

R. E. Petross Dies; Rites Scheduled

Funeral services for Ronald E. Petross, 80, of 7600 Kingman Drive, who died Monday, will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Kaster and Maxon Downtown Chapel with the Rev. Francis Symthe and Dr. C. C. Crawford officiating. Ysleta Masonic Lodge 1333 will conduct graveside services in Evergreen Cemetery.

A resident of El Paso area 59 years, he was a retired agent and dispatcher for the T&NO Railroad. He was the first telegraph operator in El Paso Union Depot in 1906.

A 32nd Degree Scottish Rites Mason, he held dual memberships in Marfa, Tex., Masonic Lodge 596 and Ysleta Lodge 1333. He received a 50-year pin from Lodge 130 in 1964 and was a member of the First Christian Church.

Mr. Petross is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Williamson Petross of El Paso; a grandson, March Herny Coffield of Austin, and a sister, Mrs. Taska Stewart of Clear Oak Lakes, Calif.