

OBITUARY

Services for Glenn Canfield Taylor, 87, who had been senior vice president of the Valley National Bank's commercial loan department, will be at 11 a.m. today in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt.

Mr. Taylor, 109 E. Palm Lane, who died Monday in his home was on the lay advisory board of St. Joseph's Hospital, and the board of trustees of St. Luke's Hospital. Survivors of Mr. Taylor, who lived in Phoenix since 1922, include children, Phoenix Mayor Margaret T. Hance, Dorothy Heitel and Glenn Clark Taylor: a brother; and eight grandchildren. The family suggests contributions to St. Joseph and St. Luke hospitals.

A. L. Moore & Sons Mortuary handled arrangements.

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EULOGY

The typical banker is supposed to have ice water in his veins. He reputedly can foreclose on a widow and dispossess orphans without a qualm. He is widely believed to be figuring compound interest on the church's mortgage while others are listening to the sermon.

Glenn C. Taylor was not that sort of a banker — if, indeed, any is. His death removes one of Phoenix' most effective civic leaders from the scene. Glenn had been ill for several years, a recluse in an apartment close to the heart of the city he helped build. But the institutions he helped have continued to grow. First among them, of course, was the Valley National Bank. He was the head of its commercial loan department for years. He also formed the Bank of Mesa, which later was merged with the Arizona Bank.

But it was in the field of public service, in unpaid jobs, that Taylor really left his mark. He contributed to the development of Phoenix as a major health center by helping to organize Blue Cross of Arizona and by serving for 21 years on the lay advisory board of St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center. He was the first chairman and a longtime member of the Phoenix Planning and Zoning Commission, treasurer of the Episcopal Mission District of Arizona, and a member of the board of trustees of St. Luke's Hospital. Phoenix remains a city in which citizens are willing to volunteer their talents for the public good. But with the growth of the population it is no longer necessary for one man to work on as many projects as Glenn Taylor did. The city is lucky to have had him available when it needed him.

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