcher and their two children Claire 13 and Barron 11 of Dallas, Texas; Cita Schuster of El Paso, Texas; Cita Ford of Henrietta, Texas; and Shelley Saab, Brooke Stenicka, Claudia Sullivan, Francie Valdez, Anne Reveley and Jack Platt of El Paso, Texas. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Martin Funeral Home West followed by an interment with military honors at Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery, 4800 McNutt Rd. The Reverend Frank Schuster III of Taos, New Mexico will officiate the services. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to the Frank Barron and Mildred Sullivan Fletcher Memorial Library Endowment, The University of Texas at El Paso, 500 West University Avenue, El Paso, TX 79968 and the El Paso Museum of Art Foundation at One Arts Festival Plaza, El Paso, Texas 79901. Barron's family and children thank El Paso for the decades of friendship and support that the community provided. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, Texas 79912.

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