

Michel P. Espil

Michel Pierre "Pete" Espil, 78, of Litchfield Park, died Nov. 2, 1996.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. with rosary at 7 p.m. at A.L. Moore and Sons Mortuary, 333 W. Adams, Phoenix. Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 447 S. Litchfield Road, Litchfield Park.

Mr. Espil was born in Flagstaff and attended Wickenburg and Glendale high schools. He later played football for what came to be known as Arizona State University from 1938 to '39. He was a rodeo contestant in the early days of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. Mr. Espil was later an avid golfer and member of the Wigwam Country Club.

Mr. Espil served as director of the Arizona Woolgrower's Association from 1944 to 1958 and president from 1958 to 1982. During that time, he also served as vice president of the national woolgrower's association and was president and board member

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of the Western Range Association.

Mr. Espil was a member of the Maricopa Farm Bureau and the Arizona Cattle Feeders and Arizona Cattle Growers. He served many years as track steward for the Coconino Horse Racing Association and was a member of the Coconino Sheriff's Possee, serving as captain from 1960 to '61. Mr. Espil was also grand marshal of the 35th Annual Billy Moore Day Parade in 1988.

Survivors include wife Yvonne Espil of Litchfield Park; daughters Yvette Hutcheson of Flagstaff and Denise Landa of Tampa, Fla.; son Mike Espil Jr. of Yuma; daughter-in-law Ellen Espil of Yuma; son-in-law Tom Landa of Tampa; sister Dora Prouty of Denver; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix 85014.



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