

R. C. Semple, EP Business Leader, Dies



RICHARD C. SEMPLE

Richard C. Semple, 78, prominent El Paso businessman and long-time alderman and acting mayor of El Paso, died Saturday in a local hospital.

He had been a resident of El Paso for 55 years. He lived at 804 Mississippi St.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, El Paso Rotary Club, a charter member of El Paso Country Club, and Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity.

He was head of the firm of R. C. Semple Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Monday in Kaster and Maxon chapel. Dr. W. H. Ford will officiate.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

His survivors include his widow, Mrs. Katherine Semple; a son, R. C. Semple Jr., both of El Paso; two daughters, Mrs. C. M. Irvin, El Paso, and Mrs. Frank D. DeVotie, Mexico City; a brother, William T. Semple, Cincinnati; a sister, Mrs. Virginia Semple of Charlottesville, Va.; and 10 grandchildren.

Clifford Moore Irvin Jr., William Semple Irvin, Robert Shelton Irvin, Phillip Crawford Irvin, Ellie DeVotie, Ann DeVotie, Frances DeVotie, Richard Cuthbert Semple III, Elizabeth Semple and Beverly Sue Semple.

Mr. Semple was born in Liberty Mo., Nov. 14, 1876. He attended William Jewell College in Liberty Mo. He came to El Paso in 1900. In 1926 he founded the R. C. Semple Co.

He was alderman during the administration of Mayor Charles Davis.