Funeral services were held Friday for G.M. Rains of Stamford, the father of two Irving men. He was a retired Baptist minister and a member of the East Bethel Baptist Church in Stamford. He was 83.

Rains is survived by his wife, Cora Ann; three sons, F. F. Rains of California, Walter and C. D. Rains, both of Irving; three daughters, Mrs. Verna Sadler of Stamford, Mrs. Juanita Locklin of St. Worth, and Mrs. Josie Cole of Dallas; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Among the grandchildren are Annette and Stella Rains, both of Irving.

Services were held at 3 p.m. at the East Bethel Baptist Church in Stamford. Rev. Dan Colvin and Rev. Bob Greene, both of Stamford, and Rev. Cleburne Moore of Oklahoma officiated. Interment was in the Stamford Cemetery.

7 July 1963
Early Postmaster Of Irving Is Dead

IRVING -- Funeral services will be held Saturday for Carl H. Range, 991 S. Britain, former postmaster of Irving. He died Friday and had lived here for 50 years. He moved here from Garland to work at the Davis Gin Co., as a mechanic. At that time the Davis Gin Co. was located on the corner of Britain and First St.

He continued to work for the Gin Co. until World War I, 1917.

After the war was over, he came home and married Miss Lora Davis in 1919. He and Mrs. Range operated the garage business in Irving for years. They were known as the J. Range Garage. They sold the business approximately 15 years ago. In 1930, Range was appointed postmaster of the Irving Post Office and served in that capacity until Jan. 28, 1966.
50-Year Resident
Of Irving Is Dead

Funeral services will be held Saturday for Mrs. Lora Range, 326 S. Britain St., Irving, and her three daughters, Miss Fern Davis and Mrs. W. L. Brown, both of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Mrs. A. B. Judy of Mansfield, Ark.

She was the wife of Carl Range, ex-Postmaster of Irving, who preceded her in death in January of this year. She had been in poor health for some time and suffered a heart attack Wednesday evening and died Thursday. She was 65.

Mrs. Range was a member of the First Baptist Church, Irving, and had lived in Irving for over 60 years.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Irving. Rev. Henry Kinkead will officiate. Interment will be in the Sowers Cemetery. Leach Funeral Home is in charge.

She is survived by one son, and Hans Smith.

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Ratcliff Rite Set

Funeral services will be held Wednesday in Gainesville, Texas, for William Ratcliff, 601 Van Horn. He was a retired builder and contractor and a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville. He had been in the construction business in Gainesville, where he built many public buildings. Ratcliff had lived in Irving for the past four years. At death, he was 84. He is survived by one son, Jack Ratcliff of Irving, and a half-sister, Mrs. Clarice Henry of Dallas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville.

5 June 1963
Irvingite's
Father Dies

Services for Walter Richard Reeves, 64, were held Saturday in Thompson - Elliott Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Burial was in Jacksonville Cemetery.

Reeves was the father of Mrs. Beverly Reeves McCullough of 1608 Fair Oaks. He is survived also by a son, Walter Reeves of Fort Worth.

Reeves died in a Dallas hospital Thursday. He was a retired government worker, having spent from 1939 until his retirement in 1960 in the Panama Canal Zone.
Former Irving

Man, 71, Dies

IRVING--Funeral services will be held Saturday for Harvey W. Reifsneider of Mineral Wells, a former Irvingite.

He died Thursday about 1:30 p.m. in Methodist Hospital after becoming ill Tuesday.

He was 71, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He was a charter member of the Civitan Club, and a leader in organizing the Teen-Canteen.

He was born in Missouri, and came to Texas after his marriage. He was a World War I and World War II Veteran. He held the rank of Lt. Col.

He was District Zone Manager for Ford Motor Co. for 19 years, and had been with the Reif Motor Co. in Irving for 13 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Reifsneider operated a Family Motel in Mineral Wells.

He is survived by his wife, Nora.

Services will be held at the Lauch Funeral Chapel at 10 a.m. Saturday. Interment will be in Oak Grove.

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Funeral Held For Business Leader

Funeral services marking the end of a highly successful business career were held Saturday morning at the Beach Funeral Home.

