Marlene Virginia Babb

Infant Marlene Virginia Babb died Sunday in Euless.

Marlene was born Nov. 17, 1992, in Irving.

She is survived by her parents, Donald and Christina Babb of Irving; brother, Donald Wayne Babb of Irving; grandmother Barbara Babb of Irving; grandfather, Pete Michaels of San Diego; great-grandfather, Manuel Young of Irving; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were Wednesday in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, the Rev. Paul Cheatham officiated. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Ruth Bacak

Ruth Bacak, 61, of Irving died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Bacak was born Oct. 25, 1931 in Kansas City, Mo. She was the retired owner of The Stew Pot Restaurant and a member of First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Bacak of Irving; sons, Bobby Bacak, Roger Bacak and Cary Bacak, all of Irving; brother, Joe Blackburn of Missouri; sisters, No-mie Pettigrew of Missouri, Nina Wood of Irving, Bessie Brown of Arizona and Callie Moore of Kentuck; and grandchildren, DaRhonda Bacak and Michael Bacak.

Funeral services were Tuesday at First Assembly of God Church, with Dr. Edgar R. Anderson officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.
Ruth Bacak

Ruth Bacak, 63, of Irving died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Bacak was born Oct. 25, 1931 in Kansas City, Mo. She lived in Irving for 29 years. She was the retired owner of The Stew Pot Restaurant and a member of The First Assembly of God Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Bacak of Irving; sons, Bobby Bacak, Roger Bacak and Cary Bacak, all of Irving; brother, Joe Blackburn of Missouri; sisters, Normie Pettigrew of Missouri, Bessie Brown of Colorado, and Nina Wood and Callie Blackburn; and grandchildren, Darhonda Bacak and Michael Bacak.

Services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at The First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Dr. Edgar R. Anderson officiating. Burial is at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are being handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

25 Apr 93
IN P3
Kevin Reuss Bacon

Kevin Reuss Bacon, 37, of Irving, died Monday at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Bacon was born Oct. 12, 1956 in Houston. He was an electrician for two years with Gulf Coast Fan and Light of Irving and a square dance caller for the North Texas Callers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Cyndi Bacon; daughters, Amber and Robyn Bacon and father, Leo Bacon of Henderson.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel with Bishop Melvin Olson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Kevin Bacon Memorial Fund at any Nations Bank branch.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Fund-raisers started for survivors

Friends and relatives have set up bank funds to assist the Kevin Bacon family.

Bacon, a bystander killed by a stray bullet in the Irving Mall Monday, had no life insurance. He left a wife and two daughters, ages 4 and 2.

Donations can be delivered to any NationsBank branch or sent to:

- Kevin Bacon Memorial Fund
  NationsBank Park Cities
  5500 Preston Road
  Dallas, 75205
  Attention: Delores Benevits
  (559-6300)

- The Kevin Reuss Bacon Fund
  First Interstate Bank of Texas
  7098 Bissonet
  Houston, 77074

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tween two groups of teen-agers led one to fire a 9mm handgun at least three times, police said.

Bacon was hit in his right temple and collapsed onto the floor, while the two suspects, both Hispanic, fled through the south mall door closest to the food court. Bacon was transported to Parkland Memorial Hospital and pronounced dead shortly after.

Last seen driving a charcoal gray Chevrolet Camaro or Pontiac Firebird, police described one suspect as 16 to 18 years old, 5-feet 6-inches and weighing about 155 pounds. The other suspect is believed to be about the same age, 5-feet 1-inch and approximately 145 pounds.

Police were still trying Wednesday to piece together events leading to the shooting.

"From what we can tell, there was a group of at least two black males and they were on the escalator, which was inoperable," said IPD spokesman Sydney Gomez.

"The gunman and another man, both of whom were Hispanic, were headed the other direction on the escalator. An altercation started between the groups, sort of like them not getting out of each other's way."

Moments later, Bagley and Clark entered the food court, ordered food and sat down to eat, Gomez said. The two Hispanic males then approached their table, where one pulled back a jacket lapel to reveal a gun in his waistband while the second man grabbed it and fired at least three times, Gomez said.

Bagley was hit by a bullet in his thigh. He was treated at Parkland and released.

Police interviewed the two gunshot victims Thursday hoping to identify the assailants, but Clark and Bagley both contend they did not know their names or background and had not seen them prior to the shooting.

Some of the witnesses — of which there were about 40 — said the teen-agers exchanged "gang hand signals" before the shooting on the escalator. Neither of the shooting victims, however, is known as an active gang member, police said.

Police are not considering the shooting a gang-related incident until they can confirm other facts in the case, they said.

"In the final analysis we have to ask if they really were gang members," said Capt. Travis J. Hall. "One of the victims has indicated he was a gang member in the past."

Meanwhile, Hall and other police say, some questions about the mall's safety are bound to surface.

Iving police decided Tuesday to step up patrols at the center for the next 30 days. Assistant chief Tracy Bush said police met with mall management before they reached their decision.

"We assured the mall we would have an increased police presence there for at least the next 30 days," Bush said. "We plan to have further meetings with the mall personnel. We are trying to prepare for questions they may have and have information so the mall might offer trauma counseling if they decide they want to do that."

Still, Hall characterized the Monday shooting as "definitely out of the scope of the norm" for shopping centers. Mall settings — large crowds, bright lighting and enclosed areas — generally discourage criminal acts, he said. Local statistics bear out the statement: Although the Irving Mall has been the scene of shootings during the past few years, none has occurred inside.

"When people are in a very public place it actually diminishes the opportunity for violence," Hall said. "These two guys we are looking for did not plan to shoot anyone Monday night."

In addition, the presence of four mall security officers and two Irving police officers at the time of the shooting usually is enough to deter someone from committing such a violent crime, Hall said.

"Criminal opportunity diminishes to a certain degree in public places because of the presence of witnesses, security and the fact they are well-lit," Hall said.

Bacon is Irving's ninth homicide for the year.
Police continue search for mall gunmen

By REGINA STEFFEN
News Staff Writer

Irving police, still interviewing more than 40 witnesses to Monday's Irving Mall shooting, continued their search Wednesday for two men who fatally shot a bystander and injured two teen-agers during an argument.

