

Fred D. Palmer

Fred D. Palmer, 74, of Irving died

Wednesday at Irving Community Hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home chapel, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

He was an Irving resident for 27 years, and was previously from Dallas and Greenville. He was a native of Jasper, Ala. He retired from LTV Corp. as a supervisor in 1974 after 30

years of service in both Greenville and Grand Prairie. The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 3088, Irving, Texas 75061.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Palmer of Irving; a son, Fred Palmer of Irving; a daughter, Gayle Rainbolt of Dallas; a sister, Gertrude Howard of California; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*8 Aug 1986
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Stephen F. Painter

Stephen F. Painter of Irving died Saturday. He was 32.

Mr. Painter was born Dec. 20, 1953, in Groom, Tex. He was a member of the South MacArthur Church of Christ and a little league baseball coach. He was employed as a diesel mechanic at Darr Equipment Co. in Irving.

Services are set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the South MacArthur Church of Christ Chapel with Art McNeese officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his father, Jessie Painter of Salt Lake City; his mother, Nell Painter of Irving; two sons, Joshua F. Painter and Justin D. Painter, both of Irving; two brothers, Billy Painter of Kilgore, Tex. and Larry Painter of California; one sister, Cheryl Painter of Irving;

and two sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Edwards of Arizona, and Mr. and Mrs. L.F. Painter of Groom.

25 Aug 1986
JDA P2

Ellen Mosley Parks

Ellen Mosley Parks, a former Irving resident, died Monday in a Fort Worth hospital. She was 68.

Services were scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Gause-Ware, Owens and Brumley Funeral Home chapel in Fort Worth. Burial will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Mount Pisgah in Pine Mills.

She lived in Irving for 30 years before moving to Fort Worth and was a Realtor.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Harris of Southlake; mother, Alma Mosley of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; and two nephews.

12 July 1986
JDN P2A

Helen C. Parks

Helen C. Parks died Thursday at a local hospital. She was 68.

~~A prayer service will be conducted~~ 7 p.m. Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home chapel. Funeral services will be Monday at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, near Muskogee Okla.

A native of Arkansas, she had been an Irving resident for the past 20 years. She retired in 1980 after 20 years with the Kroger Co. in Irving where she was an executive secretary. She also was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her brother-in-laws, Howell Parks of Houston and Warham Parks of Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Mrs. John Rafter of Oklahoma; friend, Martha Ashley of Irving.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

18 Apr 1986
I DN #2

Hairl Pasley

Hairl Pasley, 54, a longtime resident of Irving, died Wednesday while visiting near Jacksboro.

Pasley was a baker connected with Mrs. Baird's Bakeries. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Irving.

A funeral service was held Saturday at Hughes North Chapel in Dallas. The Rev. Neal Rogers officiated. Burial was at Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas.

Survivors are his wife, Alice Pasley of Irving; three sons, Hairl R. Pasley, Gaylon D. Pasley and Mitchell K. Pasley; two daughters, Alicia Stephens and Cynthia Dunaway; ten grandchildren; two brothers and two sisters.

8 June 1986
IDN P2

Ralph Payne

Ralph Payne, 69, of Irving died Tuesday at Irving Community Hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Oak View Baptist Church, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Burial will be at Madison Cemetery in Aurora County, Iowa.

He is survived by his wife, Eloise Payne of Irving; a son, Robert Payne of Flagstaff, Ariz.; two daughters, Janet Allen of Casegronde, Ariz., and Linda Sutton of Kaufman; two stepdaughters, Marjorie Hatcher of Dayton and Emilie Capott of Corkland, Ohio; two stepsons, James Murray of Vera, Calif., and Duane Murray of Arlington; a sister, Thelma Coberly of Inglewood, Colo. - 19 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1 Jan 1986
IN P2A

Martin Peace

Martin Peace, 68, of Irving died Friday.

Services were held Monday at Laurel Land Funeral Home in Dallas. Internment was in Woodville.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma Peace of Irving; two daughters, Deborah Nichols of Carrollton and Sherry Jones of Santa Fe, Texas.; one son, Martin Peace Jr. of Cleveland, Texas; and three grandchildren.

3 Sept 1986
IDN p2

Carl Pellegrini

Carl Pellegrini died Thursday at Irving Community Hospital. He was 73.

The rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m Friday at the Ben F. Brown chapel. Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Luke's Catholic Church with burial at Calvary Hill in Dallas.

He was born Sept. 22, 1912, in New Haven, Conn., and was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Cecilia Pellegrini of Irving; sons, Albert D. Pellegrini, Carl E. Pellogrini and Edward F. Pellegrini; daughters, Cecilia Gepp and Mary Ann Sullivan; brothers, Julius Pellegrini, Gene Pellegrini, Alfred Pellegrini, and Andrew Pellegrini; and 12 grandchildren.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society

*7 Feb 1986
IDW PJA*

H. Mae Pepin

H. Mae Pepin, 84, of Nebraska died Saturday in Nebraska.

A graveside service for the former Irving resident will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sowers Cemetery in Irving.

She is survived by her son, Joseph Pepin of Amarillo; two daughters, Dora Muson of Nebraska and Audrey Mote of Iowa; two brothers, Arthur McHone and Raymond McHone, both of Iowa; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

4 Mar 1986
IDN PJA

*Douglas Leslie
Perry Jr.*

Douglas Leslie Perry Jr., infant son of Douglas and Sandra Perry of Irving, died Tuesday at Irving Community Hospital.

Graveside services were 10 a.m. Thursday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. C.A. McBride officiating.

Survivors include sisters, Donna Louise Perry and Leslie Nicole Perry, both of Irving; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Perry of Irving and Iola Richson of Sherman; and great-

grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Perry of Krum and Mrs. Sally Rhodes of Sherman.

Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

16 Jan 1986
IN 82A

Rose L. Perry

Rose L. Perry, 77, of Grand Prairie died Saturday at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Services will be 1 p.m. Monday at the Ben F. Brown Chapel, with the Rev. Jerry Power officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include her son, Thomas Cox of Irving; three daughters, Estelle Redden of Dallas, Bobbie Hester of Grand Prairie, and Shirley Higgins of Irving; two brothers, H.W. Cato of Dennison and Les Cato of Avery; a sister, Elizabeth Sebik of San Antonio; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

*6 Apr 1986
JDN P2*

Catharine "Peggy" Petersen

Catharine "Peggy" Petersen, 82, of Juno Beach, Fla. died in Jupiter Hospital in Jupiter, Florida. She was a former Irving resident.

She was founder of the Irving Symphony. She was a retired real estate broker, a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and the Pan American Round Table.

She was born in Boston, Mass., and was a resident of Juno Beach for nine years.

She is survived by her brother, Oscar Moore of Madison, Conn.; and two nephews, the Rev. Peter C. Moore of Ontario, Canada, and Eric B. Moore, of Charlotte, N.C.

Arrangements were made by Aycock-Village Funeral Home in Jupiter.

There will be no funeral services. The body will be cremated with interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

*11 Dec 1986
JDP P2*

**Elizabeth "Beth"
Phillips**

Elizabeth "Beth" Phillips of Irving died Sunday at Irving Community Hospital. She was 73.

Arrangements are pending at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

17 Feb 1986
JDA P3A

Elizabeth Phillips

Elizabeth "Beth" Phillips of Irving died at a local hospital Sunday. She was 73.

Services were Tuesday at the Wildwood Chapel in Dallas, with the Rev. Truett L. Huffstutler officiating. Burial was at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

A native of Prosper, she had been an Irving resident for the past 23 years and was previously from Dallas. She was a member of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Dallas and the Altrusa Club in Irving. She retired in 1979 after serving for 15 years as the administrator of the Irving Christian Care Nursing Center.

Survivors include her husband, Jack V. Phillips Sr. of Irving; two sons, Jack V. Phillips Jr. of Irving and Hugh B. Phillips of Beaumont; two daughters, JoAnn Phillips Fain of Dallas and Mary Margaret Banning of Irving; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.

19 Feb 1986
I DN P2A

Jack V. Phillips Sr.

Jack V. Phillips, 82, of Irving died Saturday morning at his home. Arrangements pending Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

26 Oct 1986
IDN #2

Jack V. Phillips Sr.

Jack V. Phillips Sr. 82, of Irving, died Saturday at his home.

