

# Cruces Priest Will Be Buried In Altar Tomb

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LAS CRUCES, N. M., Jan. 7.—  
Rev. Fr. John Grange, pioneer New Mexico priest, who died yesterday in Old Mesilla, will be buried tomorrow at 10 a. m. in a tomb behind the altar of the San Albion Church, with the Rt. Rev. A. J. Schuller, El Paso Bishop, officiating. He was 92.

Fr. Grange built the San Albino Church in Old Mesillo over 50 years ago with funds which he inherited from relatives and friends. Behind the altar, he constructed a tomb, in which he asked that he be placed after his death.

He was ordained a priest in France, where he was born, and came to New Mexico 60 years ago with a group of French priests, who built churches in this section of the state, and taught the Catholic religion to the Indians. He was the last of the group.

He is survived by a niece, who lives in France.