

Pioneer EP Woman Dies At 85

Mrs. Olive Jane Breck, of 210 W. California Ave., died Thursday morning in a local hospital. She was 85. Mrs. Breck was reared in Kansas, and it was there that she met her husband, the late Dr. Louis Merrick Breck. They came to Las Cruces in 1899 and Dr. Breck was the first dentist there.

A year later they moved to El Paso, where Dr. Breck established offices in El Paso and Juarez. He was the third dentist to open an office in El Paso and he practiced here until his death in 1932.

Mrs. Breck was a proud member of the Pioneers Club and had also held office in the Woman's Club. She was one of the oldest members of the First Presbyterian Church.

Many El Paso friends visited with her on July 13, her last birthday which was celebrated with a party in the Louis Breck home.

Mrs. Breck had two children, the late Dr. Merrick Breck, MD, who was reared in El Paso and was killed in World War II, and her surviving son, Dr. Louis W. Breck of El Paso. Her five grandchildren are Mrs. Eleanor Kott of Chicago, Louis William Breck Jr., Judy Breck, Alan Breck and Susan Breck, all of El Paso. She had visited in Chicago recently with her one great-grandchild. Funeral arrangements were pending with Harding and Orr Montana Avenue Funeral Home, awaiting the return of Dr. and Mrs. Breck who are in New York.