

Pioneer El Paso Resident Will Be Buried In Evergreen

Funeral services for John Sorensen, sr., pioneer citizen who died Saturday, were held Monday afternoon. Services were conducted at the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. Floyd Poe officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Kaster & Maxon.

Honorary pall bearers were E. A. Shelton, J. E. Morgan, A. Mathias, E. M. Bray, F. E. Hunter and Dr. R. L. Ramey. Active pall bearers R. D. Richey, R. W. McAfee, C. L. North, W. R. Piper, Tom Lea and R. T. Hoover.

Mr. Sorensen was a contractor and builder. He had been a resident of El Paso 47 years. Some of his work included the Roberts-Banner building, the dam at old Hort's mill, some of the buildings for old Fort Bliss and some of the buildings on the present army reservation.

He also assisted in building the G. H. & S. A., now the T. & N. O. division of the Southern Pacific lines. He helped to build the old capitol at Austin.

He is survived by six children and six grandchildren. The children, all of whom live in El Paso, are Mrs. Blake Roach, Miss Anna Sorensen, Mrs. George Franklin, Mrs. C. L. Sirmans, John Sorensen, jr., and Sherrod Sorensen. The grandchildren are George Franklin, jr., John Sorensen III, Sherrod and Jeonne Sorensen, Clifford Lee Sirmans and Alice Sirmans.

Prior to coming to El Paso in 1881, Mr. Sorensen lived in Pennsylvania a few years. He came to America when he was 17 years of age. He was married to Alice Smith in 1883. Mrs. Sorensen died in 1910.