

Funeral Services For Pioneer Stage Driver Held Here

Col. Eugene Van Patten, 89, Butterfield Trail stage driver, Confederate veteran, scout and Indian fighter, died at 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Amelia Ascarate, in Las Cruces. The funeral will be in the Catholic church there this afternoon at 4, New Mexico National guard officiating.

Driving the mail over the Butterfield Trail, Col. Van Patten came to El Paso in 1859. After serving through the Civil war, he was scout for Gen. Nelson A. Miles and William Cody "Buffalo Bill." He was in business in El Paso and Juárez in the early days.

Was Sheriff.

His experiences in New Mexico included that of sheriff in Dona Ana county when the whole of southern New Mexico had to be policed; deputy United States marshal, registrar of the general land office and colonel in the national guard.

Besides Mrs. Ascarate and a granddaughter, Nemesia Ascarate, these others survive the pioneer: Ed F. Van Patten, Kansas City, a brother; Mrs. W. K. Van Patten, 717 Wyoming street here, a sister-in-law; three nieces, Miss Hazel Van Patten and Mrs. Edna Reber and Miss May Dissell, Miami, Fla.; Oliver Van Patten, a nephew, and Margaret Reber, a grand niece, here.