

**Mary Lou Padgett**

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Funeral arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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## **Mary Lou Padgett**

Mary Lou Padgett of Dallas died Saturday at Baylor Medical Center. She was 81.

She was a Dallas resident for 81 years and a member of the John H. Hopkins family, the namesake of Hopkins County, Texas.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday at Grove Hill Cemetery, with the Rev. Mike Linville officiating.

Survivors include two sisters Mrs. Carrie Michalowski and Mrs. Lulu Maud Treadwell of California; and one brother R.E. Hopkins of Arizona.

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## **Abraham Pais Sr.**

Abraham Pais Sr., 59, of Irving died at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas Friday evening. Rosary will be said at 8:15 p.m. Monday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Holy Family Catholic Church, Father Richard Brown celebrate. Burial will be at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife Mary Pais, of Irving, son Abraham Pais Jr. of Irving, daughters Janie Bagget of Garland and Sheila Pais of Dallas;

brother Salvador Pais of California and two grandsons.

He was an Irving resident for the past 25 years, previously of Dallas and a native of Ennis, Tx. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, and was employed at St. Paul Hosital in Dallas as an X-ray technician for the past 29 years. The family requests memorials made to the charity of one's choice.

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## *Ardis A. Palmer*

Services for Ardis A. Palmer, 78, of Irving, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, the Rev. Nita Buckley officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Ardis Palmer, previously of Waco, was an Irving resident for 35 years. She was a retired real estate broker.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Gabel of Wills Point, Texas and Marsala Schrader of Washington state, six grandchildren, nine ~~great-grandchildren~~ and one ~~great-~~ great grandchild.

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## *Hazel Palmer*

Services for Hazel Palmer, 84, of Irving were at 1 p.m. today at

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Cham-Smith Chapel, the Rev. Skip Bayles officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Mausoleum, Dallas.

A native of Newplaz, NY, she was a retired dietician for the Highland School Systems of Highland, NY, and a member of the Methodist church. She moved to Irving in 1976.

Survivors include a son, Louis R. Palmer of Irving, two grandsons, Eric Palmer of Lubbock and Steven Palmer of Irving, and one great-granddaughter, Erica Palmer of Lubbock.

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## *Jay Pannell*

Jay Pannell, 67, died Tuesday at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

... He was a resident of Irving. Arrangements are pending at Donnelley's Funerai home.

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## **Joshua Pannell**

Joshua Pannell of Irving died Wednesday at Parkland Hospital. He was 5 months old and was born June 6, 1984, in Irving.

Funeral services were at Ben F. Brown Chapel, with Dr. Bo Baker officiating.

Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Lee Pannell; one brother, Jeff Pannell and one sister, Brandie Pannell, both of Irving, and his grandparents, Margaret and Ron Brown, Roy Pannell and Bernice Kwehn.

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## Rayford (Ray) Pannell

Rayford (Ray) Pannell of Irving died Tuesday at Arlington Memorial Hospital. He was 67.

Funeral services were at Crestview Baptist Church (formerly Cal-

vary Temple) with the Rev. J. Don George officiating.

Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

A native of Austin, he was an Irving resident for the past 16 years. He was an elder at Calvary Temple and an operation manager for Red Coleman Grocery Stores in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pannell of Irving; his son, Donald Ray Pannell of Mesquite; two daughters, Barbara Gale Price and Kay Darlene Drennan both of Irving; two brothers, Raymond Pannell of Fort Worth and W.B. Pannell of Austin; a sister, Lola Putnam of Richland Hills, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at Crestview Baptist Church (formerly Calvary Temple) with the Rev. J. Don George officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife Mary Pannell of Irving; his son Donald Ray Pannell of Mesquite; his daughters Barbara Gale Price and Kay Darlene Drennan both of Irving; his brothers Raymond Pannell of Fort Worth and W.B. Pannell of Austin; his sister Lola Putnam of Richland Hills; 2 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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## **Ronald Parker**

**Ronald Parker, 35, of Irving died Monday.**

**Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.**

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## ***Ronald Parker***

Ronald Parker, 35, of Irving, died Monday at his home.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Smith Cemetery, with the Rev. Milton Robins officiating.

