

Born in Arkansas and raised in Rusk County, Texas, **Cleo McGraw Morrison** came to Borger in 1944 where she enrolled in the 8th grade at West Ward Elementary School. She graduated from Borger High School with the class of 1949, the first class to graduate in the present high school building. Cleo enrolled in Frank Phillips College after graduation and married R. D. Morrison. She and R.D. have two children, Donna Parker and Gary Morrison, both of whom live in Borger.



Always a strong supporter of her community, Cleo volunteered in PTA, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts, United Methodist Church, Extension Homemakers, and other civic works. She is presently a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Hutchinson County Genealogical Society, and the Hutchinson County Historical Commission.

Cleo has been honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Women's Forum in Amarillo, Texas and has helped the Hutchinson County Museum receive seven Distinguished Service Awards. She was twice named Volunteer of the year by Hutchinson County Museum, first in 1991 and again in 2009. In 1991 she was named Woman of the Year by Hutchinson County Extension Homemakers. In 1994 Adobe Walls Masonic Lodge awarded her the Community Builder Award. In 1995 she was honored as Texas State Historical Commission Volunteer of the Year. Cleo has worked tirelessly to add fourteen historical markers to points of historical significance in Hutchinson County. Upon learning that not all veteran's graves were marked as such, with the assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington D.C. and the American Legion, she has to date placed twenty-six veteran grave markers.

She has been instrumental in publishing five books of preservation of Hutchinson County records. These books cover death records, marriage records, and census records. The preservation books are in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. All books have been placed in the DAR, LDS, and Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library. They can also be accessed via internet.