The Rev. Emmett Hunt, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, officiated at the rites for Harvey W. Reifsneider, 71, owner of extensive properties in the downtown Irving and Irvinggate Shopping Center areas.

Among his larger commercial projects, Reifsneider constructed the downtown building now housing the Bob Davis Rambler Co.

Death came to the former Irvingite Thursday evening in Methodist Hospital. He had been ill three days.

A charter member of the Irving Civitan Club, the business leader was born in Missouri. He held the rank of Lt. Colonel in the Army and participated in both World Wars.

He was district zone manager for Ford Motor Co. for 19 years and had formed the former Reif Motor Co. in Irving.

After moving away from Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Reifsneider operated a motor hotel in Mineral Wells. Mrs. Reifsneider is the only close survivor.

Burial was performed in Oak Grove.

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John Rener

Funeral services will be held Thursday for John Rener of Mesquite. He was the father of two Irving people.

He is survived by his wife, Agnes; two sons, Paschall Rener of Irving and Luke Rener of Garland; two daughters, Mrs. Nancy Farina of Irving and Mrs. Rose Ross of Dallas; stepson Tom Marshall of Ft. Worth; one brother, Luke Rener of Dallas; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. at the Midway Church of Christ, 1907 Peachtree. Ray Mitchell, minister, will officiate. Interment will be in Grove Hill Cemetery.
Exposure

Kills Tot

AUSTIN (UPI) -- Susan Nevada, 6, died of exposure Thursday night in an Austin hospital, the fifth victim of the latest Texas cold front.

The little girl had a body temperature of only 63 degrees when her parents took her to Brackenridge Hospital. Hospital attendants said that was the lowest temperature they had ever seen in a living person.

Judge of the Peace Jerry Dellana ruled death due to exposure.

The girl's parents, both unemployed, said they could not afford to warm their home.
A. Ritcherson

Funeral services were held Friday for Alvin Alexander Ritcherson, 1430 S. Marlborough of Dallas. He was 84 and a retired realtor. He died Wednesday, and he was the step-father of an Irving woman.

Ritcherson was a native of Austin, but had been a Dallas resident for 63 years. His first job in Dallas was with the Dallas Street Railway Co. In 1918, he founded the American Body and Equipment Co. in Grand Prairie. He sold the company in 1942, and entered the real estate business, and was active in this until his retirement in 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Mattie; two sons, Homer A. Ritcherson and William H. Ritcherson, both of Dallas; two daughters, Mrs. Russell L. Tate and Mrs. Ralph W. Bedwell, both of Dallas; two step-daughters, Mrs. Royce Harris of Irving and Mrs. Jack Harris of College Station; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Lamar and Smith Funeral Chapel. Burial was in Restland.

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Funeral services will be held Friday for Clyde Richardson, 2734 E. Ledbetter, of Dallas. He was the father of an Irving man. He was 56, a member of the Baptist Church, a Shriners and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He died Wednesday of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, Essie B.; one son, Vernon G. Richardson, of Irving; two daughters, Mrs. Joyce Grindele and Mrs. Ellen Hunt, both of Dallas; two brothers, Homer T. Richardson of Dallas, Joseph P. Richardson of Big Sandy; two sisters, Mrs. Grace Hays of Dallas and Mrs. Jewel Dutton of Mesquite; six grandchildren.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. at Restland Chapel.
Hit-And-Run
Kills Woman

DALLAS (UPI) -- Police searched today for the hit-and-run driver who struck down and killed Mrs. Ruth E. Risner early Wednesday.

Police said Mrs. Risner, 34, had just stepped from her fiancé's car when a car described as being a cream-colored 1955 Ford hit her.

Her fiancé, Jack Glasscock, told police he heard the car hit Mrs. Risner, but did not see the car.

Officers said that paint and glass fragments found at the scene have helped to identify the make and model of the car.
Friends Pay Respect To Bomb Victim

By LEON DANIEL

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI) - Birmingham's Negro community paid its final respects Tuesday to 14-year-old Carol Robertson -- one of the four children killed in last Sunday's church bombing.

Scores of friends and relatives trooped into the Davenport and Harris Funeral Home to kneel by the child's sealed casket and offer up prayer.

