

## MANGAN

Frank John Mangan Jr., an El Paso native and journalist-historian, born



October 10, 1921, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, February 7, 2009. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy "Pete" Peterson; his daughter Peggy Mangan Feinberg and her husband Andrew; son Pancho (Frank John III) and wife Donna Sue; sister Romaine and husband Bill Mounce; grandchildren Lindsay Barbara Feinberg; and Leila Mangan Feinberg, plus many other family members. Graduate of Austin High School /El Paso, attended Texas College of Mines (now UTEP) 1938-1940. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Graduated in 1948 from the University of Missouri with Bachelor of Journalism. While at U of M, Frank was student president of the College of Journalism and received a scholarship from Erwin-Wasey Advertising of New York City. Frank began his career in 1952 with El Paso Natural Gas Company. During his tenure, Frank worked in advertising and public relations. He was the Editor of the Pipeliner company magazine and author of *The Pipeliners* (corporate history of the Gas Company). In the Houston headquarters Frank spent 20 months as Assistant Director of Public Relations before retiring after 28 years and returning home to El Paso in 1979. After retirement, Frank began a second career and formed Mangan Books with his wife Judy, designing, editing and publishing regional historical titles. Frank wrote *Bordertown*, *Bordertown Revisited*, *El Paso in Pictures*, *Ruidoso Country* and his last work, *Mangan's War: A Personal View of World War II* (2003). Mangan Books was responsible for publishing some 40 titles in-

cluding *The Shooters*, the first of eight titles for Leon Claire Metz. Frank served in many organizations and was a charter member of El Paso County Historical Society; 10-year member of El Paso County Historical Commission; one of the founders and public relations advisor for KCOS, El Paso's public TV station; and YMCA physical education board. Some of Frank's many honors included the El Paso Advertising Federation's Advertising Man of the Year (1959), "Authors at the Pass" award from El Paso Writers Hall of Fame (1977), Border Regional Library Association award for El Paso in Pictures (1972), Ruidoso Country (1995), Southeastern Library Association award for Excellence in Publishing *Fort Bliss: An Illustrated History* by Leon Metz and Millard McKinney (1981), Texas Institute of Letters for Best Book Design (1981), and El Paso County Historical Society's Hall of Honor (2007). Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at 1:30 PM at Martin Funeral Home West. Nephew, Bob Gilbert, will be officiating. Some of Frank's best old friends will be honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to El Paso Community Foundation for The Judy and Frank Mangan Fund, P.O. Box 272, El Paso, TX 79943. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr., El Paso, TX 79912.