

Guy Adolfus Jackson

Guy Adolfus Jackson, 75, of Roanoke died Friday at Baylor Medical Center in Grapevine.

Born April 17, 1918, in Senath, Mo., Mr. Jackson was a pharmacist for Big State Drug and Village Drug Store, both in Irving. He was a member of the Light and Life Methodist Church in Lewisville.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Leach Jackson of Roa-

noke; son, James Arthur Jackson of Bedford; daughters, Dianne Byrd Jackson of Beaumont and Winnie Sue Jackson Houwen of Flower Mound; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home, with the Revs. Winnie Jackson Houwen and Lloyd Vance officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Mary Ellen Jackson

Mary Ellen Jackson, 53, of Irving died Sunday at her home from complications of Emphysema.

Ms. Jackson was born Oct. 4, 1939, and she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Better Breathing Club of Dallas.

Her body was donated to Southwestern Medical School.

She is survived by her daughters, Melody Jackson of Irving and Rhapsody Georgakoploulos of Hydro, Greece; son-in-law, Andres Georgakoploulos; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Christ Temple Church, 310 S. Story Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the American Lung Association.

11 Feb 93

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Wilma Jackson

Wilma Jackson, 70, formerly of Irving died Friday in an Athens hospital.

Mrs. Jackson was born June 21,

1923, in Snyder. A former resident of Irving, she lived in the Cedar Creek Lake area for 17 years. She was retired from Canine Coiffures by Wilma of Irving. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, M.C. Jackson of Gun Barrel City; sons, Marcus Jackson of Hilton Head, N.C., and James Jackson and Steve Jackson, both of Irving; daughters, Chole Harmon and Ruth Watkins, both of Center Point; and sisters, Ruth Taylor of Kerrville, Betty Pickett of Buffalo Gap and Connie Woerner of Dallas. Other survivors include 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday in the Eubank Memorial Chapel in Mabank, with the Rev. Steve Glosup officiating. Burial was at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Van Zandt County.

Arrangements were under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home of Mabank.

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***Dennis LaVaughn
Jenkins***

**Services are pending for Dennis
LaVaughn, 22, at Chism-Smith Fu-
neral Home.**

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Dennis LaVaughn Jenkins

Dennis LaVaughn Jenkins, 22, died Tuesday in Irving.

Born in Monroe, La., he had lived in Irving most of his life. He was a construction worker.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by his father and stepmother, Dennis and Deana Jenkins of Irving; mother, Elizabeth Diana "Anna" Ball of Monroe, La.; sisters, Dianna Lee of Hurst and Kara Alyssa Jenkins of Irving; brother, Lyndon Wayne Jenkins of Irving; grandparents, LaVaughn and Tessie Robinson of Bastrop, La., Ed and Nellie Graham of Irving and Elmer and Edna Jenkins of Bastrop, La.; and nephew, Aaron Jacob Lee of Hurst.

Services were Thursday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were made by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Danny Lynn Jennings

Danny Lynn Jennings, 29, of Rendon died Thursday in Abbott.

Mr. Jennings was born Jan. 23, 1963, in Grand Prairie and lived most of his life in the Irving/Grand Prairie area. He was a tower worker for Doty and Moore Tower service of Cedar Hill. He was a member of Southridge Baptist Temple in Mansfield.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Rene Jennings of Rendon; sons, Mark Anthony Jennings and Joseph Alec Jennings, both of Rendon; daughters, Candice Lace Jennings and Amber Lynn Jennings, both of Rendon; mother, Betty Bentley of Irving; father and stepmother, Frank and Marie Jennings of Grand Saline; brothers, Billy Frank Jennings of Grand Saline and David Charles Jennings of Irving; sisters, Chasity Ann Ezell of Irving and Sabrina Marie Jennings of Arlington; grandparents, E.F. and Zonia Moore of Grand Saline; and numerous other relatives.

Services were Sunday at Bartley Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Charles O'Neal officiating. Burial was at Woodside Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Bartley Funeral Home of Grand Saline.

