

MAYFIELD



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family. Susan was born on January 24, 1929 to Jack and Margaret Neff Ballantyne, at Fort Riley, Kansas. She graduated from Radford School for Girls in El Paso, and Vassar College. She was El Paso's Sun Queen in 1950, and married the love of her life, the late Ellis O. Mayfield, in 1951.

Susan dedicated her life to helping those in need and remained active in virtually all phases of El Paso's community life, including its education, health, welfare, arts and culture. Susan was very active at her church, St. Clement, where she served on the vestry and was the first woman to serve as Junior Warden. She was a bilingual teacher at St. Clement English Speaking Center, a Sunday school teacher and she received great joy out of her 21 years as Chair of the Altar Flower Guild.

Susan's civic passions, to which she devoted many volunteer hours, included the Visiting Nurse Association of El Paso, the United Way, the Junior League of El Paso, the Salvation Army, Drive-A-Meal, the El Paso Symphony Association, the University Civic Ballet and the El Paso Museum of Art. Knowing of the importance of UTEP to the El Paso community, together they created the Ellis & Susan Mayfield

Professorship in the College of Business.

As the criteria for the Hannah G. Solomon award states, Susan was a "person whose leadership has improved the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds, has motivated others to fight for change, whose efforts have resulted in progress and enlightenment to the community." Because of these characteristics and her selfless heart, Susan received numerous awards including Mother of the Year, 1972, First Lady of El Paso, 1975, Hannah G. Solomon Award, 1984, and in 1988 was given El Paso's highest honor, the "Conquistador Award". Susan's greatest loves included her church, God, family, community and working in her garden of roses and flowers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis, and her parents. She is survived by son Ellis O. Mayfield, Jr., daughters Margaret M. Meyer and husband Bruce, Carolyn Lyra Mayfield and husband Charlie Stein, and Blythe M. Larson and husband Steve, 10 grandchildren, brother Brig. Gen. John L. Ballantyne and wife Ann, sister-law Carolyn M. Driver and husband Walt, and many nieces and nephews. The family would like to express their love and gratitude to her wonderful caregivers, Aurora and Lucy Rivera.

Services will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 2:30 pm at the Church of St. Clement. In lieu of flowers, the family would like memorial contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Association either online at: <http://act.alz.org/goto/Susan.Ballantyne.Mayfield>, or mailed to: El Paso Alzheimer's Association, 4687 North Mesa, Suite 200, El Paso, TX 79912.