

## Lettunich Funeral Set Wednesday



**MARTIN LETTUNICH**

Funeral mass for Martin N. Lettunich, 73, of Clint, a Lower Valley farmer for 47 years and El Paso bank executive who died in El Paso Sunday, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Rosary services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue Chapel. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Born in Yugoslavia, Mr. Lettunich came to the United States when he was 19 years old. He first settled in Watsonville, Calif., where he farmed until 1916 when he moved to Bisbee, Ariz., to work in the mines.

While visiting El Paso in 1917, he was impressed with the quality of Lower Valley land and the

crops produced with irrigation water. He bought 50 acres in what has been known as "the Island." He was one of the first farmers to grow cotton here.

Mr. Lettunich was the owner of one of the largest and most successful farming and cattle-raising operations in the area. Together with his four sons, he operated this ranch and a farm in Eagle Pass, Tex.

In addition to being active in several agricultural associations and being a member of the board of El Paso Valley Compress Co., he was an El Paso National Bank director. He was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mary A. Lettunich of Clint; four sons, Martin C. Lettunich of Tornillo, John W. Lettunich of Eagle Pass, Paul F. Lettunich of Clint and Robert Lettunich of Clint; one brother, John Lettunich of Yugoslavia, and eight grandchildren.