Rendah M. Galvan

Rendah M. Galvan, 87, of Arlington, formerly of Irving, died Monday, March 20, at Heartland Healthcare.

Mrs. Galvan was born June 6, 1907, in New Mexico. She was a retired LVN.

Survivors include her daughter, Nancy M. Smith of Saudi Arabia; son, Anthony Galvan of Irving; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 23, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home, with family members officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
My sister Elisabeth Garcia Class of 1976 ascended to heaven on May 4, 1995. She was diagnosed with brain cancer months after graduating from Mac, she was paralyzed for the rest of her life due to removal of the malignant tumor. Although this happened to her she never lost her laughter and positive spirit. Elisabeth blessed us with a son. My dear nephew Eloy, who carries on her memory for me and my family. Rest in Peace dear sister.

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Manuel Murguia Garcia

Manuel Murguia Garcia of Irving died Tuesday, July 11, in Arlington, Texas.

He was born in Rio Grande, Mexico.

Funeral services will be held in Rio Grande, Mexico. Local arrangements were made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Raymond Gomez Garcia

Raymond Gomez Garcia, 84, of Irving died Wednesday, May 17, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Garcia was born March 15, 1911, in Mexico. He was a carpenter.

He is survived by his daughters, Janie Garcia-Castillo and Sally Rodriguez, both of Irving; sons, Domingo Garcia of Sugarland, Tony Garcia of Santa Anna, Calif., and Raymond Garcia Jr. of Amarillo; 23 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, May 20, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial followed at Spur Cemetery. Arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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John T. Garner

Services for John T. Garner are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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In PA
John Junior Garner

John Junior Garner, 66, of Irving, died Tuesday, May 23, at his home.

Mr. Garner was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Woodbyne. He was a barber at Today’s Hair and was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Dina M. Taylor of North Richland Hills; son, Steve A. Garner of Fort Worth; sisters, Alma Williams of Grapevine, Marie Coulter of Irving, Ethel Garvey of Plano, Margaret Clark of Irving and Barbara Mozingo of Ardmore, Okla.; and brothers, Raymond Garner of Gainesville, Clarence Garner of Lake Dallas, Carrell Garner of Lake Charles, La., and Bob Garner of Irving.

Services were Friday, May 26, at Carroll Funeral Home in Gainesville. Burial followed at Valley View Cemetery in Gainesville. Local arrangements were with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Lillian V. Garrett

Lillian V. Garrett, 86, of Dallas died Wednesday, Feb. 8, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Lillian V. Garrett

Lillian V. Garrett, 86, of Dallas died Wednesday, Feb. 8, at her residence.

Mrs. Garrett was born Dec. 3, 1908, in Ennis. She was a homemaker and a member of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her son, Virgil Younger of Euless; daughters, Jackie Deeds of Irving and Georgia Lee Potter of Sanger; brother, Tommy Brock of Arkansas; sisters, Corlea Shipp of Carrollton and Ann Eason of North Carolina; 11 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Burial was at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

15 Feb 1993
IN PA
Rosa May Gasser

Rosa May Gasser, 66, died Tuesday in Houston. Ms. Gasser lived in Houston, but was previously from Irving.

Ms. Gasser was born May 20, 1929.

Survivors include her daughter, Frances Gasser of New York, N.Y.; daughter-in-law, Rosemary Gasser of New York, N.Y.; daughter, Peggy-Sagut and her husband Charles of Houston, Texas; son, Peter Ryan Gasser of New York; granddaughter, Helen Gasser of New York; grandson, Matthew Gasser of New York; sister, Francis Harrell of Dallas; and nephew Mike Harrell of Dallas.

Services are to be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Laurel Land Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home in Dallas from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 2 to 8 p.m. Monday.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.
Edwin Frederick Gates Sr.

Edwin Frederick Gates Sr., 76, of Irving died Sunday, Sept. 17, at American Transitional Hospital in Irving.

Mr. Gates was born Feb. 4, 1919, in Shamrock, Okla. He was employed as a taxi driver.

Survivors include his wife, Beth Gates of Irving; sons, Edwin Frederick “Rick” Gates Jr. of Ennis and John Michael Gates of Irving; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Brown’s Memorial Chapel, with Dr. David Johnson officiating. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park. Arrangements were with Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to First Presbyterian Church.