Investigators have not released a detailed description of the men, both Hispanic, who killed Kevin Reuss Bacon, 37, of Irving and injured Richard Damon Clark, 18, and Christopher Deon Bagley, 19.

Police were trying to work off an incomplete description to the license tag of the assailants' getaway car.

Bagley was treated at Parkland Hospital for a bullet wound to his thigh and released Tuesday. Clark was still listed in serious condition Wednesday with a bullet wound to his abdomen.

Bacon, a ceiling fan installer, had just sat down with his wife, Cyndi, and their two young children to eat at the Food Court about 6 p.m. when a nearby argument be-

ome stores want more security

JOE PERKINS JR.
Staff Writer

In the wake of Monday's fatal shooting at Irving Mall, some store managers and mall patrons are calling for more security steps to be taken.

A disturbance between youths resulted in the shooting death of a 37-year-old man and wounding of others in the Food Court around 6 p.m. Kevin Reuss Bacon was shot in the head by a bullet and pronounced dead an hour later at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Richard Damon Clark, 18, and Christopher Deon Bagley, 19, were also injured in the shooting.

Tuesday, while police continued to investigate, mall stores and patrons tried to return to a normal routine. Most stores opened at their regular time, 10 a.m. Managers and workers in those stores still expressed shock over the events of the night before.

Maxine Breton, who works at Great Expectations hair cutters which fronts the Food Court, said she was standing in a shop full of people when she heard the shots and looked up to see, "people scat-
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ter like rats."
Breton said she has lived most of her life in Irving and graduated from MacArthur High School. She said she has worked in the mall for seven months and has heard stories about kids carrying guns and knives.

"They're just mall rats that hang out all the time up here," she said. But, Breton said, she thinks the mall security is doing the best job they can.

"Yeah, it's okay, but I mean, what are you going to do, put in metal detectors at the doors? It's getting to the point that you can't even go to the mall."

According to a statement from Danielle Baldwin, marketing director of Irving Mall Development Company, business has resumed to normal.

"Right now it is still under investigation and we are working with the Irving Police Department as closely as possible," she said. "We have had business as usual. We opened at 10 a.m. today and actually, our mall traffic is pretty strong."

"We have a wonderfully trained security staff. They were here yesterday as well as the Irving Police Department, which is the same representation we always have," Baldwin said. "We are fully staffed," she said, but Baldwin refused to specify how many security officers were on duty at the time, citing security reasons.

According to police, there were four mall security officers on duty at the time of the shooting, one uniformed Irving officer assigned to the mall, and an off-duty, plain clothes officer who was working security detail at Dillard's.

Dawn Webb of Irving, who was in the mall early Tuesday, waiting for the stores to open, says she doesn't necessarily think extra guards would help.

"No amount of security can stop crazy people," Webb said. "You're not even safe in your own home. Gangs and violence is increasing — it's everywhere."

Another store that fronts the Food Court is Barry's Jewelry. Store manager Jim Stephens said the mall definitely needs to "beef up its security."

Stephens said he was in the store at the time of the shooting and said he saw the scuffle, which was about 75 feet away.

"After the shots, I saw security move in," Stephens said. "There wasn't any immediate danger, so I just shut the gate. Whenever there is any kind of incident, we have a procedure we follow. We implemented everything, although I didn't feel there was any danger."

Stephens said his store had not had any serious crime incidents, with the exception of fraudulent credit cards. Monday's incident was the fifth shooting at the mall since 1990. Stephens said he thinks there should be more security, including Irving Police officers at the mall.

"I'd like to see more armed Irving Police, especially on weekends and when school's out," Stephens said.

Carroll Howard calls himself a "mall-walker" who has lived in Irving since 1968. He said he thinks security is good.

"I think it is," Howard said. "I have seen two or three people roaming the hallways all the time. Possibly, they could add to what they're doing."
Edward Marvin Baker

Edward Marvin Baker, 80, of Irving died Thursday at Zale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Baker was a native of Arkansas. He was a retired aircraft maintenance supervisor with Braniff Airlines in Dallas. He was a member of the Braniff Retirement Club and the Braniff Camping Club. He was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving.

Survivors include his daughter, Pamela Ann Havins of Irving; and grandchildren, Valerie Havins and Jonathan Havins, both of Irving.

Services were held Saturday at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel. The Rev. Phil Mercer and the Rev. Rodger Phillips officiated the service. Burial was at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

The family requests memorials be sent to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn St., Dallas, TX 75219.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Mary Louise Baker

Mary Louise Baker, 80, of Irving died Jan. 16 at a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. Baker was born May 10, 1912, in Irving and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star No. 777 and Python Sisters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewitt Baker; her son, Raymond Baker; and her brother, Raymond Claxton.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Melba Baker of Brownwood; brother and sister-in-law, Curtis and Genieva Claxton; sister and brother-in-law, Betty Jean and Joe Cirrocchi of California; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Phil Mercer officiating. Burial was at Sowers Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to the Heart-Lung Foundation.

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Waneta A. Baker

Waneta A. Baker, 75, of Irving died Jan. 14 at her home.

Mrs. Baker was born Oct. 8, 1917, in Hydro, Okla., and had lived in Irving for the past 19 years. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Johnnye W. Baker of Irving; daughter, Joni Baker of Mesquite; and several nephews and nieces.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Roselawn Cemetery east of Seagoville. Arrangements were handled by Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.
Martinez pleads guilty in shooting

By REGINA STEFFEN
News Staff Writer

Max Martinez, the 17-year-old arrested in the May shooting death of Jose Balderas Jr., entered a guilty plea Tuesday and waived his right to a jury trial and sentencing. Martinez also pled guilty to a charge of aggravated assault stemming from a Nov. 1 drive-by shooting on French Street.

He appeared for sentencing Wednesday morning in the courtroom of visiting Judge Gary Stephens in the 204th District Court. Dallas assistant district attorney

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Janet Wright Lusk said she was seeking the maximum sentence on both charges.

On the charge of aggravated assault, Lusk is asking for a 10-year prison sentence and a $10,000 fine. She is seeking 29 years or life imprisonment and a $10,000 fine for the murder charge.

