

## ***Son of pioneers dies***

Thomas F. Valdespino, 64, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and son of El Paso pioneers Albert and Julia Wilcox Valdespino, died Friday.

Rosary for Valdespino will be at 5 p.m. Sunday in Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Chapel. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fort Bliss National Cemetery with military honors.

Valdespino was a 28-year veteran of the Army and served all over Europe, his daughter, Pamela Struve, said.

"He loved Europe," she said. She also said Valdespino was an avid horseman and served as president of the Hunt Club at Fort Benning, Ga., from 1956 to 1959.

Valdespino also played golf and shot skeet.

Valdespino's father, Albert, was the designer and builder of the Valdespino Golf Course at Fort Bliss. The course was built in the early 1930s.

Valdespino was a member of the Retired Officer's Association, and his commendations include four Bronze Stars.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Heart Association.

He is survived by his wife, Jean of El Paso; two sons, Thomas of Buena Park, Calif., and Lance of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a daughter, Pamela Struve of Tyler, Texas; a sister; a niece; and three grandchildren.

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