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IN #3A
A 6-year-old homocide case still haunts detective
Although years have rolled by, Cheek acknowledges the case remains a permanent fixture in his mind. Cheek has spent years assiduously scrambling to find clues.

"We were real busy," Cheek said. "Sgt. Jim Alford and I worked on this case for two years straight. I took the case file all over the country; we went to jails all over the place. I really wanted to solve it, especially for the boy's sake.

"The mother saw her son shot right before her eyes. I've lost a lot of sleep over it."

Police have always assumed the shooter of both victims was the same person, Dix said.

Given the difficulty of singling out specific motorists driving on a highway as victims, — and the fact that the victims had no apparent connection, Cheek feels the shootings had to be randomly chosen.

"After all these years, we still haven't put together a connection," Cheek said. "The families were total strangers; we couldn't put them together at all. The only similarity was that they were on the same road on the same day."

Cheek believes a likely possibility, too, is that the suspect was not even shooting at people but just arbitrarily scattering bullets at cars.

"I talked to a major in the..."
Army who said nobody could do it; nobody could shoot that good," Cheek said. "I think the suspect just got lucky."

Despite the elusive aspects of the case, it remains open, and Cheek continues to work on it to this day.

This year, he has explored two possible leads. Early in the year, Cheek was notified about a man "sniping" people in Missouri. Momentarily, he thought he finally had the killer. However, he soon learned that those killings were hate crimes against Jewish people. Additionally, the suspect in Missouri confessed to other murders, but not the ones in Irving.

"There was no way to pin this guy to this area," Cheek said.

Prior to that empty lead, he had learned of another possible link with a case involving a man sniping hunters in Ohio. That sniper had killed six people, and Ohio police contacted the IPD. But again, unfortunately, no connection was established with that case.

As time goes on, Cheek said his excitement with new leads dissipates.

"I've gone down so many dead-end leads that you start not getting excited until you hear facts that match the case," Cheek said. "This is definitely one of the hardest things about the job."

So Cheek refuses to get over enthusiastic about a recent lead he is currently chasing.

"There's one guy in the penitentiary now who could know something big," he said. "You never know, I might get lucky."

Cheek and other officers spend some of their time hoping for phone calls, possibly impulsively dialed by someone who might have information but who has concealed it over the years.

The possibilities are many, they say.

"The guy could tell somebody — he could be in prison and tell someone who could come to us," Dix said. "Or he could tell his girlfriend and then they break up so she comes forward. There could also be a dying confession.

"It could be any number of things."

They can only hope that the sniper was not a loner who kept his secret from everyone who happened to come in contact with him.

"What's holding us back is that if he was a lone killer," Cheek said. "Most likely, he was a loner who hasn't done a lot of talking in the last 15 years. Many times there's two or three people involved, and the chances of someone coming forward is much better."

Cheek said cases such as this one are hard on detectives.

"It's always frustrating when you can't do your job," Cheek said.

Another difficult aspect of the job is watching the agony of victim family members.

"I got to know the victims' families through the investigation," Cheek said. "But I've lost contact over the years."

Cheek said he has not spoken to either family in a long time. He said he does not plan to until he has good news.

"There's no point in calling them up and getting them excited and then dropping them; it's hard on me and even worse for them," Cheek said. "The next time I call them it will be when the suspect is caught."
Geneva Wayona Gause

Geneva Wayona Gause, 61, of Irving died Saturday, Nov. 4, in Irving.

Mrs. Gause was born Jan. 30, 1934, in St. Augustine. She was very active in the Tabernacle Church and was a choir member.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Terry Hood of Scroggins; son, Kenneth Earl Gause of Irving; grandchildren, Angela Hood and Sherry and husband John Lee Hill, all of Scroggins, and Tammy Gause and James Gause, both of Kansas City; great-grandchildren, Anthony, Jonathan and Ashley Hill of Scroggins; mother, Ruby Quinn of Irving; sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and J.W. Michell of Irving; and brother and sister-in-law, Hulon and Janet Quinn of Palestine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Tabernacle Church, with the Revs. Gerald Patterson and Alvin Fischer officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Lola Jewell Martin Gause

Lola Jewell Martin Gause, 88, of Irving died Sunday, July 9, at Presbyterian Hospital in Kemp.

Mrs. Gause was born Sept. 26, 1907, in Denton County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Gause; two sons, Jackie D. Gause and Charles D. Gause; and daughter, Verta Mae Counts.

