

Carlos Rivera, District School Superintendent, Dies At 57

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Martin Chapel and a Funeral Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church for Carlos Rivera, a widely known El Pasoan who died Monday in a local hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Rivera's body will lie in state from 4 p.m. Wednesday in Martin Funeral Home, 3839 Montana, while burial is scheduled Thursday in Restlawn Memorial Cemetery with military honors.

Mr. Rivera, who resided at 3231 Sacramento, was a lifelong El Paso resident, and worked 25 years for the El



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Paso Public Schools, most recently as superintendent for the 23 public schools on the Westside.

He had previously served as and assistant superintendent in charge of the Division of Mexican-American Education. He graduated from El Paso High School and the University of Texas at El Paso and received an M.A. degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a post graduate degree from the Sorbonne in Paris, France.

Mr. Rivera began teaching at Bowie High School in 1940 but left the school at the start of World War II to serve as an interpreter-investigator for the U.S. Army. At the time of his death, he was an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.

He returned to Bowie High following the war and in 1952 was named supervisor of Spanish instruction. Twelve years later he was appointed

coordinator of Elementary Spanish and bilingual education.

Through the years, Mr. Rivera had conducted bilingual education workshops for teachers in six states and South America.

He spent two years in the early 1950s teaching Spanish on KROD-TV and was the author of Spanish instructional books including "Spanish in Our Times" and "Para Mis Niños."

Mr. Rivera was a member of the Kiwanis and Our Lady of Assumption.

An El Paso school official Tuesday night announced the establishment of the Carlos Rivera Memorial Scholarship Fund. The fund will be administered by the Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association of El Paso Public Schools. Contributions may be mailed to the fund at P.O. Box 1710, El Paso, Tex., 79999.

Survivors include his widow, Evangelina Rivera, El Paso; two sons, Carlos Antonio Rivera, Portland, Ore., and Victor Xavier Rivera, San Antonio, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Anita Franco, Mrs. Jesusita Ramirez and Mrs. Margarita Carreon, all of El Paso; four brothers, Manuel, Alberto, Lorenzo and Thomas Rivera, all of El Paso; and four grandchildren.