

## Ann Wilmarth Edwards dies at 78

A graveside memorial service for Ann Wilmarth Edwards was held at Restlawn Cemetery in El Paso. Her son, the Reverend Dwight Edwards, pastor of Grace Bible Church in College Station, Texas, officiated.

Mrs. Edwards was a lifelong resident of El Paso. In 1997, she moved to College Station, where she died on Aug. 4 at the age of 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight Woodbridge Edwards Jr., who was descended from prominent New England families, and by her parents, Louise and James C. Wilmarth. Mr. Wilmarth was editor of the El Paso Herald-Post, and Mrs. Wilmarth was a learned, cultured woman who served as a member of the board of directors of the El Paso Public Library for 25 years, and was instrumental in bringing art and well-known artists to El Paso. She was a great supporter and friend of Urbici Soler, Hari Kidd, Tom Lea and Leola Freeman.

Ann Edwards was a direct descendant of the Oyster Bay Roosevelts. She attended Radford School for Girls and Dudley Grammar School, and graduated from El Paso High School, all in El Paso. She received a bachelor's degree in science from Mills



**Ann Wilmarth Edwards**

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College in Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Edwards was a teacher at Lamar Elementary School. She was an active member of the Junior League of El Paso and a member of "Las Comadres," as well as other civic organizations. She continued her volunteer work to help others at Grand Court in College Station. She was a member of Grace Bible Church in College Station.

Survivors include three

sons and daughters-in-law: Dwight and Sandy Edwards of College Station, Tim and Lou Edwards of Weatherford, Texas, and Jim and Mappy Edwards of Elko, Nev.; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and many devoted friends.

Donations may be made to the Ann Edwards Memorial at Grace Bible Church, 700 Anderson Street, College Station, Texas 77840-3251.