

Pioneer EP Woman Dies At 84



MRS. P. L. ESCONTRIAS

Mrs. Pilar L. Escontrias, 89 of Ysleta, died Saturday in a local hospital. She was a life long resident of El Paso, having been born at San Elizario, and was the widow of the late Silverio Escontrias, former deputy sheriff, Texas Ranger and prominent rancher and farmer.

The family of Mrs. Escontrias were Spaniards who migrated from San Antonio and settled at San Elizario where Mrs. Escontrias was born. Mr. Escontrias moved to this area from Tularosa, N. M., when he was 17 years old and settled near Fabens. After their marriage they purchased extensive ranching hold-

ing in the Hueco Tanks area, including the Hueco Tanks where they resided for over 30 years. After Mr. Escontrias died in 1932, Mrs. Escontrias continued to be active in ranching until ill health forced her retirement.

She was a member of the Socorro Catholic Church, the Sacred Heart Society, the Immaculate Conception Society and the Altar Society.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Manuel E. Apodaca and Mrs. Fidencia E. Aguirre; five sons, Juan Escontrias, S. L. Escontria, Ramon Escontrias, Charles Escontrias and Silver A. Escontrias, a sister Mrs. Loretto Zuniga; a brother, Pedro Loya, both of Los Angeles, California, 23 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren all whom are in El Paso for the funeral.

Rosary services will be held at 8 p. m. Monday in the Harding and Orr Montana Chapel. Funeral mass will be said at 10 a. m. Tuesday in the Socorro Catholic Church with the Rev. Zuniga, officiating.

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery.