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# Funeral Set Thursday For Ex-Tax Collector

Former city tax assessor-collector Joseph B. Graves' funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Martin Chapel. Mr. Graves died Tuesday in a local hospital. He was 82.

Moving to El Paso in 1919 after World War I, Mr. Graves entered private business and in 1939 was elected to his first term as city tax assessor-collector. After serving 11 terms that spanned 20 years, he removed his name from the 1959 race after his wife and doctor cautioned him of the strain of another campaign. Mr. Graves had suffered a severe heart attack in December 1958 when he was 65.

During his 20 years as tax assessor-collector, Mr. Graves championed merging city and county functions for more efficiency in local government, especially in the area of collecting taxes.

Besides his tax assessor-collector duties, Mr. Graves was executive director of the Industrial Development Committee, organized to bring new industry to El Paso, an officer of a hardboard company and a rug firm.

He also was an original member of the city planning and development commission, a charter member of the El Maida Shrine and one of the founders of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Graves is survived by his widow, Marion Virginia Graves of El Paso; a brother, Charles E. Graves of Dallas; five children, Jack Elon, Joseph B. Jr., Mrs. Gloria Funk and Mrs. Virginia Catherine Harmon, all of El Paso, and Richard Chapman Graves of Houston; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He will be buried in Restlawn Memorial Park.