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Bobby Jessup

Bobby Jessup, a long-time Irving resident, died. Arrangements are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

15 July 1993
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Bobby Wayne Jessup

Bobby Wayne Jessup, 55, of Irving died Tuesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Jessup was born March 13, 1938, in Nocono. He was employed with Economy Volkswagen and had been an Irving resident for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jessup; sons, Tommy and Michael of Mississippi; daughters, Katherine Murphy of Irving and Karen Jessup of Mesquite; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jerry Power officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

*18 July 1993
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Billy Lynn Johnson

Billy Lynn Johnson, 58, of Irving died Wednesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Johnson was born May 18, 1934, in Ellis County and had lived in Irving for the past 30 years. He was a cashier in the water department for the city of Irving.

He is survived by his daughter, Jan Fell of Grand Prairie; brother, William Ralph Johnson of Atlanta; two grandchildren; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were Saturday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

17 Jan 93
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Clyde Lee Johnson

Clyde Lee Johnson, 86, died Wednesday at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 5, 1906, in Parker County.

He is survived by his son, Harold Lee Johnson of Red Oak; daughters, Thelma McRae of Irving, Helen Marie Kirk of Farmers Branch and Kathryn Ann Borders of Lake Whitney; brothers, Charley Johnson of California and Howard Johnson of Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Laurel Land Cemetery, with the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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*Donald Harlon
Johnson*

Donald Harlon Johnson, 64, of San Pedro, Calif., died Wednesday at Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 3, 1928, in Long Beach, Calif.

Local arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Gayl E. Johnson

Gayl E. Johnson, 78, of Irving died Wednesday at his home.

Mr. Johnson was born June 2, 1914, in Norwood, Mo., and had lived in Irving for the past two years. He previously lived in Stockton, Calif., where he was a driver for Stockton Hay and Grain. He held memberships in the Moose Lodge in Oregon and the Teamsters AFL and CIO.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Iva Johnson, in 1985, and son,

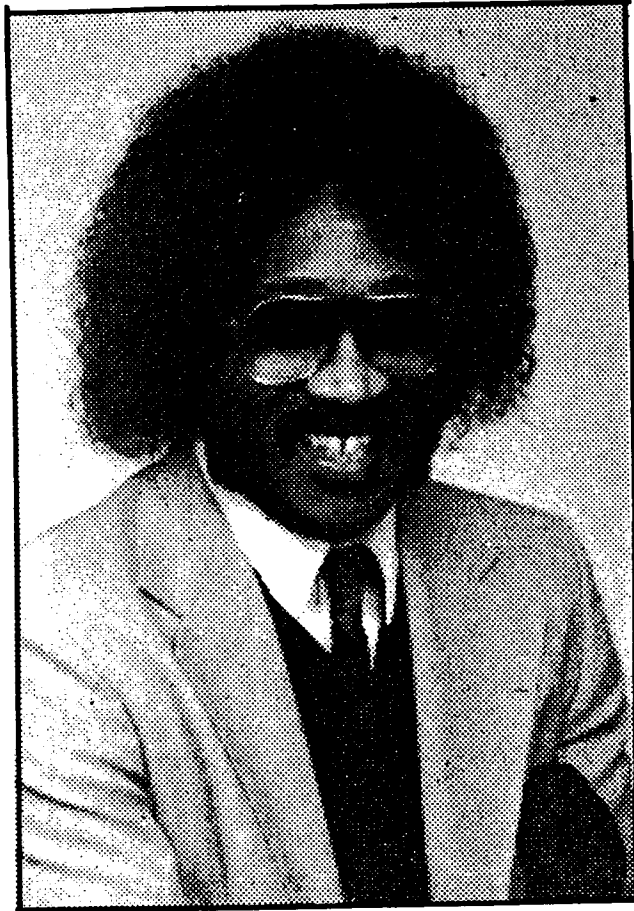
Garry Johnson, in 1980.

