The loss of Jackie in 1977 to a car accident was heartbreaking. I still think of him often with a smile as he would always make me laugh. He was my dear friend and everyone else's. I miss him.

Terri Speer
Meredith fatally wounded while on a hunting trip

IRVING, June 1, 1944 — Franklin Meredith, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.K. Meredith, who live at the extreme south end of Rogers Road, south of P & P Food Store, was shot and fatally wounded about half a mile from his home while on a hunting trip with a 15-year-old companion Sunday.

His companion, J.T. Sutherland, told Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Decker and Constable Frank Pate that they had started on a hunting trip and were riding double on Meredith's bicycle when it started to rain. Both were armed with .22 caliber rifles, he said.

They waited under a large tree until the rain stopped, he said, and then started to go into the nearby woods. When young Meredith picked his rifle up from across the bicycle, the gun discharged, sending a bullet into his stomach.

Young Sutherland told Deputies W.H. Bietendorf and S.P. Hulen that after the shot Meredith cried out, "I am hurt."

Justice of the Peace Glenn Davies, who viewed the body, returned a verdict of death from accidental gunshot wounds.
Lee Jackson Metker of 309 N. Britain, died Saturday in Irving Community Hospital. Services were today at 10 a.m. at Chism-Smith Chapel with Rev. Jeffrey Gunter and Rev. E.H. Hendrix officiating. Burial will be at Sowers Cemetery.

Metker is survived by his wife Nettie Hinkle Metker, two daughters Mrs. Nettie Carpenter and Maxine Adams, both of Irving, eight grandchildren and four.

Metker was an Irving native for 75 years. He attended Irving High School, and played on the first football team in 1922. He was the former game warden in this area, was active in the Democratic party and was a 50 year memb of Oddfellows Lodge. He was also a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.
Metker

Funeral for Mrs. Nettie T. Metker, 74, of 309 N. Britain, will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Chism-Smith Funeral Home with Rev. Geffery Gunter officiating. Burial will be in Sowers Cemetery. She died Friday at Irving Community Hospital.

Survivors include her daughters, Mrs. Nettie Lee Carpenter and Mrs. Maxine Adams, both of Irving; sisters, Mrs. Opal Whisinhut and Mrs. Billie Grove, Lubbock; a brother, Woodrow Hinkie, Gladys Swindall and Mrs. Lille Hargrove, Crosbyton; and four grandchildren.

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