

LANGFORD

Richard Parker Langford, 1706 Elm Street, passed away Thursday. He was a lifelong resident of this area having been born in Cliff, Texas. He married Marjorie McBroom, June 26, 1927. He was educated in the El Paso Public Schools, and New Mexico Military Institute, graduated from El Paso High School in 1923, El Paso Junior College in 1925 where he was active in football, basketball and substitute teacher in the History Department. He received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Arizona in 1928. A member of the Phi Alpha Delta Honorary Fraternity and a member of the Debate Team, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity, named outstanding Alumnus in 1966, admitted to practice of law in 1928. He started flying in 1928 with Scenic Airways, was a transport pilot and obtained his license July 14, 1930, worked for Scenic Airways from 1928 to 1929. He formed R. & L. Airways with Clarence Roby in 1930 and continued to operate it until July 1933. He was accidentally shot at the airport July 1, 1933, which resulted in amputation of a leg. After this he was instructor of Business Law at the University of Texas at El Paso three nights a week, later being appointed assistant by County Attorney, David E. Hulcehy. Elected Judge of the Corporation Court February 1935 and continued until resigning to enter private practice in the summer of 1946. He served on the Selective Service Appeal Board from 1944 to 1946, appointed to the Airport Board by Mayor Dan Ponder in 1947. He served as President of the El Paso Bar Association from 1959 to 1960, one time President of El Paso S. A. E. Alumni Association and named outstanding alumnus in March 1966. Was one of the speakers at 1959 dedication of the International Airport and spoke to the El Paso Aviation Association meeting in 1968. He was named by Joe F. Friedkin to the Board of Examiners for the Chamizal Project and served until work was completed in 1969. June 5, 1969 he was elected by the Bar Association members as Special Judge of the 65th District Court. He had served as campaign manager of Ken Regan, Dan Ponder, Fred Hervey and Jerry Sandler. Survivors: wife, Mrs. Marjorie Dell Langford, sons, Joe Langford, James Langford, all El Paso, six grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Jack Boelens and Dr. Frank F. Jones officiating. Interment will be in Restlawn. Members of the El Paso Bar Association will be honorary pallbearers and memorial contributions can be made to the First Presbyterian Church or to a favorite charity. Pallbearers will be Frank Ainsa Sr., Phillip Bergman, Clarence Zaring, Allan Stevenson, Allan Mills, and J. W. Cronenberg. Arrangements by Harding-Orr & McDaniel Montana Avenue, 320 Montana Avenue 533-1646