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Evelyn Roberts, the wife of evangelist Oral Roberts, died Wednesday in a California hospital after suffering a head injury during a fall. She was 88.

Evelyn Roberts died a day after she fell in the parking lot of a dentist's office, striking her head on the pavement and causing massive internal bleeding, said Jeremy Burton, a spokesman for Tulsa-based Oral Roberts University. She lapsed into a coma short time later.

The couple's surviving children, Richard Roberts, the university's president, and Roberta Roberts Potts flew to Newport Beach, Calif., on Tuesday to be with their mother and father.

Oral and Evelyn Roberts married more than 66 years ago, and she worked with her husband to build his television ministry and university.

Evelyn Roberts wrote several books, including "His Darling Wife, Evelyn," "Heaven Has a Floor" and "Evelyn Roberts' Miracle Life Stories."