



MARGUERITE OSWALD

Marguerite C. Oswald, 73, Mother of Accused Presidential Assassin, of Cancer in Ft. Worth

Fort Worth, Tex. (AP) — Marguerite C. Oswald, 73, mother of accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died of cancer Saturday in a Fort Worth hospital.

Mrs. Oswald, who lived in near-seclusion in suburban Fort Worth, always insisted there was no proof that her son killed President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

"There was a conspiracy," she said 10 years after the death of Kennedy and her son. "Lee was framed. He was then murdered by Jack Ruby before millions watching on TV as he was walking handcuffed at police headquarters that

awful morning [Nov. 24] 10 years ago."

Lee was Mrs. Oswald's second son by her second husband, Robert Edward Lee Oswald, who died two months after the child was born in 1939.

Her first son, John E. Pic, was born in 1932. Her second son, Robert Oswald Jr., was born in 1934.

Mrs. Oswald was divorced from a third husband, Edward K. Eckdahl. Mrs. Oswald said in 1977 that she had not spoken with either of her surviving sons or with Lee's widow, Marina Oswald Porter, since 1963.

Mrs. Oswald fought recent attempts by an English assassination

theorist to exhume the body in Oswald's grave to determine if it was Oswald or a Soviet impostor buried in the grave.

In 1977, on her 70th birthday, Mrs. Oswald told The Associated Press she remained unwavering in defense of her son, named by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin in the Kennedy death.

Mrs. Oswald was a native of New Orleans. She was a private nurse before Kennedy's assassination, but after her son was accused she was unable to find work, she said.

In addition to her two sons, Mrs. Oswald's survivors include a sister, Lillian Murret of New Orleans.