

# PIONEER WOMAN TAKEN BY DEATH

## Mrs. Gus Momsen Sr. Dies After Illness Of Several Months

Mrs. Gus Momsen Sr., pioneer El Paso resident, died early today at a local hospital, after an illness of several months. She was 70.

Mrs. Momsen was well known for her many acts of charity and benevolence, and had a wide circle of friends. She was a devout Catholic and was active in organizations of the church.

She was born in Colemantown, County Galway, Ireland, Dec. 27, 1865. As a young woman she came to El Paso with her aunt, Mrs. Delia Lane.

### Married Here

At that time El Paso was just emerging from the frontier period into a commercial era. About a year after her arrival in El Paso the young Irish girl met and married a rising young business man, Gus Momsen.

Mr. Momsen is president of the Momsen-Dunnegan-Ryan Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Momsen built the home at 1501 Magoffin Ave., where the family now resides.

### Three Sons

Mrs. Momsen is survived by her husband and three sons, Gus Jr., Leo and Reuben Frederick.

Rosary services will be held at 8 p. m. today at the Harford Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Fr. P. A. Ryan officiating.

Requiem mass will be sung at funeral services at 10 a. m. tomorrow at the Immaculate Conception Church, Myrtle Ave. and Campbell St., by Rev. Fr. Francis Roy.

### Pallbearers

Active pallbearers: A. A. Martin, James H. Pierson, L. P. Hermes, Fred Ryan, George Chrysler, J. J. Fitzpatrick, R. E. Whittman and V. M. Murphy.

Honorary pallbearers: W. R. Piper, George B. Ryan, C. F. Dunnegan, Dr. W. L. Brown, Dr. James Gorman, A. W. Norcop, Dr. Paul Gallagher, R. L. Gratton, C. N. Bassett, R. W. McAfee, H. L. Birney, Frank Coles, J. E. Morgan, Ed Heid, J. M. Nealon, Maurice Schwartz, Louis Zork and Harvey Wilcox.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Due to the funeral of Mrs. Gus Momsen Sr. the Momsen-Dunnegan-Ryan Co. offices will be closed until 1 p. m. Thursday.