

Georges known for doing things 'from the heart'

by Lenore Harris Hughes

Anne Shelton Perrenot Georges was the first student to attend Radford School for Girls all 12 years of her elementary and secondary education.

She was one of the original founding members of the Study Club, holding membership for 38 years and a Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League.

Anne was active in the Junior League, the Planned Parenthood chapter formed by her mother, worked with the El Paso Historical Society, and in 16 civic and charitable organizations where she had volunteered her services during her lifetime.

Anne was born June 21, 1931, in El Paso, the first of two daughters born to Preston Rose Perrenot and Jane Rust Burges Perrenot. Anne's father descended from Antoine Perrenot de Granville, an eminent French statesman made a cardinal by Phillip II in 1561. Her mother was the daughter of pioneer El Pasoans Richard F. Burges and Ethel Shelton Burges.

Richard arrived in El Paso in 1886 from Seguin, Texas. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar when he was only 21. He met and married Ethel Shelton of El Paso. In 1907 he authored the present city charter.

"She came from a wonderful old El Paso family," said Ellie Fen-

ton, cousin to Anne. "One of her great aunts on her mother's side was Mrs. W.D. Howe, and her great uncle was Dr. William D. Yandell, the first city health inspector for El Paso."

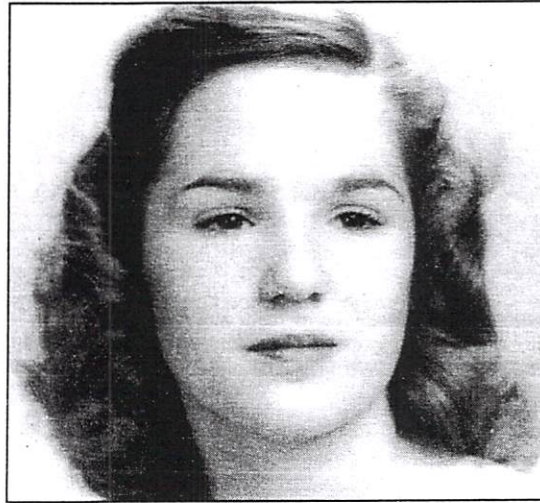
After graduating from Radford in 1948, Anne enrolled in Indiana University graduating in 1952 with a bachelor's degree in comparative literature. She married Ronald Earl Mangan in 1951. They lived at Fort Hood, Texas, and for a short time in Germany.

Among her many hobbies was a love of books.

"Anne was such a cheerful little thing," said friend, Lea Vail. "I recall what a well-read person she was. Her grandfather, Richard Burges Perrenot, was responsible for getting the Carnegie Library into El Paso. His own library contained over 5,000 books. Many writers came to him for information."

"Jane Burges, Anne's mother, later donated her father's extensive library to UTEP, and when she died had willed the Burges House to the County Historical Society. Anne was a Godsend on the Burges House Commission when restoration time came and the interior was re-fashioned after the original pattern."

Anne was a Gold Life Master of the American Contract Bridge League, having accumulated



more points than any other woman in El Paso. She was also a member of the ACBL District 17 judiciary committee and the ACBL National Charity Committee. While playing in some of the tournaments she met her second husband, Gerald Ayles Georges whom she married Sept. 12, 1964.

"She was the best partner anyone could hope for," he said. "We played together at bridge, and worked as partners in everything we did. We attended the world championship group of bridge players when the competition was held in Albuquerque, N.M."

Anne worked at Shutes Piano Company, Sun Publishing, Bassett Center Book Store, and after her marriage to Georges became his partner when he founded Georges and Co. in 1967.

"She managed the office and did all the redecorating. She especially loved blue carpeting," Gerald said.

Her volunteer-activities included being a script writer and helper for the Sun Carnival Balls for seven years. She also did volunteer work for Providence Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary for 12 years, the Lighthouse for the

Blind, the Child Guidance Center, the Social Service Exchange, the Cerebral Palsy Association, El Paso Public Schools, and the El Paso Public Library.

"She did not leave a trail of awards behind, but she left her mark," said her daughter, Leigh Adlaco. "She was not one to seek accolades or awards. She did things from the heart."

Anne's husband, Gerald, added, "Her chief friends were the lonely ones. She was always finding someone sitting alone and trying to bring that one into the group."

"Up until the last she always thought of her mother's friends," Lea Vail said. "The day she fell and broke her hip, she had ordered the traditional eggnog treat for the Burges Open House and friends who looked forward to it each year."

She was hospitalized before Christmas and died Dec. 27. Graveside services were held at Memory Gardens of the Valley Cemetery in Santa Teresa, N.M.

She is survived by her husband Gerald Georges, and their combined families: daughters Leigh Adlaco, Christine Georges, Julie Georges; sons Jeffrey, Joseph, Brian, Gerald, and David Georges; sister Mary Austin Fraser; brother Richard Burges Perrenot; and 13 grandchildren.

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