Survivors include her son, Lloyd Kenneth Gause of Irving; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, July 12, at Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home in Garland, with graveside services following in Kemp.

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Geneva Lavena Gauwain

Geneva Lavena Gauwain, 66, of Irving died Monday, Oct. 9, in Irving.

Mrs. Gauwain was born April 7, 1929, in Shamrock. She was a member of New Hope Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by Leroy Gauwain. Survivors include her son, Ernest Edwin Eggers of Dade County, Fla.; daughters, Edie Builta, Pearl Lewis and Charlene Eggers, all of Irving; stepdaughter, Pauline Dean of Irving; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brothers, Mack Terry of Coppell and Granville Terry of El Dorado; sisters, Oma Gauwain of San Angelo, Belle Schade of Albuquerque, N.M. and Wanda Barnes of Midland.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with Elder George Walker officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Maxine 'Mac' Gebhardt

Maxine 'Mac' Gebhardt, 64, of Irving, died Sunday, June 4, at her residence.

Mrs. Gebhardt was born January 18, 1931, in Paris Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of American Legion Post 379, Ladies Auxiliary, Cabane, #1185 40-8 Lafemmes and 1995 Lampieste.

Survivors include her husband, Ralph Gebhardt of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Freddy and Patti Gebhardt of Houston; daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Royce Baker of Irving; grandchildren, Geoffrey and Leslie Gebhardt and Alison and Brian Baker; brother Warren Adams of Bowie; sisters, Mary Francis Goodman of Nevada and Pat Vines of Irving; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were scheduled for Wednesday, June 7, 1995, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Chaplain Gary Hall and Chaplain Marie Stevens officiating.

Interment followed at 2 p.m. at Elwood Cemetery in Bowie.

The family requests memorials to V.I.T.A.S., 801 West Freeway, Suite 620, Grand Prairie, Texas, 75051.
Wayona Gause
Geneva

Wayona Gause Geneva, 61, of Irving died Saturday, Nov. 4 in Irving.

Mrs. Geneva was born Jan. 30, 1934, in St. Augustine. She was very active in the Tabernacle Church and was a choir member.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Terry Hood of Scroggins; son, Kenneth Earl Gause of Irving; grandchildren, Angela Hood and Sherry and husband John Lee Hill, all of Scroggins, and Tammy Gause and James Gause, both of Kansas City; great-grandchildren, Anthony, Jonathan and Ashley Hill of Scroggins; mother, Ruby Quinn of Irving; sister and brother-in-law, Hazel and J.W. Michell of Irving; and brother and sister-in-law, Hulon and Janet Quinn of Palestine.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 7, at Tabernacle Church, with the Revs. Gerald Patterson and Alvin Fischer officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Albert Ross Gennings

Albert Ross Gennings, 85, of Irving died Sunday, Jan. 1, at his home.

Mr. Gennings was born Aug. 13, 1909, in Marlow, Okla. He was employed as a clerk with the U.S. government and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Irving.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Tim E. Warthan of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Marilyn R. Gennings of Duncanville; sisters, Ruth Callaway of San Antonio and Jean Doyle of Lake Charles, La.; brothers, Robert Gennings of Washington and Herschell Gennings of Calgary, Canada; grandchildren, Jason Gennings, Jarrod Gennings, Allison Gennings, Scott Roan and Tin Warthan Jr.; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 3, at First Baptist Church, with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence O. Genseke. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Clarence G. and Evélyn Genseke of Irving; granddaughters and grandsons-in-law, Kay and Don Rhoads of Plano and Carole and Robert Bogart of Irving; great-granchildren, Heather and Sean Cawthon of Dallas, Jordan and Shelby Bogart of Irving, Joshua Ellis of Plano, Leah and Dan Cheek of Plano, David Rhoads of Dallas; and great-great-granchildren, Travis and Sara Cheek of Plano and Zane Cawthon of Dallas.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 24, at Restland Funeral Home, with Rev. Charles Cook officiating. Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Elmwood United Methodist Church, 1317 Berkley, Dallas, Texas, 75224 or the Oak Cliff Masonic Lodge No. 705, 115 S. Beckley, Dallas, Texas 75203.