He is survived by sons; Jack V. Phillips Jr. of Irving, Hugh B. Phillips of Beaumont, daughters; JoAnn Phillips Fain of Dallas, Mary Margaret Banning of Irving; 18 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

An Irving resident for the past 24 years, previously from Dallas, he was a member of the Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Dallas. He was service manager for 44 years for Johnson Chevrolet in Dallas and retired in 1973. Phillips also was a member of the Metropolitan Masonic Lodge 1182 in Dallas.

Funeral Services were held today at 2 p.m. at Wildwood Chapel with the Rev. Truett Huffstutler officiating. Internment will be at Restland Cemetery in Dallas. Family request in lieu of usual rememberances, memorials be made to the Visiting Nurse Association of Texas, 8200 Brookriver Drive, Suite 200-N, Dallas Texas 75247.

Arrangements were made through Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

*27 Oct 1986
IDW p2*

James Piekert

James Piekert, 72, of Irving died Thursday at a local nursing home.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

21 Mar 1986
IDN P2

James Albert Peikert

James Albert Peikert of Irving.

died at his home Thursday. He was
72.

Services were 11 a.m. Saturday at ~~Bonnely's Colonial Funeral Home~~ chapel with Bishop Richard Brannock officiating. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. Union Grove Cemetery in Blossom, Texas.

He had been an Irving resident for the past 33 years and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Irving. He retired in 1976 from the LTV Corp. in Grand Prairie after 23 years with the company. He was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Peikert of Irving; son, Marlin D. Peikert of Irving; daughter, Barbara Dinger of Irving; two sisters, Joan Wages of Irving and Eucille Amaro of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Jim Power of Euless and Gerald Power of Oregon; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

23 Mar 1986
IDW P2

Mr. Foy E. Pierce

Foy Pierce died of natural causes
Sunday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral arrangements are pending
at Donnelly Colonial Funeral
Home.

15 Sept 1986
IDN P2

Foy E. Pierce

Foy E. Pierce of Irving died Sunday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He was 78.

Mr. Pierce was a 36-year resident of Irving. He was employed as a machinist for Conco Tool and Engineering Co. of Dallas for 16 years, and was a member of the VFW Post #2494 in Irving.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Dornelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothea Pierce of Irving; one son, Foy Duane Pierce of West Virginia; one daughter, Valerie Miley of Fritch, Texas; two brothers, Bruce Pierce of Fort Worth and Eugene Pierce of Everman, Texas; two sisters, Juanita Oxford of Springtown and Edith Castleman of Cleburne, and eight grandchildren.

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Margaret Pierce

Margaret Pierce of Augusta, Ga., died Sunday at her home.

Services and burial will be Tuesday in Augusta.

She was a native of Irving. She married Lt. Col. William (Bill) Pierce, also an Irving native, in 1939. ~~The~~ couple left the city during World War II and were stationed at several bases around the world.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a nephew, Frank Crossland of Irving and a niece, Ann Harper of San Antonio.

4 Aug 1986
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Everett Garland

Pittman

Everett Garland Pittman of Lancaster died Sunday. He was 85.

Services were 2 p.m. Tuesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home chapel, with burial following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

A retired truck driver, he was born in Alexander, Texas and had lived in Lancaster since 1978. He was a widower.

Survivors include his sons, Thomas Pittman of Lancaster and Curtis Pittman of Valiant, Okla.; a daughter, Wanda Edwards of Victoria; a brother, Bob Pittman of Irving; and five grandchildren.

7 Jan 1986
IN PBA

Robert Nelson Pittman

Robert Nelson Pittman of Irving died Tuesday at Irving Community Hospital. He was 80.

Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday at MacArthur Church of Christ with Art McNeese officiating. Burial will be at West End Cemetery in Stephenville, Texas.

He was a 34-year resident of Irving and was retired from Texas Commerce Bank.

Survivors include his wife, Ireta Pittman of Irving; sister-in-law, Opal Pittman of Bluffdale, Texas;

two nephews, Tom Pittman of Lancaster and Curtis Pittman of Velunt, Okla.; and one niece, Wanda Edwards, Victoria, Texas.

7 Aug 1986
IDN p2

Thomas Pittman

Thomas Pittman of Lancaster died Sunday. He was 85.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home chapel with burial following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

A retired truck driver, he was born in Alexander, Texas, and had lived in Lancaster since 1978. He was a widower.

