

Sam J. Gatlin Dies In Home

Funeral to Be Held Today for Pioneer El Pasoan; Elks to Honor Him.

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Sam J. Gatlin, 75, pioneer El Pasoan, died at his home, 1801 East Rio Grande street, yesterday.

He was exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks in 1906, 1907 and 1908, and previously had been the lodge secretary for a number of years. Only a few months ago the local lodge especially honored him as the oldest living exalted ruler. His death deprived him of a recently expressed wish to be able to attend the dedicatory services of the new Elks home. He had been very feeble the past two or three weeks, and members of his lodge had made special arrangements to have him present at the dedication if possible for him to attend.

Wanted To Know Score.

Saturday night, between 9 and 10 o'clock, he aroused from a coma and during a brief period of consciousness insisted upon someone calling up and ascertaining the result of the Elk-Shrine ball game of Saturday.

He was an active member of the famous pioneer McGinty club. He came to El Paso in 1884. He is survived by his widow.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Kaster & Maxon chapel this morning at 10 o'clock, interment being in Elks' Rest at Evergreen cemetery. The full Elks' service will be read at the chapel and also at the grave by past exalted rulers of the El Paso lodge, with prayer by Rev. George H. Bassett, pastor of the First Christian church.

Pall Bearers Named.

Active pall bearers will be Judge James R. Harper, J. H. Pollard, Don A. Carpenter, V. B. Andreas, F. D. Colman and Tom Connor. Honorary pall bearers will be R. E. Thomason, W. W. Turney, W. H. Burges, Dr. J. B. Brady, A. E. Sweet, M. Coblentz, Maurice Schwartz, C. A. Kinney, J. C. Deane, C. E. Kelley, Dr. W. H. Allen, W. W. Bridgers, W. A. Goff, W. G. Roe, Jake Miller.

Mr. Gatlin, pioneer citizen of El Paso, was for many years actively identified with the early growth and civic affairs of the city. He was an ardent lover of horses and in the days of the El Paso Racing association, which held trotting races at Washington Park, owned one of the fastest horses in El Paso, and was instrumental in bringing to one of the meets here the famous Dan Patch.