

El Pasoan, Refugee From Maximilian, Dies at 103

Mrs. Josefa Vega, 103, died of old age Sunday at her home, 615 E. Second.

She died a few moments after she had been conversing with neighbors, one of her sons, Enrique, said today.

"She had not been feeling ill," he said. "She had been lying in bed, talking with friends, when her strength suddenly began to fail her, and she died within a few moments."

Mrs. Vega, a native of Juarez, had lived in El Paso more than 50 years, her son said.

"She came to El Paso from Juarez during the war with the French under Maximilian," Enrique said. "She had lived here ever since."

The shock of her death so affected Emilio, another of her sons, that he has been confined to his bed since Sunday. While some friends sit in the little front room with the body, other friends watch over him

in an adjoining room. Emilio had been attending his mother constantly, the other brothers explained.

Her death occurred while Enrique, who lives in Clifton, Ariz., was paying her his annual visit. She is also survived by another son, Chas. Rosencranz, of El Paso.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p. m. today at the Sacred Heart church with Fr. C. M. Garde officiating. Burial was to be in Concordia cemetery under the direction of Kaster & Maxon.