He had been an Irving resident all his life.

Survivors include a son, Ronald Glenn Parker of Irving; his mother, Ramona Anderson of Irving; three brothers, Stephen and Donald Glenn Parker, both of Dallas, and Ernest Rollins of Irving; a sister, Vernene Harris of Virginia, and grandmother, Vivian Peterson of Irving.

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**Survivors include a son, Ronald Glenn Parker of Irving; his mother, Ramona Anderson of Irving; three brothers, Stephen and Donald Glenn Parker, both of Dallas, and Ernest Rollins of Irving; a sister, Vernene Harris of Virginia, and grandmother, Vivian Peterson of Irving.**

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## Ura Parks

~~Ura Parks of Farmers Branch~~  
~~died Wednesday at Pioneer Park~~  
~~Medical Center. She was 78.~~

~~Services will be held at 2:30 p.m.~~  
~~Friday at Westminister Presbyterian~~  
~~Church in Dallas, with the Rev.~~  
~~Charles Taylor officiating. Graveside~~  
~~services will also be held at 6 p.m.~~  
~~Friday at Waurika Cemetery in~~  
~~Waurika, Okla.~~

In place of usual remembrances,  
the family requests that memorials  
be made to the American Heart As-  
sociation or to the Westminister  
Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by a son, Kelly  
Parks of Farmers Branch; two  
daughters, Pat Jones of Farmers  
Branch and Betty Rhoads of Eu-  
gene, Ore.; three grandchildren; and  
one great-grandson.

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## **Lewis E. Patton**

**Lewis E. Patton of Irving died**

**Wednesday at Irving Community Hospital. He was 75.**

**Services are scheduled for noon Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ward Walker officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.**

**An Irving resident for 12 years, he was previously of Houston. He was a**

**member of the MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church. He retired from Getty Oil Co. after 39 years of service.**

**Survivors include his wife, Juanita Patton of Irving; stepson, Ron W. Crawford of Irving; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.**

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# Cowboy hurt, brother killed in I-635 wreck

**DALLAS (UPI)** — A car driven by Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Drew Pearson rammed the back of a parked 18-wheeler at a north Dallas Highway exit early today, injuring him and killing his 57-year-old brother, police said.

Pearson, 34, an 11-year veteran of the team, was in satisfactory condition at Presbyterian Hospital with head and internal injuries, said police spokeswoman Eva Romero.

A hospital spokesman refused to elaborate on Pearson's injuries, saying only that he was in satisfactory condition.

Dallas police spokesman Bob Shaw today confirmed evidence of alcohol in Pearson's blood. However, Pearson's blood alcohol level was 0.009, far below the legal limit of 0.1, police said.

Mr. Romero said Casey Mark Pearson was pronounced dead at the scene at the Plano Road exit of the I-635 Freeway in Dallas Tuesday.

The 1984 Buick was driven by Drew Pearson was going at about 100 m.p.h. when it ran into a tractor-trailer parked on the shoulder of the highway with its emergency lights on.

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Daily News photo by RON BLUM  
A concrete conversion truck belonging to Richard O'Brien Concrete Company caught fire Wednesday afternoon in the 1400 block of North Loop 12. Fire officials blame leaking fuel line and estimated damage at \$15,000. Although traffic was congested more than an hour, no injuries were reported.

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The truck was registered to a Houston firm and the driver, Larry Jameson, was not injured.

Ms. Romero said the case would be presented to the Dallas County grand jury for investigation of a possible traffic violation.

"Unsafe speed was a contributing factor of the accident," Ms. Romero said.

Cowboys spokesman Greg Aiello said Pearson and his brother had just returned from Colgate, Okla., where the Cowboys' 14-member charity basketball team had played a local fundraiser.