Martinez fatally shot Balderas just after the final school bell rang at Nimitz High School on May 14. Balderas, 17, was walking down a hallway with his girlfriend when Martinez approached from behind and fired at least one shot into Balderas' head.

Martinez was arrested one block from the school in a car with two other Nimitz students.

Police recovered the weapon used in the shooting several hours later when a female classmate of Martinez's discovered he had hidden the gun in her backpack as he ran.

Witness statements given to police have disclosed that Martinez was angry with Balderas because Balderas made unfavorable remarks to Martinez's girlfriend.
Jose Balderas, Jr

Birth: May, 1975
Death: April, 1993

Note: He was taken in a violent way and I still think of him...he was a very nice person

Burial:
Oak Grove Memorial Gardens
Irving
Dallas County
Texas, USA

Created by: Cortney Dewhurst
Record added: Mar 03, 2003
Find A Grave Memorial# 7229748

May 14 The ninth grader was shot in the back of the head as he walked in the hallway with his girlfriend. Police arrested Max Martinez, 17. The presumed motive: Balderas had reportedly insulted Martinez’s girlfriend.
Judy K. Ballard

Judy K. Ballard, 53, of Irving died Friday at a Dallas hospital. Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Judy K. Ballard

Judy K. Ballard, 53, of Irving died Friday at a Dallas hospital.

Mrs. Ballard was born Nov. 24, 1939, in EttaMeta, Miss., and had lived in Irving for the past 21 years. She was assistant head nurse for 20 years in the neo-natal intensive care unit at Parkland Memorial Hospital and was a member of Oakview Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Ballard of Irving; sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Lisa Ballard of Duncanville and Ken and Kim Ballard of The Colony; daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jerry Pittman of Irving; mother, Ova Peacock of Clara, Miss., brothers, Eddie Peacock of Milpitas, Calif., and Art Peacock of Mexico; sisters, Linda Hogue of Purcell, Okla., Rita Turner of Odessa, Ann McFarland of Cleveland, Miss., Doris Chapman of Clara and Juanita Murray of Merigold, Miss.; and five grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

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

4 Feb 93

IN P3A
Barry D. Banks

Barry D. Banks, 29, of Lufkin died Wednesday at Memorial Medical Center in Lufkin.

Mr. Banks was born May 27, 1963, in Dallas and was a news anchor for KTRE Channel 9 in Lufkin for one year.

He is survived by his parents, Ken and Betty Banks of Irving; brother and sister-in-law, Rory and Jacquie Banks of Austin; grandmother, Bessie Savage of Frisco; and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.

Memorial services were Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

21 Mar 93
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Beverly Barnes died Wednesday of complications from cancer.

Ms. Barnes, a polio survivor, had lived at the Irving Living Center.

She is survived by her sister, Rosemary Isaac of Grand Prairie and eight other brothers and sisters.

A private funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Mesquite. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dallas Area Post-Polio Association, 906 Pebblebrook Drive, Allen, TX 75002.
“Belle” Mary Estabelle Bayne

“Belle” Mary Estabelle Bayne, 82, of Irving died Thursday at a Grand Prairie nursing home.

Mrs. Bayne was born April 14, 1910, in Iowa Park and had lived in Irving for the past 33 years. She was a homemaker who held memberships at the Irving Garden and Arts Center and Northgate Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son, Jay Don Bayne of Irving; sister, Earlene Harris of Irving; nephews, Jeffery Harris of Irving and Randall Hamner of Keller; and niece, Paula Riggs of Plano.

Services were Saturday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home chapel, with Doyle Foster Goodspeed officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Deborah E. Becker

Deborah E. Becker, 60, of Irving died Wednesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Becker was born Dec. 16, 1932, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a homemaker and member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Becker of Irving; sons, Calvin Becker of Louisiana and Teddy Becker of Irving; daughter, Doni Norton of Bedford; brother, Walker Conrad of Lewisville; and sister, Molly Vogel of Wisconsin.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, with Pastor Charles Hubbard officiating. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family suggests memorials to Texas Kidney Foundation in care of the Texas Department of Health in Austin.

14 Nov 1993
IN 23A
Lucille Behnke

Lucille Behnke, 81, of Irving died at Irving Living Center.
She was born Dec. 30, 1911, in Goshen, Ind.
Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Eleanor C. Belanger

Eleanor C. Belanger, 68, of Irving died Thursday at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Belanger, who was born June 27, 1925, in Grand Rapids, Mich., was a homemaker and member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving. She was president and co-founder of Newhearts Heart Transplant Family, a 10-year Girl Scout leader and a former crossing guard.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Belanger of Irving; daughters, Pamela Hinkel of Garland, Roxanne Salinas of St. Louis and Deborah Hankins of Abilene; brother, Robert DeMann of Grand Rapids, Mich; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Robert Degner officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials are requested to be made to the Newhearts Club, care of Pat Watters, 1320 Savannah Drive, Irving, TX 75062.

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Royal Wyvert Bell

Royal Wyvert Bell, 67, of Irving died Sunday at a Dallas hospital.

Mr. Bell was born May 14, 1925, in Irving and was a lifelong resident. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II and was chief land appraiser for the Army Corps of Engineers. He was a 1942 graduate of Irving High School and attended Syracuse University before graduating from Southern Methodist University. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Bell.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Bell of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Brigette and Scott Hinte of Corpus Christi; daughter-in-law, Suzanne Bell of Lewisville; brother, Dan Bell of DeSoto; sisters, Sue Brewer of Irving and Betty Bell of California; and four grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. Don George officiated. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

25 Feb 93
IN P3A
Jack Bench

Jack Bench, 70, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Bench was born Jan. 1, 1923 in Leonard. He retired from Kelly-Moore Paint in Dallas in 1974 after serving as district manager for 15 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served during World War II. He was also a member of Keystone Masonic Lodge No. 1143 and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

Survivors include his wife, Dorce Bench; daughter Kathy Barnett of Duncanville; son David Bench of Fort Worth; brothers George Bench of Arlington and Jerry Bench of Greenville; sister Doris Cummings of Arlington; father Homer Bench of Leonard; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.
Jo Bennett

Jo Bennett, 47, of Irving died Thursday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Bennett was born Dec. 21, 1945, in Montebello, Calif., and she worked for Commonwealth Land-/Title in Dallas for three years as a national closer. She was a member of Calvary Temple in Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Ty Bennett of Irving; sons, Rick William Bennett of Irving and Michael Robert Bennett of Aptos, Calif.; daughter, Valarie Grace Pitts of San Antonio; and granddaughter, Charlotte Grace Pitts of San Antonio.