He is survived by his sons, Larry Johnson of Kentucky, Don Johnson of Denver and Al Johnson of Oakridge, Ore.; daughters, Darlene Matthews and Glenda Argenbright, both of Irving, Gail Daniece Clark of Fort Worth and Debby Winn of Irving; brother, Rex Johnson of Stockton; sister, Clara Macklin of Stockton; 23 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Sean O'Connor officiating. Burial was at Cherokee Memorial Park in Lodi, Calif. Local arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Gwan Lee Johnson

Services will be Monday

Gwan Lee Johnson

Gwan Lee Johnson, 38, died Thursday.

Mr. Johnson served in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his brothers, Samuel L. Johnson and Kenneth L. Bailey, both of Dayton, Ohio, and Jimmy L. Johnson of Irving; sisters, Joyce Cokes and Elaine Jo Jamerson, both of Irving; six nieces; and five nephews.

Family visitation will be from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Monday at Calvary Funeral Home, with graveside services at 2 p.m. at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie.

15 Aug 1993
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Howard L. Johnson

Howard L. Johnson, 73, of Irving died Friday in Irving.

Mr. Johnson was born Feb. 16, 1920, in Temple. He owned and operated a local vending company.

He is survived by his son, Howard Jr.; daughter, Patricia; sisters, Sybil Jordan and Gladine Schrimsher, both of Irving, and Evelyn Titone of New York.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday at Restland Wildwood Chapel, with Lt. Col. Orville Salmon officiating. Burial will be at Restland Memorial Park.

Arrangements were handled by Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

25 July 1993
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Family recovers from deadly fire

By **REGINA STEFFEN**

News Staff Writer

Out of the ashes of a deadly fire last June came a community-wide effort that has restored 35-year-old Mary Johnson's faith in humanity and her belief that people are basically good.

To hear her daughter, Jenna, 2, laugh and talk is hard to imagine the little girl spent al-

most a full month recuperating in Parkland Memorial Hospital's burn unit with her 6-year-old brother, Cody.

But the daily reminders of the June 18 fire remain — Cody must still go to occupational therapy three times a week while Jenna goes once a week.

The most difficult aspect of

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Family: Tries to recover after blaze

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the June 18 fire was the death of Mrs. Johnson's husband, Bill Johnson. Despite the efforts of Irving firefighters, they weren't enough to sustain the 54-year-old. He died at Parkland the morning after the blaze.

While that loss initially seemed insurmountable, the family is trying to move on with their lives. Mary Johnson, who is blind, said that she and her children could not have come this far without the help and support of the entire community.

On the day of the fire, people were calling on Jennifer Sutton, a former teacher of Johnson's oldest daughter Amanda, 13, to see how they could help.

It didn't take long for collection points to be set up at businesses across town. A fund was also started to help defray medical costs for the children.

One man, Roger Stebbins, stepped in to pay housing costs for Johnson and her two oldest daughters at the Holiday Inn. He also helped Johnson through the process of applying for survivors' benefits as well as learning about HandiRides offered by Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

Furnishings were donated to the Johnson family by the Broadmoor Villa Apartments and a three-bedroom apartment was located at the Rock Island Apartments for the family to make their home.

Since that time, Jenna and Cody Johnson were released from the hospital and life has started to return to normal for the Johnson family.

"I had no idea that we'd get this far so fast," Mary Johnson said. "If it wasn't for the people out there . . . Their support and prayers have really helped."

Johnson said the family still goes to counseling to help them learn to deal with the loss and

trauma of the fire, and that she says is helping.

When Cody Johnson was released from the hospital he wouldn't talk to anyone, Johnson said, now he is beginning to open up and trust more.

As for the good fortune that has befallen her since the tragic loss of her husband, Johnson says it has restored her faith in people and really has made her feel at home in Irving.

"I had no idea that we'd get this far so fast."

— Mark Johnson

"It makes me feel like there is still a lot of good people left in the world," Mary Johnson said.

Johnson has expanded her horizons as well, once a week she volunteers as a braille teacher at The Reach of Dallas.

As for her daughters, she said they have adjusted well to their new neighborhood and have made friends. Cody started back to school on Thursday for the first time since May.

"This really has made Irving my home," she said. "My stepson wanted me to move with him but I can't leave now. I don't think I'll ever leave Irving. This is the first real home I've ever had. The people here have just been great."