Survivors include sons, Thomas Pittman of Lancaster and Curtis Pittman of Valiant, Okla.; a daughter, Wanda Edwards of Victoria, Texas; a brother, Bob Pittman of Irving, and five grandchildren.

6 Jan 1986
IN #2A

George Newton Powell

George Newton Powell, 46, of Quitman died Thursday in a Tyler Hospital after a brief illness.

The former Irving resident was born Dec. 12, 1939 in Weatherford.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Powell of Quitman; daughters, Pam Willis of Duncanville, Michelle Powell of Irving, Cheryl Powell of Quitman; one stepdaughter, Gina Pranzitelli of Quitman; his mother, Hazel Bailey of Weatherford; sisters, Cynthia Newby of Springtown, and Mary Jane Mangreen of Stephenville.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the White Funeral Home Chapel in Weatherford with the Rev. Murphy Phillips officiating.

24 Oct 1986
JDN pz

H.L. Powell

H.L. Powell, 84, died Saturday, Sept. 20 at Irving Community Hospital. He owned Powell's Meat Market for several years.

He donated his body to Southwest Medical School.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Powell of Irving.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society.

23 Sept 1986
IDW p2

Stolen headstone finally laid to rest

By RICK DILL
Daily News Staff

Lee Borah laid the headstone of his great aunt's son to rest Monday after it had traveled from Euleas to Irving and back again.

The headstone, from the grave of 1-year-old Stephen Lee Powell who died in 1877, was stolen from Bear Creek Cemetery in Euleas and taken to Irving, where police found it Dec. 27 on the side of State Highway 183.

Three weeks of searching by the Irving Police Department followed, and finally the Bear Creek Cemetery Association got wind of the IPD's efforts and the stone came home. It was placed back on its pedestal, amid the other parish members and descendants of the original Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church, which began in 1853 and gained the deed to the cemetery in 1876.

There are Crowleys, Farahs, Powells, Borahs and others buried in the cemetery, along with the graves of slaves, marked only by rocks. On one side of the cemetery is Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport property, on the other, Bear Creek Golf Course. The cemetery itself is off Minters Chapel Road in Euleas.

The Bear Creek Cemetery Associ-

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tion members are descendants of the first pioneers who rolled into this part of Texas in covered wagons, to live and die in the shadow of a would-be airport; the same Crowleys, Farahs, Powells and Borahs. The Association took the cemetery over in 1979 after the church moved to Irving.

Borah said vandals have been in the cemetery before, taking a couple of headstones two years ago and moving them to Hurst. At night D/FW Airport security is supposed to lock the gate leading to the cemetery.

"We've been lucky, don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining," Borah said. "We don't have the problems some places do."



Left to right, Bill House and Bill Rathbone with the Irving Police Department help Morris Taylor, vice president of the Bear Creek Cemetery Association, replace a stolen headstone.

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14 Jan 1989
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Stolen headstone found on highway

By RICK DILL
Daily News Staff

One of the most unlikely places to find a tombstone is on a bustling highway, but that's what an Irving police officer found Dec. 27 on State Highway 183.

A 108-year-old headstone from the grave of Stephen Lee Powell had the police baffled for almost three weeks after it was found undamaged on the south side of the road near the MacArthur Boulevard exit of S.H. 183.

There were no records of Powell in Irving, Dallas County, or Texas archives; the earliest records for the state only go back to 1903. Detention and Evidence Section Capt. Richard Ramsey and property room supervisor Bill House were scratching their heads.

The pair didn't know what to do with it, but they were determined not to throw it in the trash: "There is a human side to police, too," Ramsey said.

"This is a little different from what is normally considered police work," he said, "but this is important. We refuse to just take this lightly. You know, run a small ad in the newspaper and then take it to the dump. We can't trash it — we won't trash it. We'd rather keep it."

"Something like this is pretty important to the family," House said.

Help came last Friday in the form of Estelle Bates, an Irving resident who knows as much as anyone about the forgotten little

cemeteries surrounding Irving. In 1974, Estelle and her husband, O.D., tramped through and documented the occupants of 13 cemeteries in the Irving area, including the Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless where Powell originally was buried.

"Isn't it terrible that someone would go in there and take that tombstone?" Mrs. Bates said.