Services were Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. J. Don George officiating.

The family requests that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 141274, Irving, TX 75014.

14 Feb 93
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Sarah Zelma Berry

Sarah Zelma Berry, 75, of Grand Prairie died Thursday at her residence.

Mrs. Berry was born April 12, 1918, in Abilene. She was a member of the East Irving Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Walter C. Berry Sr. of Grand Prairie; son and daughter-in-law, Walter C. and Gwen Berry Jr. of Helena, Mont; daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Millard A. Baxley Sr. of Irving; brother, A.J. Dill of Abilene; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington, with Bobby Holmes officiating. Burial will be at Moore Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.
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Alice R. Berndt

Alice R. Berndt, 86, of Irving died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Berndt was born Aug. 14, 1906, in Rice Lake, Wis., and had lived in Irving for nine years. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and was active in all church activities. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Berndt of Irving; sons, David Berndt of Lancaster, Pa., and Jeffrey Berndt of Irving; daughters, Carla Larsgaard of San Francisco and Sheila Mayo of Irving; sister, Agnes Erlander of Minnesota; 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Holy Family Catholic Church, with the Rev. Jerry Duesman officiating. Burial was at Calvary Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

7 Jan 73
IN 9A
Tilda Clay Best

Tilda Clay Best, 33, of Irving died Wednesday at R.H. Dedman Memorial Hospital in Farmers Branch.

Mrs. Best was a customer service representative for Paragon Cable in Irving and was a member of Faith Temple Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Patrick Best of Irving; daughters, Chrissy and Robyn Best; parents, Earnest and Nelda Clay of Irving; brother, Tommie Clay of Butler, N.Y.; sisters, Kathy Clay and Laurie Higgenbotham, both of Irving; three nieces and six nephews.

Services were Saturday at Faith Temple Baptist Church, with the Rev. Bob Uhls officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

30 May 93
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Velda Biggs

Velda Biggs, 85, of Irving died Saturday at her home.

Mrs. Biggs was born April 14, 1908, in Irving. She attended Calvary Temple Church and was employed with the City of Irving's Jaycee Park Center for the Arts.

She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Lura and Jay Stroud of Cedar Creek Lake and Doris and Arnold Vail of Irving; granddaughter, Judi Wright of Plano; and great-granddaughters, Amy and Mandi Wright, both of Plano.

Services were Tuesday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Billy Ferrell officiating. Interment was at Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas.
Thomas J. Black

Thomas J. Black, 59, of Irving died Friday at The Irving Hospital. Mr. Black worked for 15 years as a bookkeeper with DeLuxe Check Printers in Dallas before retiring in 1976. He was a member of the Baker Boulevard Church of Christ in Fort Worth.

He is survived by his wife, Lou Black of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Lanece and Mike Hayes of Norman, Okla.; daughter, Lauren Black of Irving; son, Timothy J. Black of Dallas; sister, Oleta Singleton of Sherman; and four grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel in Irving. Calvin White and Monroe Teague will officiate. Burial will be at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville.

Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Debbie Faye Blalock

Debbie Faye Blalock, 31, of Arlington died Wednesday in a Grand Prairie hospital.

Mrs. Blalock was born in Jacksonville, Fla. She was office manager for Carpenters & Mickrights Association.

She is survived by her father, Garry Brantley; stepchildren, Tommy Blalock, Pondya Blalock and Dawna Blalock; grandmother and grandfather; aunt, Barbara Crews; and mother and father-in-law, Lorene and Charles Thacker of Irving.

Graveside services were Saturday. Arrangements were handled by Moore Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens in Arlington.
Following is a clarification provided by Chism-Smith Funeral Home regarding an obituary published Sunday:

An obituary for Joe Gene Blassingame should have said that he was born in China Springs. He also is survived by his sons, Carter Eugene Colwick of Denton and Ted Crone of Irving; and brother, Colquett Carter Blassingame Jr. of Sanger.

25 Feb 93
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Joe Gene Blassingame

Joe Gene Blassingame, 59, of Irving died Thursday at a Dallas hospital.

Mr. Blassingame was born in China City and had lived in Irving for the past 40 years. He was an automotive mechanic and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1957.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Blassingame of Irving; sons, Joe Gene Coliquett Blassingame of Denton, Carter Eugene Blassingame of Denton and Ted Crum and Teddy Blassingame, both of Irving; daughters, Freda Gail Johnson and Tammy Blassingame, both of Irving; brothers, William Clifford Travis Blassingame of Aquilla and Tommy Carroll Blassingame of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister, Bobbie Laverne Marminio of Waco; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the chapel of Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

21 Feb 93
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Accident results in city’s ninth traffic death of ’93

By REGINA STEFFEN
News Staff Writer

A two-vehicle accident early Tuesday morning on Valley View Road just north of Carbon Road resulted in the city’s ninth traffic death this year.

David Earl Boddie, 30, of Irving was driving southbound in his 1979 Cutlass on Valley View Road at about sunrise when he collided with the rear end of a cement truck.

Boddie, who was on his way to his job at a local rental car agency when the accident occurred, was declared dead at the scene, police said.

The cement truck, driven by 58-year-old Leonard Coleman of Dallas, had just pulled out of a private drive and was proceeding south on Valley View at a low rate of speed when Boddie’s car approached and struck it, IPD spokeswoman Syd- ney Gomez said.

“He was not wearing a seatbelt,” she said. “He was only a few miles from work when the accident occurred.”

Investigators said that alcohol was not a factor, but that Boddie may have been driving over the speed limit.

Meanwhile, traffic investigators said this year’s fatality rate is far behind last year’s.

“Last year there were 17 accidents with 21 fatalities,” investigator Trey Whitworth said. “We’re way behind last year’s numbers.”

But with the holidays approaching, Whitworth is asking motorists to be alert and careful.
David W. Boedeker

David W. Boedeker, 39, of Irving died Saturday at The Irving Hospital.