"He (Pearson) runs the players' basketball off-season team called the Dallas Hoopsters," Aiello said. "His younger brother went along."

Aiello said the players had returned to the Cowboys' practice field after their bus trip to Oklahoma and Pearson was taking Carey to the home of another brother, Andre, when the accident occurred.

Pearson, a native of Tulsa, Okla., was a free agent who had been overlooked in the college draft when he walked into the Cowboys' training camp in 1973. He became the Cowboys' all-time leading receiver in

1980, surpassing Bob Hayes' mark of 365 catches.

He was named to the All-Decade Team of the 1970s by the Pro Football Hall of Fame and made the Pro Bowl team in 1974, 1976 and 1977. He was the NFC's leading receiver in 1976 with 58 catches and holds a Dallas club record for catching passes in 58 consecutive games.

He became a starter for Dallas midway through his rookie year and has missed only one game due to injury, in December 1979. Pearson started on both Dallas Super Bowl champion teams.

Among his career highlights were an 83-yard fourth-quarter touchdown reception to beat the Los Angeles Rams in the playoffs in 1973 and the 50-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown reception from Roger Staubach in the final 20 seconds of a 1975 playoff game against Minnesota.

Pearson, one of the most popular and well-respected players on the Dallas team, was an offensive captain in 1977 and 1978.

Recently he has also worked with the Distilled Spirits Council as their national spokesman against teenage alcohol abuse.

He and his wife, Maraha, have two daughters.

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## Gladys Mae Perry

Gladys Mae Perry, 58, died Nov. 4 at a Fort Worth Hospital.

She was born in North Dakota and was a housewife and area resi-

dent for 18 years.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Ben F. Brown Chapel. Burial will be at Smith Cemetery in Irving.

Survivors include her husband W.W. Perry of Cumby; sons Terry Lee and Wesley Dean Perry, both of

Dallas; daughters Gloria Jean Hook of Dallas, Patricia Ann Runyan of Irving; brothers Victor Halsey of South Dakota and Wesley Halsey of Maryland; sister, Lorene Locklear of Farmers Branch and four grandchildren.

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## Injuries cause Dallas man's death

An Dallas man injured during an accident in the 3100 block of state Highway 114 April 14 died of com-

Lewis Bailey Perry, 61, received massive head injuries after striking a guard rail. Perry had been driving his Chevy Impala east on 114 when he changed lanes and struck another car in the outside lane, police said. His car then bounced of the guard rail and fell to the service road.

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## ***Jerry Lee Petrosky***

**Jerry Lee Petrosky of Millersview died Wednesday. He was 19.**

**Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Eden with the Rev. Cliff Poe officiating. Burial will be in Millersview Cemetery.**

**He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Irving, and a senior at Paint Rock High School in Paint Rock, Texas.**

**Survivors include his parents, Paul and Ann Petrosky of Irving; a ~~sister, Tracy Petrosky of Irving; two~~ brothers, Jeffrey Petrosky of Irving and James Petrosky of Irving; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clifton of Millersview and Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Petrosky of Indiana.**

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## **Homer G. Petty**

**Homer G. (Buster) Petty of Irving died Sunday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. He was 67 years old.**

**Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ben F. Brown Chapel, the Rev. James Ruckman officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.**

**Mr. Petty was the retired owner of a mobile home park.**

**Survivors include his wife, Agnes R. Petty of Irving; three brothers, W.O. Petty, Earl Petty, and Harold Petty all of Irving; two sisters, Mrs. George Powell of Irving, and Delores Jackson of Dallas.**

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# James Lewis Phillips

James Lewis Phillips of Irving died Wednesday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He was 61.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Friday at Donnelly's Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. J. Don George, Rev. Joe Bailey and Rev. George Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Cemetery.

An Irving resident for 26 years, he was previously of Texarkana, Ark. He was a member of the Calvary Temple Church in Irving and was retired after 19 years with the Southwestern Transportation Co. in Dallas.

