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E. E. (MANNIE) PONSFORD.

Emanuel Edgar (Mannie) Ponsford, 62, prominent El Paso sportsman and member of the City Athletic Hall of Fame, died in his home at 805 Blacker Ave. late Saturday.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas Ponsford, he was born Sept. 22, 1900, and was a noted figure in high school and college sports.

Mr. Ponsford was graduated from El Paso High School in 1920, where he had lettered in baseball, football and basketball. He also was a member of the YMCA International Championship Hexathlon Team.

After high school, Mr. Ponsford attended and was graduated from the University of Texas, where he lettered in baseball and basketball. While attending the univer-

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sity, he served as a member of the Sports Awards Committee.

Mr. Ponsford also was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Fraternity Masonic Lodge No. 1111, Scottish Rite Bodies and El Maida Shrine.

He became a member of the firm of H. T. Ponsford and Sons in 1925 and served until he became a member of the Ponsford Brothers firm in 1942. He served until his retirement in 1960.

Survivors are his widow, El Paso; two sons, E. E. Ponsford Jr. of Marlinton, W. Va., and Dr. John A. Ponsford of El Paso; four sisters, Dr. Pearl O. Ponsford, Mrs. Ruby Tapper, Mrs. Sarah Wilson and Mrs. Lucille Tillman, all of El Paso, and four brothers, Henry T. Ponsford, Walter T. Ponsford, Albert E. Ponsford and George A. Ponsford, all of El Paso.

Funeral arrangements were pending Sunday with Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue Chapel.