The casket, topped with a spray of red roses and white carnations, was taken from the funeral home to St. John's African Episcopal Church for services later in the day. St. John's Church is located at Sixth Avenue and 15th Street -- just one block from the church that was bombed.

Elaborate security precautions were taken in advance of the funeral services to guard against any repeat performances by the person or persons the Negro community now simply calls "The Bomber."

Volunteer Negro guards went over every inch of the church looking for any trace of explosives, and the city assigned extra police detachments to keep an eye on any suspicious traffic in the vicinity of the church.
Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. Atha N. Robins of Grand Prairie, mother of an Irving woman. She was 64 and a member of the Congregational Methodist Church. She died Sunday in Grand Prairie.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, C.E. Robins of Grand Prairie and Nelson H. Robins of Graysville, Ala.; two daughters, Mrs. L.A. Sparks of Irving and Mrs. C.C. Williams of Grand Prairie; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Services For

W. R. Rodgers

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday for Walter R. Rodgers, 522 E. Shady Grove Rd., who passed away in an Austin hospital.

Rodgers was born in Irving 58 years ago, and he has made this city his home all his life. The services will be held in the Leach Chapel, and the interment will take place at the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Rev. C. M. Starnes and Rev. H. S. Teelchman will be officiating.

Rodgers is survived by his wife, Mrs. Olive Rodgers of Irving; sons Walter D. Rodgers of Dallas and Kenneth Rodgers and Carl Rodgers of Irving; daughters Mrs. Amos McKay, Mrs. Kenneth Davis and Miss Annie K. Rodgers, all of Irving; sisters Mrs. Lela Thompson and Mrs. Bertie Rodgers, and D. Rodger's children.
Services Held
For Irving
Native, 91

Funeral services were held Saturday for Lunsford L. Rucker, 3018 W. Shady Grove Rd. He was 91. He was an Irving pioneer and had lived in the same farm house for 65 years. He was a member of the Westwood Park Baptist Church.

He is survived by one son, C. O. Rucker of Irving; two daughters, Mrs. Jethe Lynch of Irving, and Mrs. Hettie Oliver of Dallas; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. at the Westwood Park Baptist Church. Rev. D. H. Holley, Rev. Howard Smith, and Rev. Weldon Lee will officiate. Interment will be in Sowers Cemetery.

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Bruce A. Russell, DNT Artist, Dies

Bruce Russell, one of America's most honored and distinguished newspaper artists and editorial cartoonist for the Daily News Texan, died on Wednesday, December 18.

The artist, who was born in 1903, joined the Los Angeles Times in 1934. For the past 10 years his drawings have also been syndicated to publications around the world. He was famous for his superb artistic craftsmanship and hard-hitting opinions which were daily translated into his cartoons.

In 1945 Russell's drawing called "Time to Bridge That Gulch," showing an American Eagle and a Russian Bear, won him the distinguished Pulitzer Prize.

He won the Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award three times -- in 1948, 1950 and in 1951. And he was awarded the Headliners Award in 1949.

The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge presented Russell with awards annually between 1949 and 1963.

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Funeral services were held Tuesday in Lindale, Tex., for Clydus B. Russell, 142 Alsopugh, Grand Prairie. He died Sunday and was the father of an Irving man.

He was a Civil Service employee at Carswell Air Force Base and he was a member of the Sam R. Hamilton Masonic Lodge. He had lived in Grand Prairie for 11 years. Russell is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sons, Paul Dean Russell of Irving and Charles Russell of Grand Prairie; two sisters; the brother; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Russell of Lindale, Tex.

Interment was in Lindale.
Father Of Irvingite Rites Held

Funeral services for Charles H. Rutledge Sr., 82, of Dallas, retired teacher, were held Saturday in the Ed C. Smith Funeral Chapel in Dallas. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Rutledge died Thursday in Terrell.

A native of Ellis County, Mr. Rutledge had lived in Dallas for 45 years. Until his retirement in 1950 he was a biology teacher at Crozier Technical High School. He held degrees from Baylor and Columbia Universities.

Survivors: Wife; a son, Charles H. Rutledge Jr. of Dallas; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Metcalf of Irving; a sister, Mrs. George Cowand of Midlothian, Ellis County; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.