

# Death Takes Manager Of Golf Course

**Albert Samuel Valdespino Dies  
After Suffering Brain  
Hemorrhage**

Albert Samuel Valdespino, Municipal Golf Club professional and manager, well known Southwest sportsman, died early today in a local hospital. He was 57.

Mr. Valdespino had been ill since Thursday, when he suffered a brain hemorrhage. He had been in a coma since Saturday noon.

Mr. Valdespino lived in El Paso 35 years. He had been a golfer since his boyhood in San Francisco. He had mining interests in the Southwest and Mexico, and for a while was in the oil business in Borger.

He was Country Club golf champion, city champion and later South-

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west champion. He served as professional at the Country Club. El Pasoans recognize him for his efforts to build a worthwhile municipal course and club. He went to the Municipal Club 15 years ago. Through his efforts the course was built from a greasewood flat to the present 27-hole course with grass, tees, greens and fairways.

Many of El Paso's younger golf champions were trained by Mr. Valdespino. He took an interest in boys and young men and often got jobs for the Municipal Club caddies and loaned money to young men who were down and out, his friends said today. He bought clubs for boys who showed ability and paid their green fees, they said.

His chief interest was growth of the Municipal Club. He was back of the building of the present clubhouse. When money was needed for minor improvements, Mr. Valdespino often would not wait but would pay for them out of his own pocket.

Mr. Valdespino was formerly a Rotarian. He was a member of the Country Club.

His survivors are: Mrs. Julia Valdespino; two daughters, Mrs. John Grant of Deming and Miss Louise Valdespino of El Paso; two sons, Albert Valdespino of Houston and Tommy Valdespino of El Paso, and grandchildren, Val, his namesake, of Deming, and Mary Margaret, Albert Valdespino III of Houston; a sister, Mrs. Rose Comber of Mexico City, and a brother, Harry Valdespino of San Francisco.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Peak-Hagedorn Mortuary until the arrival of Albert Valdespino, en route here from Houston.

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# **'Valdespino' New Name Of Golf Course**

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The City Council today changed the name of Municipal Golf Course to Valdespino Golf Course in tribute to A. S. Valdespino, the course manager, who died Saturday.

Mayor Harlan recommended the change, saying that Valdespino had transformed a desert waste into one of the best municipal golf courses in the Southwest. Action of the Council was unanimous.

Bob Ingram, Herald-Post sports editor, suggested the change in his column Monday.

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