

**Services Held
Here For Sister
Of Local Resident**

Pearce

Funeral services for Janice Quarles Pearce, age 63, of Lake Jackson were held Thursday, December 16, in Grapeland's First Baptist Church with Rev. David Bradley officiating. Burial followed in Parker Cemetery near Grapeland under the direction of Bailey & Foster.

Pallbearers were A. C. Quarles, Jerry Graham, Ray Bruner, Ronnie LaRue, Greg Peak and Al Roth.

Mrs. Pearce died Tuesday, December 14, 1999, in Lake Jackson. A daughter of the late Leonard Quarles and Grace Jones Quarles, she was born on October 15, 1936, in Houston County. Mrs. Pearce was a 1955 graduate of Texas City High School and a 1959 graduate of Sam Houston State University. Although she had some experience as a teacher, most of her professional life was spent as a journalist. She was the recipient of many first-place journalism awards during a long career that began in 1960 and included newspaper, radio, advertising, and public relations experience. She held many media positions in Texas, Colorado, Florida, Virginia, New Mexico and England, including managing editor, editor, news director, feature writer, reporter, copy desk, information specialist, circulation, classified, business office, and photographer. From September 1991 to November 1993, she served as special sections editor of The Facts.

Survivors include her son, Michael L. Guercio of Lake Jackson; three step-children, Lyn Pearce of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Nikki Pearce of Pacatello, Idaho, and Jeff Pearce of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and one sister, Helen Quarles Smith of Grapeland.