

Nina Turner dies at 87

Eight years later, she became the national association's auxiliary president.

Also in 1954, Mrs. Turner was one of 11 women in the nation who toured Munich, Paris and Berlin to inspect Radio Free Europe. They were invited by the American Heritage Foundation in the interest of its Crusade for Freedom, and launched a balloon filled with anti-Communist leaflets at the edge of the Iron Curtain.

Mrs. Turner was honored for her achievements in 1955 when the El Paso-Ysleta City Council of Beta Sigma Phi sorority named her First Lady of El Paso. She was the 10th woman to be honored.

And in 1963, she was the subject of "Have Gavel Will Travel," a biography that was awarded a blue ribbon for excellence by the Texas Auxiliary.

Throughout her years of service,

Mrs. Turner stressed better funding for medical schools, medical scholarships and nursing recruitment.

Mrs. Turner's funeral will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Her survivors include two daughters, Dr. Jeanne Turner Bowman of El Paso and Anne Wainwright of Oak Harbor, Wash.; three granddaughters, including Nina Jeanne Fox of El Paso; one grandson, Lt. George Buddington of Corpus Christi and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Medical Education Foundation, in care of Mrs. Russell Deter, 4428 Hastings, El Paso, Texas, 79903, or in care of the El Paso County Medical Society, 1301 Montana.



MRS. GEORGE TURNER

Health, volunteer pioneer

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"The mantle of health leadership falls on the shoulders of the doctor's wife the day she marries. The people in her community look to her for guidance and help in health problems."

This was the message Nina J. Turner delivered in San Francisco 25 years ago when she was installed as president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association.

More commonly referred to as Mrs. George Turner in dozens of newspaper headlines, she practiced what she preached during nearly half a century of civic work and pioneering volunteer services in El Paso.

Mrs. Turner died after a lengthy illness Saturday at her 3009 Silver St. home. She was 87.

A native Texan, she and her late husband moved to El Paso in 1918 after he retired from the U.S. Army Medical Corps. While Dr. Turner specialized in clinical pathology and radi-

ology here, Mrs. Turner surrounded herself with church, civic, school and medical auxiliary activities.

She taught Sunday school at Trinity Methodist Church for 20 years and worked with the Women's Missionary Society. She was president of the Crockett Elementary School PTA twice. She held several offices of Chapter N, PEO and helped organize the Chamber of Commerce Woman's Department. She also was a director of the now-defunct Mothers Health Club, a board member of Family Welfare, Woman's Division of the National Safety Council, a board member of Planned Parenthood Center and the League of Nursing besides being a member of the El Paso Woman's Club.

A home economics major, and later a teacher of that subject at Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas, Mrs. Turner worked

with local soup kitchens to feed underprivileged children. She also worked in summer camps in Cloudford, N.M., distributed bilingual information on food and milk preparation and helped provide eye glasses to needy children. Other projects she became involved in were eradicating weeds, collecting magazines and clothing for tuberculosis patients, working with the American Red Cross dressings groups during World War II and starting a training and safety program for baby sitters.

As for health-related organizations, Mrs. Turner was a member of the Texas Mental Health Society, the El Paso County Mental Health Society and past president and charter member of the El Paso County Medical Auxiliary.

She became president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Texas Medical Association in 1946.