

Thornton Hardie Jr. of Midland dies at 62

El Paso native Thornton Hardie Jr. died Monday at his lakehouse near Austin. He was 62.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Mr. Hardie, a 33-year resident of Midland, was born in El Paso in 1917 and graduated from El Paso High School.

During World War II, he served as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and was licensed to practice law in 1947. Formerly with the firm of Turpin, Smith, Dyer and Hardie in Midland, he practiced in Midland most of his life.

He practiced by himself for the past several years.

Mr. Hardie, a deacon with the First Presbyterian Church in Midland, was a former member of the Midland City Council and Midland Independent School District school board.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Elizabeth; two daughters, Mary Adele Teeple of Austin and Ann Watkins of Houston; a son, Thornton III of Dallas; his mother; a brother, William B. of El Paso; a sister, Mrs. F.J. Lund of El Paso; and four grandchildren.