Johnson wants to thank many people for helping her through a traumatic time in her life.

She said it is important to her that they know she is appreciative and that it is because of their efforts that she and her children are able to move forward with their lives.

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Phyllis Ann Johnson

Phyllis Ann Johnson, 57, of Terrell, died Friday in a Terrell hospital. A former Irving resident, she moved to Terrell three years ago.

Mrs. Johnson was born March 11, 1936 in Bartlesville, Okla. She was employed by Recognition Equipment in Irving for 17 years.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Johnny Rodriguez of Terrell, Delana and Wayne Spencer of Grand Prairie, Jeanne and Mike Mattox of Quinlan; son, Chris Johnson of Terrell; son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Tammy Johnson of Wills Point; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Jeanette Duncan of Parker County; brothers, Fred Stith of Denison and Dale Stith of Florida; her friends, Brenda and Paul Roseberry and their daughter, Heather.

Graveside services were Tuesday at College Mound Cemetery, near Terrell, with the Rev. Larry Davis officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Homes of Terrell.

30 Dec 1993
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Rosalie Spencer Johnson

Rosalie Spencer Johnson, 57, of Irving died Aug. 8 in Dalhart.

A native Texan, Mrs. Johnson was co-owner of Snelling Personal Services in Las Colinas and a graduate of Southern Methodist University. She had been active in a number of civic organizations in Arizona, Connecticut and Colorado, before moving to Irving in 1992.

Survivors include her husband, John H. Johnson of Irving; daughters, Cynthia Rerko of Dallas and Jenna Gibney of Irving; sisters, Lynn Gilbert of Dalhart and Joyce Connell of Bella Vista, Ark.; and one grandson.

Memorial services were held Tuesday at Central United Methodist Church in Dalhart.

The family requests contributions be made to the American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.

*15 Aug 1993
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Vivian Johnson

Vivian Johnson, 71, of Irving died Saturday at The Irving Hospital.

Services are pending. Arrangements are being handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

19 Sept 1993
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Vivian Johnson

Vivian Johnson, 71, of Irving died Saturday at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Johnson was born April 25, 1922, in Orlando, Fla. She was a retired apartment manager.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil Johnson; daughter, Connie Harless of Houston; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held Sunday. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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April Kay Johnston

April Kay Johnston, 13, of St. Louis, Mo., died Friday in Sulpher, Okla.

She was born March 19, 1980, in Lubbock. She attended Green Pines Elementary School in St. Louis and was active in softball, art, Girl Scouts, rock collecting, swimming and babysitting. She was a member of the Save The World organization and attended St. Louis Family Church.

She is survived by her parents, Holly Kay Hipsher and Mike Johnston of St. Louis; sisters, Lacey Julia-Ann Johnston of St. Louis and Autumn Leigh Johnston of Lindsay, Okla.; brother, Curtis Michael Johnston of Hennepin, Okla.; maternal grandparents, Rex and Doris Hipsher of Lewisville; aunt and uncle, Vicki and Ronnie Willingham of Mineola and aunt, Billie Ann Johnston of Enid, Okla.; and great-

grandmother, Olene Hipsher of Coleman.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Glenn and Helen Johnston.

Services were Tuesday at Dalton & Son Chapel in Lewisville, with the Rev. Robert Brown officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Arrangements were handled by Dalton & Son Funeral Home.

26 Aug 1993
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John David Johnston

John David Johnston, 17, died in his Irving home Thursday.

He was a member of Youth on The Rock/ Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother, Linda Whatley of Irving; father, Hames Whatley of Irving; grandmother, Linda Whatley of Irving; four sisters, Shelley Whatley, Jamie Marie Whatley, Cathy Lynn Whatley and Patty Gail Uptown of Irving; stepmother, Leslie Nell Grimes of Irving; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services were held at the Grapevine City Cemetery in Grapevine, Texas, on Saturday, Jan. 2, under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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John David Johnston

John David Johnston, 17, died Thursday, Dec. 31, in his Irving home.