Born Aug. 14, 1953, at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz., he was a computer operator and a member of the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Boedeker is survived by his mother, Doris Boedeker of Irving; brother, Charles M. Boedeker of Fayetteville, N.C.; nephews, Michael A. Boedeker of Greensboro, N.C., and Christopher T. Boedeker of Wilmington, N.C.; and aunt, Bettye LeMay of Dallas.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Phil Mercer officiating. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

25-Mar 93
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Laura J. Bohannon

Laura J. Bohannon, 79, of Grand Prairie died Friday at her home.

Mrs. Bohannon was born Nov. 30, 1913, in Texas City. She was a resident of Irving for 42 years before moving to Grand Prairie. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Irving.

She is survived by one son, John Marshall Bohannon of Grand Prairie; and one sister, Ann Gay of Irving.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Pastor Robert Degner officiating. Interment will be 4 p.m. at the Bethel Lutheran Cemetery in Avaco.

Local arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Matthew David Book
Matthew David Book, 19, of Irving died Friday. Arrangements are pending and are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Matt Book

Matt Book, 19, of Irving died Friday.

Mr. Book was born Jan. 1, 1974, in Johnstown, Pa., and was a senior at MacArthur High School. He was a porter at Westway Ford and was a member of Franklin Street United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his parents, Mike and Elaine Book of Irving; brother, Mike Book of Irving; grandparents, Michael and Dorothy Book of Irving and John Q. and Stella Adams Jr. of Pennsylvania; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. James Binnion officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

11 Feb 93

IN P3A
Elaine Book places dirt beneath a tree planted in memory of her son, Matt.

Ron Basilece/News-Register

MacArthur student's suicide leaves family grief-stricken after plans to plant a red无需明确的自然语言。
February. His suicide has had an impact not only on those who knew and loved him, but also on teenagers who only knew of him, and the tree-planting was part of a collective grieving process.

The idea came from Lee Park worker Maria Seppi, whose daughter was a friend of Book's when the two attended MacArthur.

Seppi said she was shocked and in a state of denial when she found out about Book's death. It was not until she came up with the idea of planting a tree in Book's memory that she was able to begin to tell even her daughter how deeply she was grieving.

"It is hard. We all lose something when we lose a youth," Seppi said. "He had such potential, but something went wrong."

Unfortunately, Seppi was sick the day of the tree planting and was unable to attend the ceremony that she wanted to put together.

Book died in his room at his home on Exeter Court after he shot himself in the head Feb. 3. Friends and family said they knew the 19-year-old Book had been having problems with his girlfriend and in danger of failing his classes due to excessive absences from school.

What people did not know, said Matt's mother, Elaine, is the magnitude and depth of his depression.

"I was completely shocked," said Mrs. Book, who attended Friday's ceremony along with her husband and son, Michael Jr. "I think the most shocking thing was that nobody knew that he was depressed enough to do something like this."

Even though Mrs. Book never met Seppi, she said she was deeply touched by the tree-planting.

"I think this is wonderful," Mrs. Book said. "When they told me about it, it really touched my heart to know that people wanted to do this in Matt's memory."

During fund-raising for the tree-planting, Seppi and others found the efforts acted as a catalyst to get people talking about Book's life and how his death has affected them.

"My daughter and I would not talk to one another about Matt," Seppi said before the tree-planting. "But, now, this is like it has made it OK for us to talk about our memories of Matt and the fun we had with him and how he made us laugh."

Seppi's daughter, Adriana, also thought the tree was a great idea.

"I lost touch with him when I went to college," Adriana Seppi said. "I hadn't seen him and I didn't know anything was wrong. I thought the tree-planting would be excellent."

Mrs. Book spoke openly about the problems her son had been having. She said the conflict between him and his girlfriend contributed to his falling grades. But she added that she does not blame his girlfriend in any way.

He was putting himself to keep his full-time job at Westway," Mrs. Book said. "And then he had gotten into some trouble last year. He and some of his friends were caught drinking and driving. He was contemplating that. He had just attended a MADD — Mothers Against Drunk Driving — seminar, and he had to do a two-day jail sentence before July.

All these things contributed to his feeling of desperation.

Mrs. Book said.

Seppi characterized Book's suicide as a moment of weakness.

"I'm lucky that my child got out of school OK," Seppi said. "Not because she is better than Matt, but because I am lucky. I worry about what happens to students in high school. Matt was feeling a lot of pressure from school, and he was very sensitive."

Seppi works with children of all ages at Lee Park Recreation Center, 2000 Pamela Drive, and is especially sensitive to the need of teenagers.

"That is the hardest age for kids," Seppi said. "Since Matt's death, my tolerance has grown for them and their needs."

Book's death, Seppi said, has given teenagers, even those who did not know him, a sense of their own mortality. No longer do they believe that "things like this happen to people who are not like them, she said.

Mrs. Book hopes something positive comes from her son's death. Like Seppi, Mrs. Book feels as if teenagers often do not recognize their own self-worth. She said that what is seen by an adult as a small problem is viewed by a teenager as an overwhelming one.

"If there is any advice that can be given to the friends of Matthew, it's that there's always hope and they should try to find somebody to talk to and not give up hope and let anybody who can help you," Mrs. Book said.

Book's older brother, Michael, stressed the importance of maintaining a positive outlook, even in the face of crisis.

"Things will always get better," Michael said.

Out of her tragedy, Mrs. Book also said there is a message to other parents.

"The one thing is that everybody is human and there's no school to go to learn to be the perfect parent," Mrs. Book said. "I guess parents just have to try to communicate more with their children. It's important to take what their child says seriously and realize that what might seem like a small problem to them might seem like a major problem to their children."
Hamlet C. Booker

Hamlet C. Booker, 76, of Tyler died Thursday.

Mr. Booker is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mae Nell Booker of Tyler; sons and daughters-in-law, John Edward and Cindy Booker of Tyler and Tommy Lee and Deborah Booker of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Richard Walker of Bayou Vista; daughter, Linda Lou Lively of Athens; brother, Earl Rae Booker of Waco; sister, Della Little of Waco; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Marvin United Methodist Church in Tyler. Services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Restland Abbey Chapel in Dallas, with the Rev. Carroll Copeland officiating.

