

## Juan C. Franco Taken by Death

Juan C. Franco, El Paso's oldest peace officer, died at his home at 2011 Olive street early today. He was 79.

He was serving as chief deputy constable in the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Franco, who was retired from the City detective forces in 1933, after serving 45 years, found retirement dull. He took a job serving warrants and making arrests with the Sheriff's Department.

**Came West in 1889**

Coming here from Tucson in 1889, he was given a job by Sheriff J. H. White. He served as deputy sheriff, patrolman, mounted policeman, detective and deputy constable. He was born in Sonora, Mexico.

When a child, Mr. Franco was captured and held for eight months by Geronimo, Apache war chief. He aided in the downfall of the chief by leading soldiers to his hideout.

**Funeral Tomorrow**

Mr. Franco is survived by his widow; one son, Juan C. Franco Jr., two daughters, Mrs. C. Tejeda, and Mrs. Virginia F. Cordero; 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

There will be Rosary services in the Kaster and Maxon Chapel at 8 p. m. today. Funeral services will be held in Holy Family Church at 9 a. m. tomorrow, Rev. Father John Buckley, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, under direction of Kaster and Maxon.