Hazel Genseke
Died Friday at 103

Hazel Genseke
Hazel Genseke, 103, of Irving died Friday, Dec. 22.
Billy Joe Gensler

Billy Joe "B.J." Gensler, 49, of Irving died Sunday, March 12, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Gensler was born July 1, 1945, in Taylor. He was employed as a civil engineer with Carter & Burgess, Inc. of Dallas, and began his career with Forrest & Cotton, Inc. He was a 1963 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and a 1968 graduate of University of Texas at Austin. He was a registered professional engineer and was a member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and the Texas Water Conservation Association.

Survivors include his wife, Diane Gensler of Irving; sons, Joe Gensler and Jeff Gensler, both of Irving; daughter, Heidi Gensler of Irving; mother and stepfather, Marie and Charlie Kaspar of Thrall; brothers, Alfred Gensler of Thrall and Jim Gensler of Lake Jackson; and sisters, Rose Marie Reed of Mansfield and Mary Lee Stanley of Edinburg.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hermann Gensler.

Services were Tuesday, March 14, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Hood officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 141274, Irving, TX 75014; or to the charity of choice.
Shirley George

Shirley George, 71, of Plano, formerly of Irving, died Friday, May 26, at her home.

Mrs. George was born Sept. 9, 1922, in Plain Field, Iowa. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church of Plano and was a 40-year member of Beta Sigma Phi Laureate Zeta Rho, Plano Chapter, having joined in Irving in 1955. She was awarded the Order of the Rose and Silver Circle, and held every office on the executive board and served on all committees during her 40 years as a member.

Survivors include her children and their spouses, Connie and Jeff Uhri, Vicki and Jack Harkrider, Bill and Karen George and Jim and Bonnie George, all of the Dallas area; grandchildren, Kevin Cockrell, Shannon Cockrell, Staci Cockrell, Keili Stone, Julia George, Bill George, Ryan George, Chris George and Regina George, all of the Dallas area; brothers, Lee Bauman and Lynn Bauman, both of Chicago; and sister, Norma Thomas of Charles City, Iowa.

Services were Tuesday, May 30, at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano, with the Rev. Robert Hill officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356; or to Faith Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Park Blvd., Plano.
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Struck dead
Bettie Lee Gifford

Bettie Lee Gifford, 67, of Irving died Friday, March 24, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Gifford was born Dec. 25, 1927, in Bridgeport, West Va. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Vance Gifford of San Antonio; daughter, Cheryl Carter of Irving; brothers, Paul Morrison and Oakey Morrison Jr., both of West Virginia; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 27, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Vance Gifford officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the American Lung Association, Park Central I, 7616 LBJ Freeway, Suite 100, Dallas, TX 75251.
W. Norman Gilbert

W. Norman Gilbert, 67, a resident of Grand Prairie since 1958, died Friday, Nov. 24, in a local hospital.

He was born June 3, 1928, in Dallas where he attended Vickery Hillcrest High School. He graduated from Allen Academy in Bryan in 1946. He attended Virginia Military Institute and graduated from Southern Methodist University where he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Mr. Gilbert retired in 1984 after 34 years service with Grand Prairie State Bank where he was senior vice president and a member of the board of directors. He was active in civic affairs, having served in many capacities with the YMCA and Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the Grand Prairie Host Lions Club and was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Gilbert was a member of First United Methodist Church of Grand Prairie.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Farris Gilbert of Grand Prairie; a daughter and son-in-law, Julie Ann Gilbert Groth and Geoffrey C. Groth of Dallas; a son, W. Norman Gilbert Jr. of Grand Prairie; two grandchildren, Farris and Trey Groth of Dallas; and a sister, Billie Marle Crouch of Irving.

Memorial gifts may be given to the First United Methodist Church Chapel Fund, 122 N. Center, Grand Prairie, Texas 75050.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 27, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Leighton Bearden officiating. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Arrangements were handled by Bean-Massey-Burge.
James Edwin Gill

James Edwin Gill, 65, of Irving died Sunday, June 18, at his residence.

Mr. Gill was born Jan. 13, 1930, in Dallas. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and was employed as a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service.

Survivors include his son, Billy Gill of Arlington; mother, Allie Gill of Plano; sisters, Dorothy and Johnnie; and brothers, Charles and C.L.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 22, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Jerry Power officiating. Arrangements are with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Earl W. Glanton

Earl W. “Red” Glanton, 77, of Irving died Friday, July 14, at his home.