Entombment will be at Restland Memorial Park.
Donald A. Borini

Donald A. Borini, 76, of Irving died Sunday at The Irving Hospital. Mr. Borini was born April 14, 1917, in Omaha, Neb. He was a mechanical engineering foreman and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and Korea.

He is survived by his wife, Lee Marc Borini of Irving; and his daughter and son-in-law, Dona Lee and Allan Halfar of St. Louis, Mo.

Services will be in St. Louis, Mo., with burial at Jefferson Barricks National Cemetery in St. Louis. Local arrangements were with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Curtis Jay Boston

Curtis Jay Boston, 35, of Irving died Sunday in Lewisville.

Mr. Boston was born April 15, 1958, in Glendale, Calif. He was employed as a mechanic with Hondew Shop, Inc. in Lewisville.

He is survived by his parents, Gordon and Shirley Turner of Irving; and sisters, Sally Ann Hamby of Irving, Debbie West of Denison and Kay Myer of Arizona.

A memorial service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cornerstone Church in Irving. Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

16 Sep 1993
IN 13 A
Ricardo Botello

Ricardo Botello, 29, of Arlington died Saturday.

Mr. Botello was born in Laredo and was a resident of Arlington for five years. He was a backhoe operator for the city of Irving and a member of the Catholic church.

Mr. Botello is survived by his wife, Rex Anna Pina; daughter, Rachel Marie Botello; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Botello of Grand Prairie; brothers, Robert Botello of Louisiana and David Botello of Arlington; sisters, Dianna Torres and Teresa Botello both of Fort Worth; and grandmother, Alice Collins of Valiant, Okla.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Brown's Memorial Chapel in Irving. The Rev. Tullious officiated. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

25 Mar 93
IN P3A
Virginia Rose Loder Bowen

Virginia Rose Loder Bowen, 87, of Irving died Wednesday at RHD Memorial Hospital in Farmers Branch.

Mrs. Brown was born Sept. 7, 1905, in Philadelphia, Penn.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, William and Marlene Heisroth of Irving; sister, Alma Husted of Fairton, N.J.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Bowen.

Services were Friday at Dalton & Son Chapel in Lewisville, with the Rev. Tommy Lander officiating. Interment was at Flower Mound Cemetery under the direction of Dalton & Son Funeral Home of Lewisville.

15 Aug 1993
IN P A
**Ira Leslie Bowles Jr.**

Ira Leslie Bowles, 80, of Trophy Club died Sunday at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford.

Mr. Bowles was born Dec. 20, 1912, in Carrollton, Mo. He was previously employed as a pharmacist in Ketchikan, Alaska. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Ketchikan, Alaska, and Rotary International.

He is survived by his sons, Les Bowles of Trophy Club and Matthew Bowles of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter, Teresa Bowles of Phoenix, Ariz.; brother, Louis Bowles of Carrollton, Mo.; sister, Mrs. Charles Laitner of Carrollton, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

No formal services have been planned. Arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Cards of remembrance may be sent to the funeral home.

9 Dec 1993

IN P3A
Obituaries

Catherine M. Boyd

Catherine M. Boyd, 73, of Irving died Friday.

Mrs. Boyd was born May 10, 1919, in Birnamwood, Wis., and was a registered nurse.

She is survived by her husband, H. Taylor Boyd of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Rod and Nancy Boyd of North Richland Hills; daughters, Dawn Tallant and Robin Boyd, both of Irving; brother, Charles Jewson of Southern Pines, N.C.; sister, Jane Knapp of Milwaukee; and granddaughter, Tiffany Tallant of Irving.

Services were Saturday at Restland Abbey Chapel.

28 Feb 93
IN p3A
Maggie Lou Boyer

Maggie Lou Boyer, 76, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Boyer was born July 10, 1917, in Grayson County. She was a homemaker and a member of Westwood Park Baptist Church. She was a resident of Irving for 45 years.

Mrs. Boyer is survived by her husband, Clarence M. Boyer of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Boyer of Irving; grandchildren, Beth Menking, Beverly Boyer, Brigette Boyer and Angie Garrett; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Joyce officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

9 Sept 1993
IN 13A
Zachary Phillip “Jack” Boykin

Zachary Phillip “Jack” Boykin, 76, of Irving died Sunday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Boykin was born April 9, 1917 in Lovington, N.M. He was a member of Northview Baptist Church and retired from Plains Co-op Oil Mill.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Boykin; son and daughter-in-law, Phil and Lena Boykin of Mesquite; sons, Larry Dane Boykin of Irving and Michael Lloyd Boykin of Irving; sisters, Annie Collins of Joshua, Ruby Bagley of Joshua, Francis McMillan of Vernon; grandchildren, Charlene Low, Melissa Theel, Theresa Voss, Larry Dane Boykin Jr., and Mike Boykin; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at Northview Baptist Church with the Rev. Bennie Anderson and the Rev. W.L. Bryant officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

30 Dec 1993

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Clarification

Following is a clarification provided by Chism-Smith Funeral Home regarding an obituary published Sunday.

An obituary for Clemist Junior Bradford of Lindale listed the wrong name for Mr. Bradford’s surviving daughter, Melissa Ann Bradford of Irving.

22 July 1993

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M.E. Bradford

M.E. Bradford, 58, of Irving died Wednesday.

Mr. Bradford was born May 8, 1934, in Fort Worth and had lived in Irving for the past 26 years. He was a professor in the department of English at the University of Dallas in Irving and was the author of several books and numerous articles. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Oklahoma and his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University.

He was a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Fort Worth Independent School District. He was past historian-in-chief of the SCV and was a former member of the Board of Foreign Scholarships. He held memberships in the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Military Order of Stars and Bars, the Philadelphia Society, the Landrum Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the Society for the Study of Southern Literature and the Study of Southwestern Literature.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Bradford of Irving; son, Douglas Bradford of Irving; mother, Ruby Bradford of Arkansas; and sister, Rosemary Grant of Missouri.

Services were Saturday at Mount Olivet Chapel. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the University of Dallas Scholarship Fund in Irving.

