

# HUGHES IS BURIED IN BRIEF CEREMONY

20 Mourners Attend Rites at  
Grave Next to Those of  
His Parents in Houston

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HOUSTON, April 7—Howard Robard Hughes Jr. was buried next to his parents this morning after a simple, eight-minute graveside ceremony.

There were no funeral-home service, no procession to the cemetery, no pallbearers. Funeral home attendants placed the billionaire's silver-colored copper coffin above the grave before the service. Two dozen white roses, a spray of red anemones, a bouquet of yellow carnations and a green unflowered wreath adorned it.

As 20 mourners, mostly cousins, sat on folding chairs, the Very Rev. Robert T. Gibson read the standard burial rites from the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church.

"We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out," he read. He was the only person to speak. There was little visible emotion. No tears were observed.

The ceremony ended at 8:02 A.M., and the mourners entered their automobiles and drove off while about 30 reporters and photographers watched the coffin being lowered into stainless steel vault. Workmen then covered it with earth.

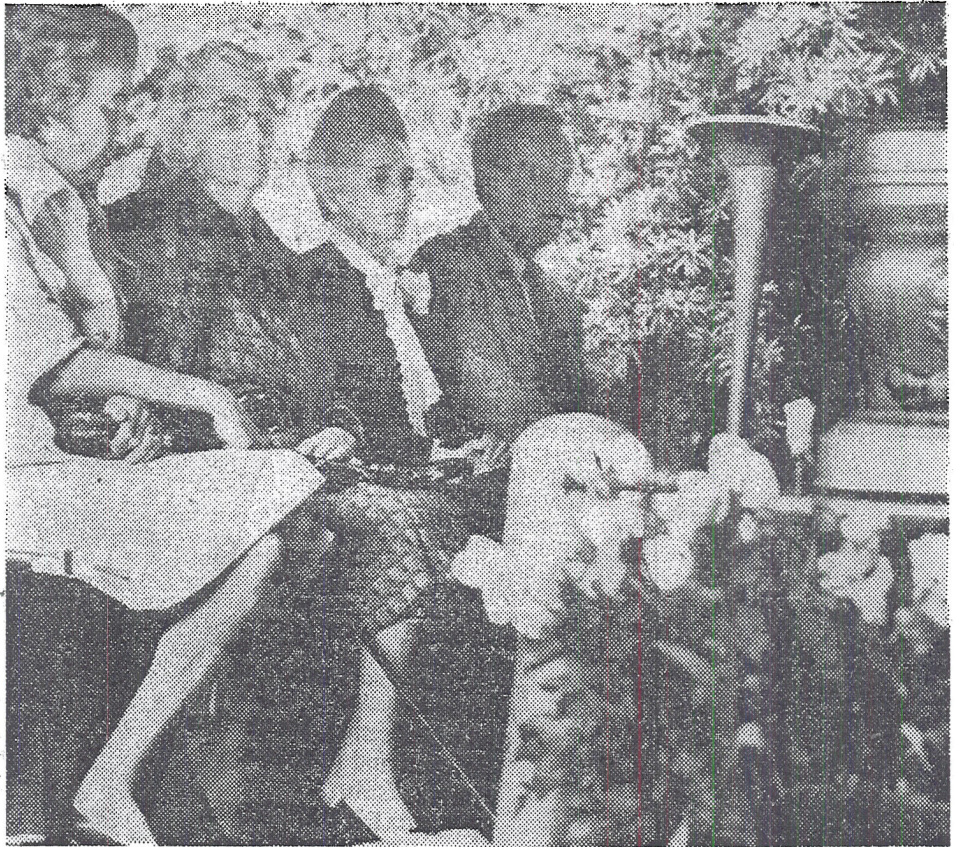
### Body Identified

Six hours later the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington confirmed that the body was Mr. Hughes's. The reclusive industrialist died Monday of kidney failure at the age of 70.

The F.B.I. said that it had matched fingerprints taken from the body at an autopsy here yesterday with those made by Mr. Hughes when he applied for a pilot's license in the 1930's. It was the first independent confirmation of the body's identity. Previous identification had been supplied by two personal physicians, Dr. Wilbur S. Thain and Dr. Lawrence Chaffin, and by an aide, John M. Holmes Jr.

Those three men had accompanied Mr. Hughes from Acapulco, Mexico, to Houston, where he was to have entered the Methodist Hospital for examination and treatment. They told doctors here that Mr. Hughes died at 1:27 P.M. Monday aboard their chartered jet.

A private autopsy performed by Dr. Jack L. Titus, the hospital's pathologist, yesterday afternoon showed the cause of death.



Mrs. F. R. Loomis Sr., second from left, his aunt, during funeral services yesterday for Howard R. Hughes at Houston cemetery. He was buried near his parents in family plot.

### Time of Death Confirmed

Dr. Joseph A. Jachimczyk, the Harris County medical examiner, was invited to observe the autopsy. He said preliminary results indicated that the time of death was approximately as stated by Mr. Hughes's physicians. He said he suspected no foul play.

Methodist Hospital officials said they did not plan to make public complete results of the autopsy when tests of body tissue were concluded.

The autopsy showed Mr. Hughes to be emaciated and he appeared to have been bed-ridden for months. At death, he weighed only 90 pounds. His height had shrunk 2 inches to 6 feet 2 inches.

His aides told medical officials here that he had been reluctant to drink water or to be medically examined. They said his condition weakened last week but that it stabilized on Saturday. Then on Sunday, he became worse and they made preparations to move him to a hospital.

### Choice of Hospital

The choice of the Methodist Hospital here was apparently made by Ken Wright, executive director of the Hughes Medical Institute in Miami. There is no record of Mr. Hughes's receiving treatment at the hospital. However, the institute has made grants for biomedical research to the Baylor College of Medicine since 1971, including \$190,000 this year. Methodist Hospital is Baylor's teaching affiliate, and Mr. Wright had visited it recently.

Mr. Wright reportedly telephoned Dr. Henry D. MacIntosh, the school's liaison official for grants and its chief of internal medicine, at 8:30 A.M. Monday. Mr. Wright told him he wanted to bring Mr. Hughes to the hospital, but he did not indicate what Mr. Hughes's medical problems might be.

The casket was placed in a hearse at the George H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Home at 7 A.M. today for the trip through Houston's Memorial Park to the Glenwood Cemetery in a shabby neighborhood near downtown Houston.

The Hughes family plot is

in a heavily wooded area on a slope toward the back of the cemetery, which abuts Buffalo Bayou. There, beside a bamboo shrub and a paved cemetery road, the grave was dug just below and to the right of where his parents are buried.

Their graves have a simple flat marker, with five bronze trumpet-like urns rising from it, and their names and dates of birth and death embedded with bronze inlay.

The hearse arrived at 7:20 A.M. Mr. Hughes's relatives, led by Mrs. Frederick R. Loomis, an aunt and his closest

next of kin, arrived 25 minutes later. Two Hughes aides were also at the graveside.

Mr. Gibson, the minister at the burial service, is dean of Christ Cathedral here. Mr. Hughes attended church there as a boy, and he was once named king of the church's annual May Day fete.

### Four Children Die in Fire

CHICAGO, April 6 (UPI) — Four children were killed last night in a fire that sent smoke billowing through the bedroom of their Northwest Side apartment.