Mr. Glanton was born May 21, 1918, in Athens. He was a member of Meadowbrook Baptist Church of Irving. He grew up in the Martins Mill area but had lived in Irving the past 40 years. He was a warehouse manager with Texlite Sign Company, where he retired after 25 years of employment. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Icy Platter Glanton of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Gary Welch of Irving; two grandchildren; two great-grandsons; half-sister, Elaine Williams of Tyler; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were Monday, July 17, at Eubank Funeral Chapel in Canton, with the Rev. Bob Joyce officiating. Burial was at Haven of Memories Memorial Park.
J.R. Gleichorn

J.R. "Jack" Gleichorn, 78, of Irving died Thursday, March 23, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Gleichorn was born Nov. 5, 1916, in Irving, where he lived all his life. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served during World War II. He was employed as a furniture maker with Kroehler Manufacturing and was a member of Oak Haven Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lola Gleichorn of Irving; daughters, Charlotte Gleichorn of Minneapolis, Minn., and Jacquelyn Carson of Rockwall; son, Thomas Gleichorn of Arlington; six grandchildren; brother, Clyde Gleichorn of Boyd; and sisters, Mildred Gleichorn, Ruby Wood and Zelma Gleichorn, all of Irving.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 25, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Rene Lawson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Gordon W. Goddard

Gordon W. Goddard, 70, of Irving died Wednesday, March 29, at an Arlington hospital.

Mr. Goddard was born in Commerce and had been an Irving resident for the past 36 years. He was a retired carpenter, having retired in 1988 from the Zales Corporation, where he had been employed for more than 15 years. He was also a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was a member of First Christian Church of Grand Prairie and Carpenters Local No. 429.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 39 years, Barbara McWilliams Goddard, in 1987.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Gordon Ray and Debbie Goddard of Fredericksburg, Va.; daughters and son-in-law, Paula Bolton of Irving and Belinda and James Hogue of Grand Prairie; grandchildren, Christopher and Lindsey Goddard, Bret and Jason Bolton and Heath and Carrie Hogue; and one sister.

Graveside services were held Saturday, April 1, at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie, with the Rev. James Hogue officiating. Arrangements were with Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the Building Fund of Open Door Baptist Church, 2125 S.W. Third St., Grand Prairie, TX 75051.
Valentin ‘Wally’ J. Gomez

Valentin ‘Wally’ J. Gomez, 54, of Arlington, previously of Irving, died Saturday, June 3, at his residence.

Mr. Gomez was born February 14, 1941, in Dallas. He was in management for UPS in Dallas and Ft. Worth for 25 years and was a member of St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Irving. He also served in the military.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Gomez of Arlington; three daughters, Yolanda Maldonado of The Colony, Felicia Farnsworth of Irving and Tracy Gomez of Irving; brother, Mingo Gomez of Alabama; three sisters, Linda Gomez of Grand Prairie, Mary Ray of Austin and Angie Gomez of Grand Prairie; mother, Amada Gomez of Irving; and three grandchildren, Kellie Pecina of Irving, Shanna Maldonado of The Colony and Michael Maldonado of The Colony.

Rosary services were scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 5, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel.

Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for noon, Tuesday, June 6, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church with the Rev. Gus Melito presiding. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.
Man killed by lightning

☐ Was standing under tree at Senter Park

By LIZABETH CARDENAS
News Staff Writer

An Irving man was killed Sunday when he was struck by lightning during thunderstorms that ripped through the Metroplex.

Rolando Gonzales, 25, was leaning on a tree at Senter Park, 1001 Senter Road, at approximately 5:20 p.m. when lightning struck it and electrocuted him.

"He was with some people and then the storm came up; so they took shelter under a tree," said Mike Evitts, assistant fire chief. "Several people were knocked down. Whether they were unconscious or just stunned, I don't know. But nobody else was injured."

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IISD tax hike sees reduction

☐ Employee pay raise set
Man: Electrocuted standing under tree

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The people with Gonzales attempted to wake him up, Evitts said, until paramedics arrived to try to resuscitate him. He was then taken to The Irving Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

“We didn’t transport anybody else to the hospital,” Evitts said.

According to Evitts, it is common for people to seek shelter under a tree from rain. But it is a dangerous move.

“It (people getting electrocuted from lightning) is fairly common,” Evitts said. “It has happened a couple times here in Irving that I know of, and I’ve heard about several other incidents.”

Problem is, people often do not think about storms posing a serious threat, he said.

“All people are thinking about is getting out of the rain,” Evitts said, “not about the lightning being dangerous.”

Moreover, a common misconception is that in order to get electrocuted, one must be touching the tree.