He is survived by his wife, Mary

Phillips of Irving; daughters Becky Lynn of Irving, Jamie Moulder of Canton, and Patti May of Irving; sisters Bernice Sewell and Mildred Purifoy, both of Texarkana, Ark.; his mother, Lucille Phillips of Texarkana, Ark.; and seven grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Calvary Temple Church building fund. Friends of the family will be received Thursday, 7-9 p.m. at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Friday at Saint Paul's Hospital in grandchildren.  
Dallas. He was 61.

A rosary is scheduled for 7:30  
p.m. Sunday at Ben F. Brown Fu-  
neral Home Chapel. Funeral mass  
will be held 10 a.m. Monday at Saint  
Luke's Catholic Church. Burial will  
be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

An Irving resident for 25 years, he  
was the owner of Joe Pipi and Asso-  
ciates and J.B. Products. He was a  
veteran of World War II, having  
served in the United States Navy.  
He was born March 11, 1923 in  
Pennsylvania.

Survivors include his wife, Geor-  
gia E. Pipi of Irving; sons, Joe Pipi  
Jr. of Watauga, Kevin and Christo-  
pher Pipi, both of Irving; a daughter,  
Debra Gudgeon of Canada; his  
mother, Antoinette Pipi of New Jer-  
sey; a sister, Josephine Montross of  
New Jersey; a brother, John Pipi of  
New Jersey and Norman Pipi of  
Pennsylvania; and eight

## *Augustine J. Pipi*

Augustine J. Pipi of Irving died

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# ~~John Sanford Pool~~

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~~John Sanford Pool III of Irving died Tuesday at his home. He was 57.~~

~~Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Chism Smith Chapel with the Rev. Ralph Smith officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.~~

~~He was a draftsman in residential construction and a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was also a Methodist.~~

~~He is survived by his wife, Mary Pool of Irving; two daughters, Shar-~~

~~on Vance of Athens and Peggy Pool of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; three sons, Clark Pool of Texarkana and Russell Pool and Mark Pool, both of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; a sister, Peggy Hurley of Lake Whitney; a brother, Tom Pool of Dallas, his mother, Mildred Pool of Waco, and three grandchildren.~~

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Church, the Revs. Cliff Feeler and  
Craig Curry officiating. Burial will  
be in Lufkin, Texas.

Born Aug. 29, 1911 in Many La.  
and an Irving resident for 21 years,  
she was a retired teacher with the Ir-  
ving Independent School District.  
She also was a member of Plymouth  
Park Baptist Church.

**Natta Elizabeth  
Powell**

Natta Elizabeth Powell of Irving  
died Wednesday at Irving Commu-  
nity Hospital. She was 72.

Funeral services will be held  
Friday at Plymouth Park Baptist

Survivors include her husband,  
Ira M. Powell of Irving; a son,  
Thomas Floyd Hufam of Irving; a  
daughter, Donna Claire Miles of St.  
Petersburg, Fla. and two  
grandchildren.

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## Annie Powers

Annie "Olene" Powers died Wednesday at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas. She was 67.

Services held 2 p.m. Saturday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, Dr. James Moore officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

An Irving resident for 20 years, Mrs. Pow-

ers was originally from Hobbs, N.M. and was a homemaker.

Survivors include sons Thomas Edward Powers of Hurst, Lloyd Wayne Powers of Rossharon, Bobby Jene Powers of Austin and Billy Earl Powers of Arlington; daughters Jolene Thomas of Irving, Jerry D. Huckabee of Mansfield, and Karen C. Hudson of Eules; four sisters, Johnnie Clarkston of Seminole, Melby Smith of Booker, Charlene Bush and Claudine Cheek of Hobbs, N.M.; brothers H.M. Thomason of Phoenix, Ariz., Bobby Thomason of Hobbs, N.M.; and 11 grandchildren.

