

Eminent El Paso lawyer dies at 79

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William B. Hardie Sr., 79, a member of a prominent El Paso legal family, died Saturday.

Hardie, a lifelong El Paso resident, was retired from a law firm where he worked with his son, William Hardie Jr. His father and brother also were lawyers, and he has a granddaughter in law school.

William Hardie Jr. said his career choice seemed automatic, given the family history.



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"I didn't know there was any alternative but to be a lawyer," said the younger Hardie, who practiced for several years with his father.

Another former law partner, retired District Judge Morris Galatzan, remembered the senior Hardie for more than his legal contributions.

"If you were down in the dumps, he always had a funny story to cheer you up. Bill had quite a sense of humor," he said.

Hardie began practicing law in 1940 and was active in a variety of community efforts. He was a past president of the El Paso Bar Association and past director of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce.

He also managed the successful 1964 congressional campaign for Democrat Richard White, who remembered Hardie as knowledgeable and affable.

"During the campaign, he would make suggestions on how to reach out to people. It put things in perspective. You could always rely on him," White said.

Survivors include his wife, Emilie; and his children, William Hardie Jr., Emilie Bolton and Leigh Broadway.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today in Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue. Memorial Service will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to La Mariposa Hospice or a favorite charity.

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WILLIAM B. HARDIE SR., 79 passed away Saturday August 10, 1996, at his home. He was a life-long resident of El Paso, and a member of St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church. He was a well known attorney, who received his law degree from the University of Texas, Austin in 1940. He served in World War II as a lieutenant in the Signal Corps. He was a partner in the law firm of Hardie, Grambling, Sims & Galatzan from 1940-1978. He was a partner in the law firm of Hardie, Hallmark, Sergeant & Hardie from 1978-1990. He was a past member of the El Paso County Bar, State Bar of Texas, and American Bar Association. Past President of the El Paso Bar Association 1965-1966. Past Director of El Paso Chamber of Commerce. Past President of the Board of Trustees of St. Clement's Episcopal School. Past Chairman of the Advisory Council of the UTEP Foundation, past member of the Board of Directors of the El Paso National Bank 1964-1982. Member of the Board of Directors of Texas National and TN Bancshares Inc. Past President of the El Paso Club, past member of the Board of Governors of the El Paso Country Club and Coronado Country Club. Past member of the Vestry of St. Clement's Episcopal Church, past member of the Vestry of St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church, past Chairman of the Budget Committee of United Fund, past member of Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries, past member of El Paso Symphony Association. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Emilie M. Hardie, his son, William B. Hardie, Jr., two daughters, Emilie Bolton, and Leigh Broadway, his sister, Elizabeth Lund, and five grandchildren. Visitation for Mr. Hardie will be Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Harding-Orr & McDaniel Funeral Home (Montana Avenue). Memorial Service will be Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis on the Hill Episcopal Church. (6280 Los Robles Dr.) Interment will be private. Pallbearers will be: Michael Bolton, John Broadway, Bradford Hardie, Hardie Bolton, Jules Lund, Thornton Hardie III, Douglas Smith, Honorary Pallbearers: Clinton Dean, Louis Scott, Robert Palm, Robert O'Malley, Ira Budwig, Walter Drive, John Grambling, Ellis Mayfield, Richard Feuille, William Hooten, Edmond Feuille, Lee Dodson, Joseph Hoover, Richard Price, Gen. Richard Cassidy, Ret., Charles Foster, Robert Haynesworth, Charles Leavell, Bradford Hardie, M.D., Frank McNight, Stuart Hutson, Phillip Haas, Richard Miller, and Los Caballeros. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Hardie to La Mariposa Hospice. at Providence. (4130 Rio Bravo, El Paso, TX.) or your favorite charity.

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