“It is still dangerous to be standing in the area around the tree,” Evitts said. “You don’t have to be actually touching it. The lightning hits the tree, and then the power goes through you. The farther you are from the tree, the less powerful it is.”

Evitts urges people to leave outdoor areas when storms are approaching.

“If you start to see black clouds or hear thunder in the distance, leave the area,” Evitts said. “Get in your car or go into a building. Don’t get under a tree; don’t stand next to a pole and don’t stay out in a flat area, like a field, where you’re the highest object. If you cannot leave in time, then make sure to crouch down.”

The storm that swept through the city was not confined to Senter Park. High winds and lightning also caused a power line damage throughout the community, according to police reports.

No major damage to any structures was reported, police said.

According to police reports, windows at an apartment complex on Belt Line Road and Clarendon Road were blown in; power lines and traffic signals were knocked down; and several limbs were blown off the trees.
Martha B. Gordon

Martha B. Gordon, 62, of Irving died Monday, Aug. 21, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Gordon was born Oct. 3, 1932, in Malvern, Ark.

She is survived by her husband, Marshall G. Gordon of Irving; son, Marshall R. Gordon of Irving; daughter, Marva L. Johnson of North Little Rock, Ark.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Sam Hale of California; and a brother from Malvern, Ark.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with Chaplain Ralph Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Susan Lynn Gordon

Susan Lynn Gordon, 35, of Irving died Sunday, June 11, at The Irving Hospital.

Ms. Gordon was born Dec. 15, 1959, in Myrtle Beach, N.C. She was employed as a code abuse researcher with Sprint for six years. She was a 1978 graduate of Irving High School and was a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church.

She is survived by her father, Harold Gordon of Irving; sister, Julia E. Ray of Arlington; niece, Allison E. Lee of Arlington; great-niece, Johnna E. Lee of Arlington; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Wake was held Wednesday, June 14, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, with the Rev. Jerry Duesman celebrant. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

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IN P3A
Johnny Ray Graham

Johnny Ray Graham, 46, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, in Farmers Branch.

Graham was born in Denton, Texas on Nov. 30, 1948. He was a member of the Plymouth Park Methodist Church, was in the U.S. Marine Corp in Vietnam and was the owner of a pet store.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hershell Lee and Mamie Mae Graham, and brother, Donald Gene Miller.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Gann Graham of Irving; daughter, Lesli Rae Graham of Irving; step, Carles Wilcox and his wife Brooke of Denton; daughter, Julia Kaye Wilcox of Denton; brother, Dewey Miller of Lewisville; sister, Joan Hooten and her husband Bill of Lewisville; nephews and nieces, Donald Hooten, Marrissa Moje, Dewey Lynn and Debbie Miller of Lewisville.

Family visitation with friends was on Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Chism-Smith Funeral Home and services were held Friday, Sept. 22 at First United Methodist Church. Burial followed at the McCurley Cemetery in Lewisville. Rev. Billy Sales presided.
Police seek leads in Irving woman's slaying

Victim was found beaten to death in Dallas park.

The Dallas Police Department is seeking the public's help in solving the murder of a 31-year-old Irving woman found beaten to death beside a nature trail in North Dallas on Oct. 6.

Lacheke Grandberry was last seen alive at the Demasiado Apartments, 1220 N. Nursery Road, during the evening hours of Oct. 5. She lived nearby, in the 700 block of Nursery Road.

Grandberry's body was found, partially nude, dumped near a walking trail at L.B. Houston Nature Trails Park on Wildwood, south of California Crossing, near the Irving city limits. Police believe the homicide occurred between midnight and 6 a.m. Oct. 6.

Police are asking anyone with information about the slaying or Grandberry's whereabouts the night before she died to call the DPD at 670-1633 or Crimestoppers at 373-TIPS. Callers may remain anonymous, and there is a reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible.

Grandberry was a Dallas security company receptionist and former American Heart Association document binder.
Mildred Grant

Mildred Grant, 88, of Irving died Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Irving.

Mrs. Grant was born Aug. 16, 1907, in Massillon, Ohio. She was active in the Episcopal Church in Ohio and was a homemaker and a volunteer swim instructor.

