

# Ex-Times reporter Leibson dies at 89

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Retired El Paso Times writer and book author Art Leibson died Thursday, succumbing to a stroke brought on by a March automobile accident. He was 89.

Ever the writer, he penned his own obituary years ago, said his daughter, Vicky Leibson.



Leibson

"Dad was a reporter, of course, so he wrote his own obit," she said. She said her father, who also had a law degree from

Chicago's DePaul University, took care of details that come after a family member has passed on.

"He had everything written out; he was very organized. It just makes it easier for us to take care of everything," Leibson said.

Art Leibson was a reporter for the El Paso Times from 1945 to 1972, and he continued to write a regular column at the newspaper for another 13 years.

He was also a freelance writer and a border correspondent for Time-Life magazines for 10 years. Most recently, he wrote a book on Sam Dreben, Texas' most-decorated World War I hero.

Leibson was past president of the El Paso Newspaper Guild and a co-founder of the El Paso Press Club. He was also a former director of the press club's annual grid-iron show, which lampooned El Paso public figures and raised money for the University of Texas at El Paso athletic program.

He is survived by his wife, Eda P. Leibson of El Paso; his daughter, Vicky Leibson of Lake Ozark, Mo.; and sons David Leibson of Austin and Mark Leibson of Kinder, La. Other survivors include his sister, Irene Weinger of De Kalb, Ill.; and stepdaughters Julie Mann, Laurie Infantino and Ellen Sadur, all of California.

There will be no funeral or memorial service.