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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

All good things must come to an end and a wonderful, exciting life, unfortunately, is no exception.

My beloved husband, J. Evetts Haley, passed from this life into a new one Monday evening at 10:00 p.m. He had his head on my shoulder when he finally gave up the struggle against a cough and congestion that he had battled for several weeks.

I was greatly blessed by being his wife for the past 25 years and I learned a great deal from him. He led a life of giving to all those around him. We will miss him greatly.

May God continue to bless you in your service to Him.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. R. Haley".

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Political figure, rancher, critic, historian J. Evetts Haley dies

Services for celebrated rancher and historian J. Evetts Haley are set for 9 a.m. Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church in Midland with the Rev. Donald Hafemann officiating. A graveside service is set for 5 p.m. at Moffat Cemetery in Midland.

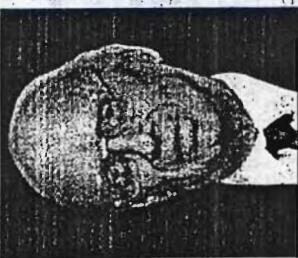
Haley died Monday night at his Midland residence. He was 94. Haley, regarded as the historian of the Southwest, also will be remembered as a political figure, rancher, raconteur and critic. He had been in failing health for several years.

Born July 5, 1901, in Bell County, Texas, Haley was the son of John A. and Julia Evetts Haley who moved to Midland in 1906 when it was a cowtown of only a few hundred people.

A staunch fundamentalist, Haley ran unsuccessfully for governor of Texas on the Democrat ticket in 1956. He was active in political affairs in the state and nation, and in 1964 evoked the wrath of many people when he published "A Texan Looks at Lyndon: A Study in Illegitimate

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"Cow Business and Monkey Business," which strongly opposed the government-sponsored cattle killing program of that era. While attending West Texas State College in the 1920s, Haley met a young college instructor named Mary Vernita Stewart. On Aug. 27, 1928, they were married at Alpine. A son, Evetts Haley Jr., was born to that union. "Nita" Haley died of cancer in 1958. Twelve years later Haley was married in Savannah, Ga. to Rosalind Kress Frame, a niece of Samuel H. Kress of the famous Kress Foundation whose major contributions to art are found in the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. She also is a descendant of the Cornelius J. Shuehan family of Atlanta, Ga. and is related to the late Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With The Wind," and famed gunfighter John H. "Doc" Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Haley moved to Midland in 1975, relocating the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library here from Canyon. The library is named after Haley's first wife. Survivors include his wife, Rosalind Kress Haley of Midland; a son, J. Evetts Haley Jr. of Mid-

land; four grandchildren, James Evertts Haley III of Canadian, Jeff Grace Lutheran Church.

Pallbearers will be Robert Carr Vincent of Amarillo, Tulane Gordon III of Houston, Roger Stephenson of Eastland, William Caruth of Dallas, Don Hammons of Lakin, Kan., and Don Bradshaw, Clayton Williams Jr. and Joe Mabee, all of Midland.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Lineberry, John P. Butler, Lester Van Pelt, Arlen Edgar Holt, Tom Ryan and Bill Collyns, all of Midland; Dudley Cramer of Oakland, Calif.; Charles Blanton of Dallas; William Kellogg of Huntsville; and Howard O'Flynn of Montevideo, Uruguay. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the endowment fund of Nita Stewart.

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