

Ex-board president of library association won honors for work

Jane Burges Perrenot, past president of the El Paso Public Library Association board of directors, died Wednesday.

Private graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today in Evergreen Alameda Cemetery. Arrangements are by Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue Funeral Home.

Perrenot, the daughter of pioneer El Paso attorney Richard Burges, received the Teotihuacan Award from the El Paso Chamber of Commerce in November 1972 for her efforts in adding the Southwest Collection wing to the El Paso Public Library. She also received the city's Conquistador Award in September 1973, when the wing opened.

Her interest in libraries stemmed from her father, who had a 5,000-volume personal library and who donated several volumes to the public library. He was board president for several years. The Burges branch of the public library in Northeast El Paso is named for him.

In October 1966 Perrenot, then a 21-year board member, followed in her father's footsteps and was elected board president. She was re-elected in April 1970.

She was a member of the Junior League and of the El Paso Historical Society.

Perrenot is survived by a son, Richard; two daughters, Anne George and Mary A. Fraser, all of El Paso; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be to Westside Branch Library Building Fund.