7 Mar 93
FN P3A
Billie Wells Bradley

Billie Wells Bradley, 58, of Grand Prairie, formerly of Irving, died Saturday at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Bradley was born April 21, 1935, in Manitou, Okla. She was the retired owner of Bradley Sand and Gravel Co. She had been a resident of Irving for 28 years and later of Grand Prairie for 11 years.

She is survived by brothers, Charley Anderson Wells of Carrollton, Alvie J. Buck Wells of Grand Prairie, Leonard E. Wells of Lindale and Larry Wells of Dallas; sister, Louise Henderson of Burleson; and granddaughter, Kimberly Bradley of Irving.

Funeral services were Monday at Brown's Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Hubert Moss officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Henry W. “Shine” Bramlett

Henry W. “Shine” Bramlett, 72, of Irving died Thursday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Bramlett was born Feb. 15, 1921, and was a parts manager with Shaw Equipment Co. for 25 years. He was a deacon and member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church for 45 years and was a member of Bluff Dale Masonic Lodge for 50 years.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Bramlett of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Cindy Bramlett of Grand Prairie; brothers, Haskell Bramlett of Fort Worth and Earl Bramlett of Stephenville; sisters, Ara Kelley and Lou Knight, both of Tolar; and two grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, with the Revs. Ken Branam and Floyd Newberry officiating. Burial was at Glenn Cemetery in Bluff Dale. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Plymouth Park

Baptist Church 1714 N. Story Road, Irving, TX 75061, or the American Cancer Society at P.O. Box 141274, Irving, TX 75014.

28 Feb 93
IN 23A
Robert J. Bransford

Robert J. Bransford, 72, of Irving died Friday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Bransford grew up in Hillsboro. He served in The Army Signal Corps during World War II. He was active in land development, home building and real estate in Abilene, Irving and the entire Dallas Metroplex. He served as president of the home builders associations of Abilene and Irving.

He is survived by his wife, Nelle; daughters and sons-in-law, Ann and Jim Mammen of Irving and Becca and Greg Boone of Eunice; brother, Joe W. Bransford of Portales, N.M.; grandson, Hunter Mammen; and several nieces and nephews.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. The Rev. John Meador will officiate. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Life Style Ministries, P.O. Box 153087, Irving, TX 75015.

Arrangements were handled by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Mary C. Brewer

Mary C. Brewer, 70, of Lewisville, formerly of Irving, died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

She was born Feb. 28, 1923, in Rockwall. She retired as a teacher in 1992 after 31 years with the Irving Independent School District. She was a 1952 graduate of Texas Tech University and a 1977 graduate of Texas Women's University, where she earned a masters degree. She served in the U.S. Women's Army Corps. She was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Lewisville.

She is survived by her son, William C. Brewer III of Denton; daughters, Sandy Cocek of Dallas, Barbara Whatley of Flower Mound, Debby Anderson of McKinney, Carla Jacobs of Novato, Calif., and Kim Perruccio of Middletown, Conn.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Kenny Jacobs officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 6440 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 260, Dallas, TX 75231.
Manuel G. Briones

Manuel G. Briones, 78, of Mesquite and formerly of Irving died Friday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Briones was born Feb. 17, 1915, in the Philippines and had lived in Irving for five years. He was a retired major for the Bacolod City Police Department in Bacolod, Phillipines. He was president of the Retired Police Association and the Barnio Council in the Phillipines. He was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Irving.

He is survived by his wife, Remedios Briones of Mesquite; daughter, Charito Nash of Mesquite; brothers, Roberto Briones, Leonardo Briones and Leoncio Briones, all of the Phillipines; sisters, Leticia Beatrizola, Amparo Pedroso and Salvacion Sedonio, all of the Phillipines; and two grandchildren.

A rosary will be at 7 p.m. today at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, the Rev. John Fowler officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

7 Mar 93
IN 33A
Frances E. Britain

Frances E. Britain of Garden Grove, Calif., died Sunday.

She is survived by her brother, Dave Britain of Irving; sisters, Mary Erickson of Irving and Dorothy Stafford of Abilene; and granddaughter, Cindy Cole of Santa Ana, Calif.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
George Harold Broadley

George Harold Broadley, 92, of Irving died Monday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Broadley was born Jan. 6, 1900, in Salem, Mass., and had lived in Irving for three years. He previously lived in Mexico for 15 years. He was a retired school-teacher and a graduate of Dartmouth University. He attended Irving North Christian Church.

He is survived by his niece, Barbara Bienhocker of Bellmount, Mass., and another niece.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Irving North Christian Church, 2901 N. MacArthur Blvd.

Memorials may be made to Irving North Christian Church.
Ben Starling Brooks

Retired Navy Lt. j.g. Ben Starling Brooks, 69, of Waco died Monday at a Waco hospital.

Mr. Brooks was a longtime resident of Ardmore, Okla., and was self-employed with Petroleum Landman.

He is survived by his daughters, Claudia Brooks Chappell of Ardmore and Rebecca Brooks Brawley of Oklahoma City; son, William Ben Brooks of New York City; sister, Mary Claude Gay of Denton; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were Thursday at Flower Mound Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Calvary Funeral Home in Irving.

28 Feb 93
IN p3A
John P. Brothers

John P. Brothers, 71, of Gun Barrell City died Tuesday.

Mr. Brothers was born Aug. 18, 1921, in Strann. He was employed as a salesman.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Brothers of Gun Barrell City; sons, John Ed Brothers of Stephenville and Robert W. Brothers of Houston; daughters, Paula Fuentes of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Priscilla Wyman of Celina; sisters, Erma Lee Hardman of Fort Worth and Nina Astrab of San Diego, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Restland Wildwood Chapel in Dallas. Interment will be at Restland Memorial Park.
Kathleen Hayes Brown

Kathleen Hayes Brown, 73, of Irving died Tuesday at her home.

Born in Nashville, Tenn., on Jan. 19, 1919, she was a resident of Irving for 25 years. She was a housewife.

