

**BIG SPRING AND VICINITY:**  
 Cloudy, possible rain today. Partly  
 cloudy and warmer Wednesday.  
 Some wind. High today 62. Low to-  
 night 42. High tomorrow 75.

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## Mrs. J. A. Coffey Dies, Rites Pend

Margaretta Coffey, 57, wife of John Askew Coffey and for almost three decades a teacher in Big Spring schools, died at 8:15 a.m. today in St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth where she had been flown last Thursday.

She had been hospitalized here for nine weeks previous to her removal to Fort Worth in an effort to help a lung ailment.

The family and body were en route here today and were expected to arrive in the late afternoon. Nalley - Pickle Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Coffey leaves her husband, who handles payroll and insurance matters for Cosden Oil & Chemical Company; one son, Dr. Robert Thomas Coffey, Galveston; a daughter, Mrs. W. A. (Glenna) Moore Jr., Fort Worth; and four grandchildren.

She was born Margaretta Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Sanders, in Bowie, on Jan. 30, 1908 and grew up in Fort Worth. After attending Baylor at Belton for two years, she transferred to Baylor University in Waco, and it was at a Sunday school party in April, 1928, that she met her husband-to-be. He was a senior and she was a junior, and when he came here in the fall of 1928, she completed her college work, receiving her



MRS. JOHN A. COFFEY

B.A. degree on May 29, 1929. She and Mr. Coffey were married Aug. 29, 1929 and came immediately to Big Spring to make their home.

At that time he was teaching school—later serving as high school principal—and she entered the teaching profession, too. Except for six years out for her babies, she had continued to teach, and last autumn she had embarked upon her 30th year with the local system. Illness and failing strength, how-

ever, led her to resign. All of her teaching career was on the elementary level, and most of the time was in South Ward and Washington Place schools.

Mrs. Coffey was a member of the professional organizations, such as Texas State Teachers Association, NEA and the teaching sorority. She was a tireless worker for the P-TA.

She also was active in numerous community affairs, among them the 1905 Hyperion Club. A volunteer at Big Spring State Hospital, she had put in well over 500 hours of service.

Outside her home, however, nowhere was she more devoted than to her church, the First Baptist. There she had served in almost every capacity possible, and until failing health prevented, she was a teacher of 15-year-old girls in the senior intermediate department. In 35 years in Big Spring, there was hardly a time that she was not a class teacher or department superintendent. As recently as last summer she organized a group to take special training at the Baptist retreat at Glorieta, N. M. In addition, she worked with the Training Union, had been active in the Woman's Missionary Union, and had planned and executed countless dramas, skits and entertainments for church gatherings.