

Thurs. Jan. 17, 1974

R. F. (Pete) Foley

R. F. (Pete) Foley passed away at the Houston County Hospital in Crockett early Sunday morning, Jan. 13, following a brief illness.

Mr. Foley had lived in Crockett for almost 20 years where he and his wife, the former Neva Smith of Beaumont, Texas operated Cedar Hill Farm.

He was born June 1, 1898 in Denison, Texas where he grew up. He received his degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M College in 1919. In addition to raising cattle he and Mrs. Foley specialized for many years in the breeding and showing of fine American saddle horses, winning some of the major shows in this field.

Mr. Foley was a registered Professional Engineer and practiced his profession in his earlier years with the Texas Highway Department. He was one of the leaders in establishing the Houston County Airport and was an avid aviation enthusiast and licensed pilot.

Mass was held by Father Anselm Walker in the Waller Funeral Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan 14, and graveside services were held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Magnolia Cemetery in Beaumont. The body lay in state in the Broussard Funeral Chapel Tuesday morning until funeral service time.

Survivors include his son, Walter Allen Foley of Dallas, and two grandsons. Mrs. Foley preceded him in death. A niece, Mrs. J. Roy Olsen of Corpus Christi and several great neices and nephews also survive.

Waller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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