She is survived by her husband, E.F. Brown of Irving; daughters, Judy Mitchell and Patricia Mitch- ell of Balch Springs and Avis Brown of Irving; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Local arrangements were made by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

7 Jan 93
IN PHA
Obituaries

Louise Carroll Brown

Louise Carroll Brown, 71, of Irving died Sunday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Brown was born March 25, 1921, in Concord, Va., and was a resident of Irving for 33 years. She was employed with the U.S. Postal Service in Irving and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, John F. Brown of Irving; stepson, Michael Brown of Tulsa, Okla.; stepdaughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Brown of Florida; brother, Jack Carroll of Virginia; sister, Annie Ruth Rucker of Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Phil Mercer and the Rev. Chris Allen officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Vera Dean Brulte

Vera Dean Brulte, 66, of Irving died Sunday at her home.

Mrs. Brulte was born Oct. 1, 1927, in Red River County, Ark. She had been an Irving resident since 1971. She was retired from Taylor Publishing.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Brulte of Irving; brothers, Herman Wayne Fox of Arkansas and James L. Fox of Lemon Grove, Calif.; and sisters, Doris Carver of Texas and Virginia Nelson of DeQueen, Ark.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Marvin Cemetery in Foreman, Ark. Local arrangements were under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Edward Junior Bucher

Edward Junior Bucher, 65, of Irving died Thursday at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Bucher was born in Dallas on May 25, 1929. He was a truck driver and had been an Irving resident for 20 years.

He is survived by sons Edward L. Bucher of Fort Worth and Terry Lynn Bucher of Dallas; brothers Joe Bucher and Dale Bucher, both of Irving; a sister, Dollie Stanfield of Irving; and grandchildren Christopher Brooks Bucher and James Michael Bucher.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. James Hodgson will officiate. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

28 Mar 93

IN P3A
June Flora Bucher

June Flora Bucher, 79, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Bucher was born March 14, 1914, in McKinney. She was a homemaker and a long-time Irving resident.

She is survived by her husband, Joe Bucher of Irving; son, Ken Bucher of Irving; daughter, Barbara Lonon of Bedford; brother, Ray Baker of Dallas; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Brown's Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Ed Sample officiating. Interment will be at 1:15 p.m. at Laurel Land Cemetery.

23 Sept 1993
IN P31
Sidney V. Bucher

Sidney V. Bucher, 74, of Pittsburg died Thursday in Pittsburg.

Mr. Bucher was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Athens and was a former resident of Irving. He was a painter.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Bucher of Pittsburg; daughter, Louise Lacy of Pittsburg; brothers, Joe Bucher, Dale Bucher and E.J. Bucher, all of Irving; sister, Dollie Stanfield of Irving; and one grandchild.

Services were Saturday at Erman Smith Funeral Home. Burial was at Pittsburg Cemetery.
Funeral Home and served as corporate president and funeral director in charge.

Mr. Burge also was director of the Rock Creek Barbeque and a member of the American Legion Sam Pike Post No. 184 and VFW Post No. 8561. Mr. Burge was a member of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church and had served on many church-appointed boards.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Burge of Grand Prairie; son, Q.D. "Duke" Burge Jr.; daughter, Lisa Lopez of Grand Prairie; stepsons, Jerry and Jeff Herring, both of Grand Prairie; stepdaughter, Susan Caylor of Grand Prairie; sisters, Leona Boyd and Gertrude Goforth, both of Vinita, and Opal Brown of Chelsea, Okla.; four grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, with the Revs. Ernest Duncan and Jerry Poteet officiating. The Rev. Charles Hough will officiate burial services at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie.

Arrangements were handled by Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home.
William Harold Burkett

William Harold Burkett, 69, of Irving died Monday at his home.

Mr. Burkett was born on April 27, 1923, in Seattle and had lived in Irving for the last 41 years. He was a travel writer and photo journalist for numerous newspapers and magazines. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Nell Burkett.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Stephana Burkett of Prosper; daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Dr. Hugh Wilson Jr. of Hale Center, Diane and Darwin Parker of Plano and Barbara and Warren McKenzie of Vancouver, British Columbia; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church. The Rev. John Meador officiated. Burial was in Altoga Cemetery in Altoga. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home in Irving.

31 Jan 73
IN p8B
**Ellen Christine Burnette**

Ellen Christine Burnette, newborn, died Friday at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas.
She was born Aug. 12, 1993, in Irving.

She is survived by her parents, Kevin and Kathy Burnette of Irving; sister, Julie Ann Carl of Irving; grandparents, Don and Donna Morriss of Irving and George Burnette of Weatherford; great-grandparents, M. and M. Arnold Dowma of St. Joseph, Mo., and Goldie Morriss of St. Joseph, Mo.; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Loydellen Burnette.

Services were held Monday at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Jim Davis and the Rev. Wib Christy officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be made to Children’s Medical Center I.C.U. Department; or to Irving Healthcare Labor and Delivery Department.
Gerald Wayne Burns

Gerald Wayne Burns, 22, of Bedford died Wednesday in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Burns was born in Redwood City, Calif., on April 16, 1971.

Survivors include his mother, Sharon L. Burns of Bedford; sister, Stacie Burns of Euless; and grandparents, Jo and Elmer Baskett of Irving and Frances and Cecil Burns of LaMarque.

The family received visitors Friday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home in Irving. Formal services are pending.

27 June 93
IN 03A
Ada Beatrice Burt, 97, of Irving died Friday at her home.

Church services will be held in Manchester, Iowa. Interment will be at Oakland Cemetery in Iowa.

Local arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Delphone Bush

Delphone Bush, 79, of Tulsa, Okla., died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Bush was born Dec. 7, 1913.

Funeral services were with Fon Funeral Home in Cassville, Mo. Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Thomas Butler Sr.

Thomas Butler Sr., 68, of Irving died July 22 in Dallas.

Mr. Butler was born Oct. 14, 1924, in Vickery.

He is survived by his wife, Pearlie Stepter of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas B. and Deborah Stepter Jr. of Grapevine; son, Michael E. Stepter of the U.S. Marines; daughter, Shanon Dawn Stepter of Irving; grandchildren, Thomas Stepter III of the U.S. Navy, Courtney Brewster of Florida, Kinkade Stepter of Irving and Tara Stepter of Grapevine; sisters, Mildred Jones of Irving, Betty Reese of Mesquite and Virginia Colvin of Irving; brother, Jimmy Stepter of Dallas; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at Rhoton Funeral Home Chapel in Carrollton, with the Rev. Joe Eaton officiating. Burial was at Restland Memorial Park.

8/9 July 1993

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