

## MAYFIELD

Ellis O. Mayfield, 94, beloved husband, father, grandfather and civic leader died peacefully in his home on November 14, 2009. He was a native El Pasoan who attended Austin High School, Texas College of Mines and graduated from the University of Texas School of Law. Ellis was actively engaged in the practice of law in El Paso for over fifty-five years. He was a founding partner in the law firm of Mayfield and Perrenot, interrupted by two periods of service in the United States Army. He faithfully served his country in both World War II, where he received the Bronze Star, and the Korean War. In 1951 he married the catch of his life, the former Susan Neff Ballantyne, and they remained lovingly committed to each other for 58 years. Ellis was a lifetime member of the Church of St. Clement, serving as Senior Warden, Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, and was involved in the founding of St. Clement's Parish School. A great supporter of the University of Texas at El Paso, Ellis was honored as Outstanding Ex-Student of UTEP in 1986. He served on many UTEP boards, but he was most proud of the fact that he never missed a Miner football or basketball game. Ellis was selected as El Paso's Outstanding Young Man by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1946, primarily for his efforts to advocate for the depression



of the railroad tracks through downtown El Paso. He also received the City of El Paso Conquistador Award, the Rotary Club of El Paso Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Senior Lawyer Award and was inducted into the El Paso County Historical Society Hall of Fame. As a proud and passionate El Pasoan he served as president or director of many civic organizations, including the El Paso Bar Association, El Paso Chamber of Commerce, First City National Bank, El Paso Symphony Orchestra, El Paso Country Club, Downtown Touchdown Club, YMCA, United Way Campaign, and many other organizations. To conclude his dedicated service to El Paso he was a member, and later Vice-Chairman, of the Public Service Board of El Paso. His greatest joys in life were his family, fishing in Ruidoso, UTEP athletics, his church and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Susan, his son, Ellis O. Mayfield, Jr., his daughters Margaret M. Meyer and husband Bruce, Carolyn T. Mayfield and husband Charlie Stein, and Blythe M. Larson and husband Steve, 10 grandchildren, his sister Carolyn M. Driver, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their love and gratitude to his wonderful caregivers, Aurora Rivera and Lucy Rivera. A memorial service will be held at the Church of St. Clement on Friday, November 20 at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to, "Ciudad Nueva", Church of St. Clement, 810 N. Campbell St., El Paso, TX, 79902. "Well done thou good and faithful Servant."