Survivors include her husband, Sheldon Grant of Irving; daughter, Jackie Parra of Irving; son, Richard T. Grant of Key West, Fla.; brother, John Grant of California; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Jay O. Gray

Jay O. Gray, 76, of Millsap died Sunday, April 23, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Gray was born Dec. 31, 1918, in Mexia. He was a branch manager with the Texas Employment Commission and was a retired Air Force colonel, having served in World War II and the Korean War with the 602nd Bomb Squadron and the 398th Bomb Group.

Survivors include his sons, J.A. Gray of Dallas and Brigadier Gen. Ronald E. Gray, USAF retired; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services and burial will begin at 3 p.m. Friday, April 28, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Jim Steeley officiating. Arrangements are with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Karren Jo Gray

Karren Jo Gray, 50, died Thursday, Jan. 12, at her home in Grand Prairie after a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 25, 1944, in Lubbock, she had lived in Grand Prairie for the past 35 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Gray of Grand Prairie; daughter, Tamara Thompson of Baton Rouge, La.; son, Eddy Joe Thompson of Baton Rouge, La.; stepdaughter, Tamara Gray of Austin; stepsons, John Gray of Lewisville and Jeremy Gray of Irving; mother; Gloria Schneider of Fort Worth; brother, Stephen Palmer of Rio Vista; and three grandchildren.

Funeral service were Monday, Jan. 16, at Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, with the Revs. Wendell Hiers and Tommy Weir officiating. Burial was at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Arlington Baptist Church Debt Retirement, 3001 W. Division, Arlington, TX 76012.

Arrangements were handled by Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home of Grand Prairie.
Margaret Gray

Margaret "Peggy" Gray, 42, of Celina died Saturday, Nov. 4, at HCA Medical Center in Plano.

Mrs. Gray was born Sept. 21, 1953, in Dallas. She was a member of the Methodist faith and was employed as a computer programmer.

She is survived by her husband, George W. Gray II of Celina; sons, James Gray of Irving and Matthew Taylor of Celina; daughters, Veronica Gray of Irving and Melanie Taylor of Celina; brothers, Bob Davies of Dallas, Frank Davies of California and Will Davies of Texas; and sisters, Dianne Kester of North Carolina and Linda Hill of Celina.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 7, at First Baptist Church of Celina, with the Rev. Clay Womack and Dr. Raymond Horne officiating. Arrangements were with Cantrell Funeral Home of Celina.
Marjorie A. Green

Marjorie A. Green, 53, of Irving, died Friday, Jan. 13, at Vencor Hospital in Dallas.
Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Marjorie A. Green

Marjorie A. Green, 53, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 13, at Vencor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Green was born June 27, 1941, in Texarkana, Texas. She was a 1964 graduate of Baylor University and received her masters degree from University of North Texas in 1984. She was a former choir director at various schools in the Irving Independent School District from 1964-1990, last teaching at Bowie Junior High School. She was a member of Oak Haven Methodist Church, where she played piano, and was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and Association of Texas Professional Educators.

Survivors include her husband, Leo Green of Irving; sons, Eric Neilson and Marc Neilson, both of Irving, and David M. Green of Dallas; daughters, Kathy Tidmore of Abilene, Carol Shellhase of Watauga and Sabra Hawkings of Richardson; brother, W.T. “Tom” Quinn of Spring; mother, Annie Quinn of Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 16, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Rene’ Lawson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association for care of ALS patients, 8111 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1095, Dallas, TX 75251.
Harriet Greenlee

Harriet Greenlee, 83, of Irving died Tuesday, Dec. 26, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Greenlee was born on Aug. 13, 1912, in Bridgeport, Ohio. She was a widowed homemaker and a member of the Oak View Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Shirley Greenlee and Susan Mowry, both of Irving; granddaughters, Lori Sherwood of Grapevine and Lisa Sudberry of Irving; great-grandchildren, Abby and Andrew Sherwood of Grapevine and Jordan and Lauren Sudberry of Irving; and sister, Joann Neumann of Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 29, at the Karlo and Son Funeral Home in North Canton, Ohio, with burial following at the Forest Hill Cemetery in Canton, Ohio.

Local arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Erdis Lee Grider

A memorial service for Erdis Lee Grider was held Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Clyde Boyd officiating.

Mr. Grider was born May 23, 1930, in Irving. He attended school in Irving and joined the Army at the age of 18. He served in the Korean War and was a retired electrician and an avid fisherman.

