

Many friends wish to know more about Eunice's last days so I take this method as the only way to supply the information.

In May 1950 Eunice was informed that stones were in her Gall Bladder but that they they did not need to be removed at the time. She accompanied Hugh McAfee and me en route to Park Colleges 75th Anniversary, decided to stop off at her sister's home in Parsons Kansas while I drove on to Park. Returning I found she had had a severe attack. We came home and in May 1951 the gall bladder with 115 very large to small stones was removed here in Dilley. She never fully recovered from the operation. Yet we went by plane to Polytechnic's 49th anniversary in 1952 which she enjoyed immensely meeting her spiritual children all over the Island. They crowned her with armfuls of Orchids on our departure from San Juan where a large number came to say goodbye. The demonstration of affection was mistaken by the Air crew to be a bridal trip, during which the Captains of the Airplanes showed us every consideration and finally expressed their great pleasure in having had a bride on board.

In November 1952 Eunice returned to the Hospital for a week's check up. Nothing could be done. Soon thereafter she had a slight stroke which left her unable to write to her friends, though her mind was clear, yet her hand could not hold the pen. During all the following weeks up to the last Eunice went with me in our Chrysler (New Yorker) to the Noon day meals at the Restaurants. Was weakening daily but endured the arthritis which had developed over her whole back after the operation of 1951. The pain was so excruciating that her heart could not endure. We took her to the Hospital Saturday January 17, 1953, for oxygen and at 11 P.M. that night she passed into a coma and left us on Sunday Jan. 18th at 7:50 P.M. After a service in our home Monday morning we took her body to SAN Antonio where it was cremated. Her ashes with those of Robert, our 4th child, and I trust with my own some day will be placed in THE STEPS, the site of our founding PIPR in 1912.

We all appreciate the cables, telegrams, letters and prayers of our friends everywhere  
THANK YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, THANK YOU.

J. WILL HARRIS

Dilley April 1953

God granting, I shall carry on till I too depart.