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## ***Kacie Lynn Prater***

Stevenson of Denton and Norma  
Stevenson of Dallas.

Kacie Lynn Prater, newborn daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Prater of Irving, died Thursday.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton.

Survivors include her parents, a sister, Lori Prater, grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Marvin A. Prater and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stevenson all of Irving, and great grandparents Rich

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## *Joyce Prda*

Joyce Prda, 70, of Irving, died early today at Irving Care Center. She and her husband had been married 45 years.

Services will be at 2 p.m. at Restland's Wildwood Chapel in Dallas, with Dr. Sloan Gentry officiating. Burial will be at Restland.

Survivors include her husband, Stanley Prda; one son, Garvin A. O'Neal; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one niece; and one nephew.

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## **James E. Pressnall**

Services for James E. Pressnall, 31, of Irving who died Tuesday at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at Northside Baptist Church of Irving. The Rev. Bob Skipper and the Rev. Lloyd Murphy will officiate. Burial will be at Kitt cemetery in Irving.

Mr. Pressnall, an Irving resident for seven years, was born Sept. 20, 1952 in Sacramento, Calif. and was raised in Orange, Calif.

He worked for the Irving Fire Department as a firefighter and attended Abundant Life Assembly of God Church in Grand Prairie.

Survivors include his wife Mary Jo, son Jason and daughter Misty Renee all of Irving, his mother, Connie Pressnall and sisters Linda and Judy Pressnall and Theresa Thimmons all of Orange, Nancy Pressnall of Roswell, NM., and a grandmother, Ruth T. Hoyes of Sacramento.

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# Firefighter dies

## Fire department plans to crack down on warming fires

By MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Daily News Staff

A firefighter critically injured during a four-alarm blaze in northwest Irving Monday morning died at 6:05 p.m. Tuesday at the Parkland Memorial Hospital burn center in Dallas.

James E. Pressnall, 31, became the first firefighter to die on the line of duty since the Irving Fire Department fully organized in 1953, according to Fire Chief E.E. Spillman. Pressnall received his injuries

fighting a fire at the Woodlawn Ridge Apartments at 3731 William DeHaes Drive, suffering third degree burns over 65 percent of his body when a roof collapsed on him.

Pressnall was one of three firefighters to enter the second floor of a burning 18-apartment unit carrying a hose. Epperson said he was trying to open a hole in the attic when the roof fell, pinning him under burning debris.

The fire broke out at the apartments, still under construction, when workers attempted to start a

fire in an incomplete fire place to keep warm. High winds carried the flames throughout the units, blowing flames into the attic and causing \$120,000 in damage.

The fire was the first four-alarm fire in Irving since a blaze at the Owens Corning fiberglass building in May 1980. Over \$1 million in damage was caused in that fire.

Two other firefighters received burns and one suffered from smoke inhalation during Monday's fire.

Pressnall joined the fire department Nov. 9, 1981, after working as a

firefighter for the California Division of Forestry.

Epperson described Pressnall as well-liked within the department.

"He was a real asset to the department," Epperson said. "He was dedicated and studied hard to get ahead in the department. He was a top-notch individual."

Pressnall is survived by his wife Mary Jo of Irving and two children Jason Matthew, 8, and Misty Renee 6.

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Services for Prensall are still pending.

Fire Marshal Ken Lewallen has ruled the blaze was accidental.

Lewallen said, however, firefighters were delayed at the complex because fire lanes were blocked by building materials and a stalled fork

Lewallen said the construction company responsible for the complex has been warned about setting illegal fires before. Lewallen said the company has received a written notice and can be fined \$200 for additional violations.

He said he's received numerous reports of workers setting warning fires at construction sites and said

the department is cracking down on the practice.

The construction company also received a written warning about the blocked fire lane and further violations could result in the construction being halted.

Lewallen said Monday's fire has made the department more alert about fire safety at all construction sites.

"The crackdown is on," he said.

