

Ex-alderman Robert Mullin buried in EP

Memorial services for Robert Mullin, pioneer El Pasoan and former alderman, took place Saturday at Concordia Cemetery. Mullin, 88, died June 27 in South Laguna, Calif., after an extended illness.

Elected to the City Council in 1927, Mr. Mullin presided over the construction of the city's first airport, between the former Valdespino Golf Course and Biggs Air Force Base. It was completed in 1927, just in time to welcome Charles Lindberg and the Spirit of St. Louis during a stop on his nationwide barnstorming tour.

Mr. Mullin also was chairman of the committee that established the Municipal Golf Course in 1923.

Born in Lincoln, Neb., his family moved to El Paso in 1901 when his mother developed tuberculosis. He graduated from El Paso High School in 1912 and was proprietor of the El Paso Book Store in the Mills Building before establishing Calumet Oil Co. in 1917.

After selling Calumet Oil to the Continental Oil Co. in 1928, he left El Paso to join Phillips Petroleum and then Gulf Oil. He retired as marketing division general manager for Gulf Oil in Chicago in 1958.

Mr. Mullin was a frequent visitor to El Paso, and often gave talks about the city's pioneer days. He was a historian of the Southwest and the author of books and articles on the El Paso

area. He was a life member of the Pioneer Association of El Paso, a charter member of the El Paso County Historical Society and a charter member of the Chicago Corral of The Westerners.

Among his civic activities were memberships in the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, Salesmen's Club, Associated Charities, Boy Scouts of America council and the Community Chest.

Mr. Mullin also was a 32nd-degree Mason and a member of El Maida Shrine Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Josephine; daughters, Marjorie Jackson and Frances Daseler; and brother, Joseph Mullin.



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