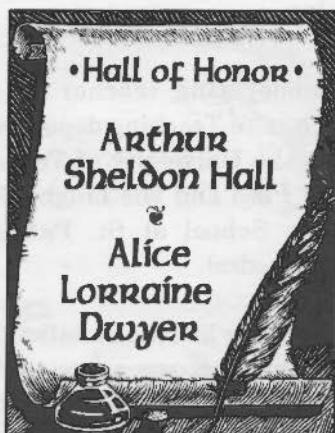


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## Alice Lorraine Dwyer



Alice Dwyer was a pioneer as were her ancestors—the French, Flores, Magoffin, Stephenson, Nordstrom, Bermudez, and Ascarate families. She was one of the first Hispanic female attorneys in El Paso when the profession of law was dominated by men.

She married in 1952 and went to Paris with her husband, Dr. James Cardwell Harvey, who was a Fulbright scholar studying at the University of Paris, Sorbonne. Studying for a doctoral degree in history and government, she also studied German, Spanish, and French as well as studying French civilization at the National Library in Paris. She was working on her doctorate when her advisor died. She then worked assisting her husband to complete his doctorate.

Dr. Harvey accepted a position with the Pan American University in McAllen Texas where, during her pregnancy, Alice contracted rheumatic fever. The family returned to El Paso because Alice was confined to Hotel Dieu for nine months while baby Nancy was cared for by family members. Fortunately both she and the baby survived and that baby is now Dr. Nancy Harvey, a prominent local veterinarian.

Upon recovery, Alice fell into the pattern that many women followed in those days when women became nurses, secretaries, or teachers. Alice entered the field of education. She worked at many positions in the El Paso Independent School District. She taught many history courses and all related social studies subjects, assisted in summer workshops for the complete revision of the social studies program, and served as chairperson for the social studies department at El Paso High School. She served as a

cooperating teacher in the Practice Teaching department at the University of Texas at El Paso and she taught Sunday School at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Her lifelong ambition had been to become a lawyer, but had not been encouraged by her father who thought the more "traditional" women's roles were more suitable. After he died, she felt free to pursue her goal. She entered Southern Methodist University School of Law from which she graduated in 1970 after she endured another round of setbacks and difficulties.



*Alice Lorraine Dwyer*

She worked in the offices of Sib Abraham then Gus Rallis and then had her own practice for two years. Deciding that she needed "a predictable income," Alice then worked for El Paso Natural Gas in contracts and administration. Although she retired in 1990, she became associated in practice with her brother Pat Dwyer, then with her other brother Sam Dwyer. She helped Sam close his practice when he fell ill.

Alice Dwyer was a devoted mother, scholar, teacher, and lawyer. She competed in what had been a man's world. She was a role-model who opened doors for the many professional women who followed her lead.

