

Mrs. Oswald buried next to son in FW

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FORT WORTH — Marguerite Oswald, 73, was buried next to her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, at Rose Hill Memorial Park in a private ceremony Monday afternoon.

Alienated from family and friends in recent years, Mrs. Oswald was buried in the presence of only a handful of mourners, sheltered from the cold drizzle by a canvas canopy.

Mrs. Oswald, who died Saturday in Harris Hospital-Methodist, where she was undergoing cancer treatment, had been vocal in her belief that her son did not act alone in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

The ceremony began shortly after 1 p.m. Monday, after a hearse and two cars occupied by two couples drove up to the grave. Another man later drove up to the grave and attended the ceremony.

After a 30-minute service, the mourners quietly went back to their cars and drove away, leaving two funeral wreaths and six flower arrangements on the grave.

Mrs. Oswald reportedly had made known her desire to be buried next to her son at Rose Hill while a patient at Harris.

Her admission to the hospital in late November had been kept a secret from all but a few friends. Most hos-

pital staff members did not know Mrs. Oswald was in the hospital until after she died at 6:10 a.m. Saturday.

Mrs. Oswald had sought for several years after the assassination to vindicate her son, but in recent years she had withdrawn.

The Rev. John Schaub, a chaplain at Harris, said in the last few weeks of Mrs. Oswald's life, he had been able to "know her well . . . and I grew to respect her a great deal as a person and to love her."

Schaub said his role as her minister prevented him from going into more detail. But, he said, "there was a great deal positive about her."