

# El Pasoan was business owner

Conrado Virgilio Montes, a lifelong El Pasoan and former wholesale candy business owner, died Wednesday.

He was born into a prominent pioneer family in San Elizario. His great-grandfather, Telesforo Montes, was a county judge and a captain in the Texas Rangers. His grandfather, Jesus Montes, was a Texas Minuteman and a county commissioner; and his father, Jose Jesus Montes, was justice of the peace in San Elizario.



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Montes was a distributor for the Frito Lay Co. before he opened his own business and served in World War II.

He is survived by his wife Rosa Gallardo Montes; his sons, Conrado Montes Jr., Augustin Montes, Ignacio Montes and Richard Montes; and his daughter, Rosa Gallardo Montes. He also is survived by his brothers, Jose Jesus Montes, Maximo Montes, Oscar Montes, Luis Montes and Carlos Montes; and his sisters, Aurora Lara and Maria Teresa Maldonado; 10 grandchildren; a great-grandson; and numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his son, Miguel "Mike" Montes.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Martin Funeral Home West. Rosary service will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at St. Patrick Cathedral, with burial in Fort Bliss National Cemetery.