

Mrs. Earline Roberts, Oswald's Landlady, Dies

"He came running like the dickens and I said to him, 'You sure are in a hurry, but he didn't say anything . . . just ran in his room, got a short tan coat and ran back out . . .'"

"He" was Lee Harvey Oswald and he had just killed the President of the United States.

The woman who never got a reply was Mrs. Earline Roberts, a plumpish, bespectacled widow who ran the rooming house at 1026 N. Beckley where Oswald, living as O. H. Lee, plotted the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Sunday Mrs. Roberts apparently was seized by a heart attack at her home, 212 W. Woodin. She was rushed to Parkland Hospital, where she died at 5:15 a.m. Both President Kennedy and Oswald died at the same hospital.

Mrs. Roberts, interviewed by The Dallas Morning News just after the assassination, said, "He was always in bed by 9:30 or 10 p.m."

In cleaning his \$8-a-week, 5-by-12-foot room, Mrs. Roberts had noticed that Oswald was neat, read Westerns, ate a lot of fruit and made sandwiches in his room.

Mrs. Roberts, widow of building contractor Olan Roberts, was widely quoted in newspapers and magazines and interviewed numerous times on TV and radio following the assassination.

A native of Tennessee, she moved to Dallas in 1940.

Survivors: Four sisters, Mrs. Dovie Dukes, Mrs. Opal Fowler and Mrs. Bertha Lyles of Dallas and Mrs. Ela Sheppard of Tyler, and a brother, W. Howard Bogle of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday in Restland Wildwood Chapel. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Rucker Cemetery in Troup, Smith County.