He is survived by his sisters, Zoe Ann MacDonald and Patricia Gall Simpson; brothers, Arthur Barrett Grider and Melton Eugene Grider; aunt and uncle, Pat and Lucille Pritchett; daughter, Sandra Grider Bond and her husband, John Bond; grandson, William Robinson; daughter-in-law, Stacy Robinson; great-grandson, Ryan; and various other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.
Billie "Jean" Griffin

Billie "Jean" Griffin, 61, of Irving, died Friday, April 28, in Irving Hospital.

She was born in Texas December 4, 1933.

Mrs. Griffin was a vice president for Consolidated Equities and a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ. She had lived in Irving since 1957.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by two daughters, Debbie Johnson of DeSoto, and Rebecca Lynn Griffin of Irving; her son Billy D. Griffin of Irving; her sister Joy Misseldine of Freestone; her brother Lee Wayne Collie of Tyler; her mother-in-law Nellie Mae Griffin of Okolona, Ark.; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband David Simpson Griffin.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 1 at 1 p.m. at the South MacArthur Church of Christ. Pastor Krell Hood will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday in Union Cemetery, Freestone.

Friends and family can visit from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday night at the Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Jerry Lee Griggs

Jerry Lee Griggs, 49, of Dallas died Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

He was a lifetime resident of Dallas.

He is survived by his brother, Lonnie Ray Griggs of Dallas.

Funeral Services were held Friday, Aug. 4 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Bob Joyce officiating. Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery under the direction of Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Ronnie H. Grimes

Ronnie H. Grimes, 47, of Rowlett, formerly of Grand Prairie, died Saturday, Sept. 16, at Lake Pointe Medical Center in Rowlett.

Mr. Grimes was born Nov. 14, 1947, in Pryor, Okla. He was employed as a detective with the Farmers Branch Police Department for 20 years and was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Grand Prairie. He was also a member of the Texas Police Association, Texas Narcotics Investigative Association and Texas Municipal Police Association.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Grimes of Rowlett; son, Rodd Grimes of Canton; daughter, April Mack of Terrell; parents, Buck and Norma Grimes of Holbert, Okla.; sister, Dana Donnelly of Lewisville; grandchildren, Justin, Jamie, Kashion and Kreasha; and grandmother, Georgia Hefner of Wagner, Okla.

Services were Tuesday, Sept. 19, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Tom Heath officiating. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Linda Caroll Groves

Linda Caroll Groves, 49, of Irving died Friday, March 17, at The Irving Hospital.

Ms. Groves was born Nov. 2, 1945, in Brownfield. She was a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ.

She is survived by her mother, Lois Groves of Irving; brothers, Terry Groves of Lubbock and Jimmy L. Groves of Rowlett; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were Saturday, March 18, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas, with Kregg Hood and Terry Groves officiating. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Edward Earl Grunau

Edward Earl Grunau, 77, of Irving died Tuesday, Jan. 17, at his home.

Mr. Grunau was born March 9, 1917, in Dallas. He was a self-employed jewelry salesman.

Survivors include his sister, Vivian Grunau of Irving; several nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

Services were Friday at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Walter Bennett officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Alvera Ballard Gumper

Alvera Ballard Gumper, 69, of Irving died Wednesday, June 28, at her home.

Gumper was born Aug. 17, 1925. She grew up in El Paso and had lived in Arkansas before settling in Irving. She was retired from the civil service after more than 30 years. She was a pioneer user of computer technology in tumor registers in several hospitals across the state. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4477.

She is survived by two brothers, Norman Clifton of Orem, Utah, and Butch Clifton of El Paso; a sister, Peggy Grover of Sandy, Utah; a daughter, P.J. Grisham of Irving; and a son, Mike Ballard of Euless.

She is the grandmother of eight: David Carmical of Cedar Hill, Paul Carmical of Little Rock, Ariz., Tammy Anderton of Maryland; Joey, James Jennifer and Michael Ballard of Euless; and Crystal Grisham of Irving.

She is the great-grandmother of four children.

Funeral services were Friday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be 10 a.m. Monday at Restlawn Cemetery in El Paso.
Paula Celeste Gutierrez

Paula Celeste Gutierrez, infant daughter of Edward and Katherine Gutierrez of Irving, died Friday, Aug. 18, at Children's Medical Center.

She was born June 18, 1995, in Arlington.

Other survivors include her grandparents, Lydia Uribe of Alice and Maria and Pedro Gutierrez of Irving; and brothers, Daniel E. Gutierrez and Anthony T. Gutierrez.

Services were Monday, Aug. 21, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.