

Former judge Langford found dead in home

Attorney Joseph Howard Langford, 48, former Municipal Court judge and assistant city attorney, died yesterday in his home at 2727 Copper.

He was found in his bed by his son, Joe Jr., who said his father had felt ill the previous night. Judge Langford had been under treatment for high blood pressure.

After serving as a city prosecutor and substitute municipal judge for eight years, Langford was elected to Court No. 3 in 1969 and re-elected in 1971, when he was the leading vote getter of all candidates in municipal elections. After announcing for re-election in 1973, he abruptly bowed out due to ill health, friends said.

A graduate of Austin High School, the University of Texas at El Paso and the U.T. School of Law, he was the son of the late R. P. "Dick" Langford, judge of the old Corporation Court (now Municipal Court) for 12 years, and was the grandson of J. H. McBroom who served a total of 14 years as city attorney. Joe Langford served as a master sergeant with the 3rd Infantry during the Korean War. At Austin High he was named all-district fullback in 1947.

Other survivors include his mother, three daughters, Mary Alice Marjorie and Frances Langford, who lived with their father. Funeral arrangements are scheduled with Harding, Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue Funeral Home.