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Herbert Given passed away on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at the age of 96. Herbert was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Deborah Given and his brother Edmund. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Audrey Levy Given. He is survived by his sister Mildred Marcus, and daughters and sons by marriage Bonnie and Marty Colton and Charlene and Jerry Spielvogel. Herbert was lovingly known as "Poppy" to his grandchildren Harry (and Mary) Levy, Marc (and Debbie) Levy, Robert (and Barbara) Levy, Brian (and Larisa) Colton, Jill (and Brian) Gross, Amy (and Michael) Hinton, Shari (and Mike) Delaney and to his great-grandchildren, Deborah, Kelly, Jake, Seth, Shea, Avishai, Eliana, Mecah, Raychel, Akiva, Dylan, Abigail, Benjamin, Alex and Lauren. He is also survived by loving nieces and nephews and good friend Bernadine Belkin. Herbert's birth in El Paso coincided with the opening of the family business, Given Brothers Shoe Company, in 1912. He joined Given Brothers in 1934. The company was an El Paso and Southwest institution that grew to over 30 stores throughout West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado until the business was sold in 1970. Herbert and Audrey enjoyed traveling together, and visited every continent except for Antarctica. They took each of their grandchildren on a special high school graduation trip to a destination of the grandchild's choosing. It was a very special experience and one that the grandchildren will always treasure. His favorite destination however, was Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Summers would always find him and Audrey at the Last Resort, their cabin on Middle Hill (Wren) with grandchildren tagging along. That home remains a

legacy of love for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Herbert was active in his community. He proudly served his entire adult life in many leadership roles at Temple Mount Sinai and was President of the Board in 1962 during the construction of the Temple's current home on Stanton Street. He was also a member of the Perpetual Care Assoc. of Temple Mt. Sinai for many decades and served on the board of the El Paso Jewish Federation. Herbert was a lifelong Rotarian, attending weekly meetings in El Paso and throughout the world during his many travels. Herbert had a keen interest in genealogy. He traced his family's roots back over eight generations. He also traced the roots of his wife Audrey's family from their arrival in Texas in 1838 to the present day. He was a long time member of the Texas Jewish Historical Society. Herbert was a talented artist in several media: stained glass, paint, tile, mosaics and metals. His pieces are displayed proudly in the homes of his grandchildren and were featured at several art shows. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to Temple Mt. Sinai, 4408 N. Stanton St., El Paso, TX 79902 or VNA Hospice of El Paso, 4171 B, Mesa, Building D, Suite 500, El Paso, TX 79902. Graveside Service will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009 at 3:00 P.M. at Temple Mt. Sinai Cemetery, 3915 Gateway West Blvd. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, TX 79912.