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## *Jeremiah Chad Prophitt*

**Jeremiah Chad Prophitt of Irving died Monday at his residence. He was 3 months old.**

**Fuenral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel of Chism Smith Funeral Home. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.**

**Survivors include his parents, Thomas and Pia Prophitt of Irving; a brother, Timothy Edward Prophitt of Irving; and grandparents, Lila Beth Prophitt of Irving and Stella and J.C. Cupp of Duncanville.**

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# *Joe Ellington Puckett*

Joe Ellington Puckett of Irving  
died Friday at Irving Community  
Hospital. He was 75.

He was a retired movie projec-  
tionist and was a member of MPMO  
Local 249, the South MacArthur  
Church of Christ and the Irving Se-  
nior Citizens Center.

Services will be held Monday at 2  
p.m. at the South MacArthur  
Church of Christ, with Art McNeese  
officiating. Burial will be at Oak  
Grove Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth  
Puckett of Irving; daughter and son-  
in-law Doris and George Foster of  
Hawkins, Tex.; daughters-in-law  
Mrs. Ann Puckett of Decatur and  
Mrs. Beverly Puckett of Irving; sis-  
ter Jane Sater of Seattle; six grand-  
children and one great-grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are being  
conducted by the Chism-Smith Fu-  
neral Home.

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Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Henry H. Kinkeade officiating.

Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Puckett retired as a security supervisor with Texas Instruments in 1981, after 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Puckett of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Randy M. Kinnamon of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Mary Puckett of Nachodoches, two grandchildren Todd and Christin Kinnamon of Irving and two aunts, Vera Oliver of Sunnyvale and Florene Snyder of Dallas.

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## *Ray E. Puckett*

Ray E. Puckett of Irving, died Thursday. He was 54.

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Ruth Purdin

# Woman's death reminder of hot tub dangers

The death of an Irving woman who drowned in a whirlpool bath at an Addison apartment complex this weekend reinforces the importance of observing safety precautions when using hot tubs, whirlpools and spas, industry officials say.

The body of Ruth Purdin, a 30-year-old mother of two, was discovered in the whirlpool at the Brookdale Apartments in Addison about 6:30 a.m. Sunday morning. According to friends, she had entered the tub alone about 2:30 a.m. after going to a party.

Following an autopsy, Mrs. Purdin's death was ruled an accidental drowning.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an average of 24 Americans have died in hot tub-related accidents every year since 1981. Another 1,547 were injured seriously enough last year to get into a hospital emergency room.

Injuries have included those caused by falls, burns, electrocution and near drowning, a CPSC spokeswoman said.

According to Allen Riedel, branch sales manager for Morgan Building Systems and Spas, consumers need to exercise common sense when using hot tubs.

"Like anything else, they can be dangerous if they're not used properly," he said.

Riedel said that spa dealers and managers of apartment complexes should also take responsibility by explaining safety precautions to consumers and posting warning signs near public hot tubs.

Safety guidelines recommended by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission include halting spa temperatures to a maximum of 104

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degrees and soaking time to 15 minutes, and not using them while alone or under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol was found as a contributing factor in about one-third of the spa-related deaths reported to the CPSC. Even a moderate amount of alcohol combined with the heat of the tub accelerates the drunkenness, which leads to drowning, the CPSC

warned in its report. High water temperatures can elevate body temperature and the temperature of internal organs beyond safe limits, and can result in nausea, dizziness and fainting, she added.

Pregnant women and people suffering from heart disease, diabetes, or high or low blood pressure should not use hot tubs without the approval of a physician, nor should infants, the agency said. It also warned people who

take anticoagulants, antihistamines or tranquilizers, the CPSC recommends.

Nearly one-fifth of those injured in spa-related incidents in 1983 were under five years of age.

According to Paula Gomez, supervisor of Irving's Neighborhood Integrity Program, the city does not regulate or inspect hot tubs, which are located in apartment complexes or other public places.

— SUSAN KRASNOW