

Death Claims G. Zork, Pioneer Business Man Of El Paso and North Mexico; Dies Suddenly

FUNERAL arrangements for Gustave Zork, 62 years old, pioneer citizen of El Paso, who died at his residence, 525 Los Angeles street, at 1:30 a. m. Monday, were delayed pending word from brothers and sisters out of the city.

These having been heard from Monday, the hour of the funeral was set for Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, from the family residence, rabbi Martin Zielonka officiating. Burial will be in the Jewish plot in Concordia cemetery.

Mr. Zork had complained of not feeling well Sunday evening and died suddenly during the night of heart disease.

Mr. Zork returned to El Paso Saturday night from the Chihuahua house of the firm. He had an attack while in Chihuahua.

Died As His Friends Died.

The death of Mr. Zork was very similar to that of Adolph Krakauer and Max Krakauer, his relatives and close personal friends. A. Krakauer, who died 10 years ago lacking a week, played cards with his family in the evening and died during the night. Max Krakauer died as suddenly.

A. Schwartz was with Mr. Zork during part of Sunday, and he was feeling better, having returned home Saturday from Chihuahua feeling rather ill from the effects of heart trouble while in Chihuahua. Death came very suddenly Sunday night and was wholly unexpected. Mr. Zork went to sleep and apparently died while sleeping, very similar to the death of the late president Harding.

Mr. Zork was born in San Antonio, Texas, January 3, 1861. He was educated there and in Europe. He came to El Paso in March, 1879.

Came Through Indian Country.

Describing his trip, prior to his death, Mr. Zork said he rode a part



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of the way in stage coaches and the rest on buckboards. Indians were threatening at the time and he rode with his rifle across his knees. El Paso then had 600 people, including two companies of soldiers. Two years after he arrived, the Southern Pacific railroad was built into the city from the west.

He was married here to Miss Bertha Krakauer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Krakauer.

In 1886 the business of Krakauer, Zork & Moye was established, succeeding the Davis brothers as dealers

in hardware. Mr. Zork went to Chihuahua in 1891 and remained there in charge of a branch office of the firm for 25 years before returning to El Paso to live.

Rode Over His Territory.

While in business in Chihuahua in the early days he attended to the company's outside business and rode over all the territory of northern Mexico selling hardware, pumps and other articles carried by the firm.

Prior to entering business for himself, he had traveled over the same territory for a San Antonio hardware firm.

At his death, Mr. Zork was a director of the City National bank.

Mr. Zork was a Mason, member of the Scottish Rite, I. O. B. B. and former president of the temple Mt. Sinai congregation. He was a member of the board of directors and originated the move to build the present temple. At the 21st birthday anniversary of their son, Luis Zork, they presented the temple with an art glass window, representing the Ark of the Covenant, the seven branched candle stick, the breast plate of a high priest and the perpetual light.

The Survivors.

Surviving Mr. Zork are his widow, their son, Luis, two brothers, Herbert and I. Zork, San Antonio and five sisters, Mrs. Ed Moye, Mrs. A. Krakauer and Mrs. Jennie Froebel, all of El Paso; Mrs. Leo Guggenheim of Dallas, and Mrs. Jake Leob of Mexico City.

The son was married a little over a year ago to Miss Ruth Schwartz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Schwartz.

The body is at the Peak-Hagedon funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

The family requests that no flowers be sent.