

M. E. Darsey, Banker, Dies In Hospital

GRAPELAND, Oct 30---Murdock E. Darsey Sr., 62, prominent Houston County banker, businessman and civic leader, died in Crockett Hospital at 5:30 p.m. Thursday following a week's illness.

A Native of Grapeland, he was the son of one of Houston County's pioneers. George Darsey Sr., He was president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank and Grapeland Chamber of Commerce and a past president and charter member of the Lions Club.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, was a member of the board of stewarts more than 30 years and was for 28 years Sunday School superintendent.

He was a member of the Grapeland Masonic Lodge and of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He served as a director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce and was named the Man of the Month in 1939. He also was a director of the Texas Retail Drygoods Association.

Survivors are the widow, Mrs. Luna Frank Darsey; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Long of Grapeland and Mrs. Jack Pridgen of Ballinger; one son, M. E. Darsey Jr. of Grapeland; two sisters, Mrs. Leon Anderson of Eastland and Mrs. Frank Granberry of Crockett; one brother, George Darsey Jr. of Grapeland, and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Luna Hollingsworth
9-24-1892
2-9-1981

M. E. Sr
3-14-1890
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10-30-1952

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