

## **Police Searching for Missing Ellis Woman**

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Ellis County law authorities were searching Thursday for the elderly aunt of broadcaster Stone Phillips after she disappeared two days ago.

Relatives last heard from Doris Phillips, 81, Tuesday morning. She lives by herself in Reagor Springs, which is southeast of Waxahachie.

Investigators said something was missing from the woman's home, suggesting that foul play might be involved. The woman does not have a history of wandering away from home, police said.

Crews have been using dogs to help find the woman and going door-to-door to ask neighbors for help.

The woman stands 5 feet tall and weighs 118 pounds, authorities said. She has brown eyes, grey hair and wears glasses. Authorities said she also has brown spots on her forehead.

Anyone with information was asked to call the Ellis County sheriff's office.

The woman is related to Stone Phillips, the broadcast journalist best known for his work on "Dateline."

She is also an actress who has appeared in the film "Places in the Heart" and the television show "Walker Texas Ranger."

Family members said they are not giving up hope.

"I've just got to believe that my mom is out there," said her son, John Phillips. "And perhaps maybe she might be watching."

***FOX 4 reporter Jeff Crilley contributed to this report.***