

Pioneer's daughter dies at 84

Katharine White Harvey, lifelong resident of El Paso, died Tuesday at Providence Memorial Hospital. She was 84.

Services will be at 1 p.m. today at Harding-Orr and McDaniel Montana Avenue, followed by a private burial at Restlawn Memorial Park.

She was born in El Paso in 1902 and was the daughter of pioneer El Pasoan Zach T. White. She is survived by her husband, Paul, and two children, Paul Harvey Jr. and Katharine Harvey Fullerton, both of El Paso. The couple celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 6, 1986.

Paul Harvey Jr. said his mother had been ill for more than a year and was hospitalized for a week.

He said despite failing health, his mother took part in many charitable activities.

"She was a very kind, sweet person. She took care of friends who got sick," sometimes driving across town to visit a friend who was ill, he said.

She attended El Paso School for Girls, now Radford School, and Bishop's School in La Jolla, Calif. After graduating from Mount Vernon Seminary in Washington, D.C., she attended the University of Arizona.

In 1933, Katherine Harvey was a founding member of the El Paso Junior League. During World War II, she was a volunteer for the Red Cross and

the Family Welfare Service.

In 1982, she was named Outstanding Friend of Radford. She belonged to the El Paso Museum of Art, the El Paso Historical Society, Las Comadres, the El Paso Symphony Association and the Pan-American Roundtable. She was also a member of St. Clement's Episcopal Church.

Her father came to El Paso in 1881 or 1882. He built the Paso del Norte Hotel as well as the Santa Fe bridge, the first bridge to Juarez.

Paul Harvey Sr. is an El Paso businessman, columnist and broadcaster. His father, C.M. Harvey, was a co-founder of El Paso National Bank, now known as Texas Commerce Bank.

The bank will close for one hour Thursday in tribute to Katharine Harvey.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be to the building fund of the Katharine White Harvey Branch of the YWCA or to a favorite charity.