



MRS. LUCILLE ELIZABETH STOOPS PEARSON

Lucille Elizabeth Stoops was born near Rivera, Texas on August 5, 1910. She was the oldest of four children born to Harmon Clete and Nora Ann (Grassmuck) Stoops. She had two sisters, Melrose and Anita and one brother, Harmon Clete Stoops, Jr.

In 1917, her father, a Border Patrolman was stationed in Rio Grande City and moved his family to that area from Rivera, Texas. They later moved into the Sharyland District where her father was associated with the John Shary Development Co.

Lucille attended Sharyland School until the family moved into the Mission District and made their home on North Ware Road. Her father was then associated with the Owen Council Co.

After graduating from Mission High School, Lucille attended the CIA College (now Texas Women's University) in Denton, Texas where she obtained her Masters Degree. On March 19, 1937 Lucille married William Osce Pearson, son of Wm. J. and Gertrude Pearson, at the Mission Groves Estate.

Lucille, a member of the First Methodist Church in Mission and a long prominent figure in club and welfare programs, was a warm and compassionate lady. She was past-president of the Does, past-president of the County Tuberculosis Association, a member of the State Board of Tuberculosis and Chairman of the County Tuberculosis Mobil Unit. She was former principal of the Roosevelt School in Mission for one year, and one of the leading workers in the Citrus Fiesta Organization.

She was fatally injured Saturday night January 30th, 1955 while on her way to attend the "Crowning of King Citrus." She died in the Mission Hospital at the age of 45 years and was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

She was survived by her husband, William Osce Pearson (they had no children), her brother Harmon Clete Stoops, Jr. of Corpus Christi, and Mrs. Melrose (Phil) Shrader of Dallas, Texas. (Her sister Mrs. Anita Stoops Coker (Ross) preceded her in death in 1947.