He was a member of Youth on The Rock/Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother,

Linda Whatley of Irving; father, James Whatley of Irving; grandmother, Gertrude Whatley of Irving; sisters, Shelley Whatley, Jamie Marie Whatley, Cathy Lynn Whatley and Patty Gail Uptown, all of Irving; stepmother, Leslie Neil Grimes of Irving; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were Saturday at Grapevine City Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Police log

Stepmother finds teen dead in bed

John David Johnston, 17, was found dead in his bed by his stepmother at 4:45 a.m. Thursday in the 4200 block of North Greenview Road, reports said.

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The boy's family said Johnston had gone to bed earlier in the evening and was found dead in his bed when his stepmother tried to awaken him so he could go to work, Irving police spokeswoman Sydney Gomez said.

"We got the call at 5:04 a.m. as an unconscious person," Gomez said, adding that fire department paramedics also were dispatched to the scene.

"The family had tried to resuscitate him but were not successful," Gomez said.

Because of Johnston's age, an investigation is under way at the Irving Police Department.

"There was no apparent cause of death and no outward signs of foul play," Gomez said.

The Dallas County medical examiner performed an autopsy on the 17-year-old but it was inconclusive, Gomez said.

"The medical examiner told us that the cause of death is pending the outcome of toxicology tests, which take about six weeks," Gomez said.

Laura Beth Jones

Laura Beth Jones, 59, of Alpharetta, Ga. died Monday.

Mrs. Jones was a native of Jacksonville, Texas. She was employed as a secretary for a manufacturer of industrial controls.

She is survived by her husband, Bruce D. Jones; sons Don Jones of Alpharetta and Lee Jones of Pensacola, Fla.; mother, Bess Nunn of Evans, Ga.; and grandchildren Christopher Lee Jones and Joyce Ann McDonald, both of Pensacola, and Karen Patricia Mabry and Jeremy Tyler Jones, both of Alpharetta.

Funeral services were Wednesday at the Mansell Road Chapel of the Roswell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Brantley Seymour officiating.

Graveside services and interment will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday

at Oak Grove Cemetery in Irving. Mrs. Jones will be in state at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday.

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IN P13A*

Mozelle Jones

Mozelle Jones, 73, of Irving died Thursday at Pioneer Place Nursing Home.

Mrs. Jones was born July 27, 1920.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Terry Rahmer of Irving; brothers, Morris Wayne Abercrombe of Sulpher Springs and Lloyd Abercrombe of Washington; sisters, Agnes Meredith of Roaring Springs, Edna Carrow of Dallas, Lonnie Thomason of Quitman, Ruth Harrington of Sulpher Springs and Frances Landefeld of Phoenix, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Jones; and son, Gerald Wayne Dacus.

Services were held Saturday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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IN P3A

A.L. Jordan Jr.

A.L. Jordan Jr., 66, died Aug. 17 in Irving.

Mr. Jordan was a native of Greenville and owned Jordan Food Distributors. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 335 in Greenville and the Hella Shrine Temple in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Faye Jordan of Irving; son, John David Jordan of Irving; stepdaughters, Donna Boganwright of Houston and Shirley Diehl of Mabank; brother, Knox Jordan of Alexandria, La.; sisters, Jewel Cropp of Irving and Joyce Jordan of Shreveport, La.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 19 at Sparkman-Hillcrest Chapel. Interment was at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

If desired, memorials may be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn, Dallas, TX 75219.

*26 Aug 1993
IN P3A*

Jack C. Jordan Jr.

Jack C. Jordan Jr., 39, of Irving died Saturday at his home.

Mr. Jordan was born April 11, 1953, in Los Alamos, N.M., and had lived in Irving for the past 36 years. He had worked at Foley's for 20 years as a building engineer in Dallas area stores.

He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Jordan of Irving; mother, Birdie Jordan of Irving; sisters, Janise Jordan DeGabriele of Seattle and Joyce Meinen of Keller; and grandmother, Grace Wilson of Aurora, Mo.

Services were Tuesday at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Gus Melito 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 St. Luke's Catholic Church, 204 S. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75060.

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