

Mrs. J. Harper, Long Resident Here, Dies

Mrs. Clara Deason Harper, wife of former Chief Justice J. R. Harper of the Eighth Court of Civil Appeals, died Friday in her home, 1311 East Rio Grande Street. Mrs. Harper had been a resident of El Paso for 33 years. She came to El Paso from Fort Worth, where she served as the first woman principal in a Fort Worth High School.

Mrs. Harper also was the first woman vice-president of the Texas State Teachers Association and her name appears in the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame for her work as an educator.

Besides her husband, her survivors include two sons, Frank Harper, of El Paso, James Harper, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; a daughter, Miss Mary Harper, of El Paso; a brother, Roland R. Deason, county tax collector and assessor-elect. Mrs. Harper was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a. m. Monday in Kaster and Maxon Chapel with the Rev. B. M. G. Williams officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be: James C. White, A. B. Poe, Sam D. Young, Maury Kemp, Jake Miller, Gen. Terry Allen, Thornton Hardie, F. G. Belk, Jasper Woolridge, Dr. S. J. Gaddy, E. A. Shelton, and Maurice Schwartz. Active pallbearers will be: Dudley Wallen, Jerome Owen, Robert T. Cunningham, Dick Miller, Dr. David Cameron and Dr. Charles Rennick. Burial will be in Masonic cemetery.