She told House exactly where Powell's headstone should be and how to get it back to Bear Creek Cemetery. The next problem was finding who was in charge of the cemetery.

The Bear Creek Cemetery rests on Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport property off Minters Chapel Road, next to Bear Creek Golf Course. It was originally adjacent to the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church, which began in 1863 and gained the deed to the cemetery in 1876.

The church has since moved three times and changed its name, and now is called the Western Heights Missionary Baptist Church and is located off Gateway Drive in Irving. The Rev. Clayton Northcutt at Western Hills is also an Irving Police Department chaplain.

In 1979 the Bear Creek Cemetery Association was formed to care for the land by Marylou Herndon of Mansfield, Texas. Everyone in the association has family buried at the cemetery, including Herndon whose great



RON BASELICE/Daily News

IPD property room supervisor Bill House looks over a 108-year-old headstone that was found on S.H. 183. It was stolen from Bear Creek Cemetery off Minters Chapel Road.

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aunt married one of Powell's relatives.

No one from the association had been to the cemetery in several weeks, and they didn't know the tombstone had been stolen. "People that do things like that, well, I just don't know," Herndon said.

She was glad to hear the headstone was coming home, but angry that somebody left the gate to the cemetery open so thieves could get inside. "It's on airport property, and they're supposed to close it at night," Herndon said employees from Bear Creek Golf Course are responsible for watching the cemetery during the day.

13 Jan 1986
IDN PIA
(11 Nov 1986)

Virginia Inez Power

Virginia Inez Power, 76, of Irving died Thursday.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ben F. Brown Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by a son, Robert H. Power of Irving, and seven grandchildren.

3 Jan 1986
IN P2A

Roy W. Pratt

~~Roy W. Pratt of Irving died~~
Wednesday at a local hospital. He
was 37.

Arrangements are pending with
Ben F. Brown Funeral Home.

24 July 1986
I.D.W. P2

Wayne Pratt

Wayne Pratt, 37, of Irving died Wednesday at Irving Community Hospital.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today at Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. C.M. Stearns, the Rev. Wayne Landora, and the Rev. Charles Loyd officiating. Burial was to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Pratt of Irving; a son, Leslie Wayne Pratt of Irving; a daughter, Stephanie Pratt of Irving; his father, Leroy Pratt of Nashville, Ark.; his mother, Lois Pratt of Irving; and two sisters, Jean Halliburton of Dallas and Nadene Sears of Irving.

25 July 1986
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Tom Prescott

Tom Prescott, 52, of Irving died Saturday at Irving Community Hospital.

Services were scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at the South MacArthur Church of Christ, with Art McNeese officiating. Burial will be Wednesday at the Halls Cemetery in Halls, Tenn.

Survivors include his wife, Cherie Prescott of Irving; a son, Jeffery T. Prescott of Mount Pleasant; two daughters, Jody Prescott of Irving and Deborah Hedges of Mount Pleasant; his mother, Annie Prescott of Halls, Tenn.; four brothers; seven sisters; and five grandchildren.

The family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

10 Mar 1986
IND N 82A

Hugh D. Pryor

Hugh D. Pryor of Irving died Tuesday at Irving Community Hospital. He was 74.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

2 Apr 1986
I DN P2

H.D. "Hugh" Pryor

H.D. "Hugh" Pryor of Irving died at Irving Community Hospital Tuesday at Irving Community Hospital. He was 74.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the chapel at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home with Dr. Kiley D. Young officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro.

He is survived by his wife, Nell Pryor of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Kathy Pryor of Irving; sister, Elsie Horn of Irving; five grandchildren.

He was a resident of Irving for 20 years, was previously of Dallas and a native of Hillsboro. He was retired in 1974 after 30 years as a draftsman supervisor with Mobile Oil Corp in Dallas. He was a member of the Baptist church.

3 Apr 1984
IDW PZ

M. Noraleen Quirin

~~Sister M. Noraleen Quirin, 76, of Irving died Friday. She was a teacher at Notre Dame School.~~

Services were Saturday at Notre Dame School, with the Rev. August Melito officiating. Burial was at Calvary Hill Cemetery.

She is survived by her brother Roland J. Quirin of Washington, D.C.

Memorials may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame Development Fund, 1451 E. Northgate Drive, Irving, Texas 75062.

9 Mar 1986
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