Frank Silva Jr.

Frank Silva Jr., 42, of Dallas died Thursday, March 2.

Mr. Silva was born June 12, 1952, in Dallas.

He is survived by his son, Frank Silva III; daughters, Ana Marie and Sarah Veronica Silva; parents, Frank Silva Sr. and Pauline Castro; brothers, Felix Rios and David Silva; sisters, Janie Fernandez, Matilde Trujillo, Ofelia Silva and Dolores Palomo.

Rosary was held Sunday, March 5, with Liturgy of the Word Monday, March 6, at Calvary Funeral Home Chapel under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home of Irving. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery in Dallas.
Patricia Ann Simpson

Patricia Ann Simpson, 43, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 20, in Irving. Mrs. Simpson was born March 31, 1951, in New Hampshire. She worked as an accountant with Inmac, Tri-Chem Paint Craft Club.

She is survived by her husband, Glen Simpson; son, Patrick Simpson of Irving; daughter, Kelley Wiswell of Austin; father, Maurice Tremblay of Austin; mother, Antoinette Tremblay of Nashua, N.H.; brothers, Morris Tremblay of Houston and Danny Tremblay of Nashua, N.H.; and sister, Gabrielle Greenwade of Crosby.

Funeral services were Monday, Jan. 23, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Revs. Bill Sebastian and George Jurecka officiating.

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IN $3A
Harry W. Sisley

Harry W. Sisley, 60, of Irving died Wednesday, April 19, at his residence.

Mr. Sisley was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio. He retired in 1992 after 16 years as a truck driver with Yellow Freight Lines of Dallas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, in which he served a total of 10 years, including a tour aboard the USS Toledo during the Korean War. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene of Irving, and was with the Teamsters for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Sisley of Irving; sons, Bill Wayne Sisley of Collville, Ohio, and David Paul Olsen of Greenville; daughters, Olive Melinda Gilliam of Dallas and Wilma Jean Newton of Butler, Ala.; sister, Norma Jean Boles of Perkins, Okla.; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Friday, April 21, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel, with the Revs. Stephen S. Hendrix and David Olsen officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

23 April 1995
IN 13A
Death Claims
Mrs. W. S. Skinner

Friends and neighbors gathered at the First Baptist Church Sunday to pay a last tribute to Mrs. Nora Skinner, who passed away at her home on Iowa Street Thursday morning.

She had been bedfast for more than a year. A member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Skinner was an ardent worker until illness forced her to retire to a less active life.

The Irving Eastern Star Chapter of which she was a member held special services at the church. Arrangements were in charge of the Leach Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Merritt officiating, assisted by Rev. P. M. Hamilton.

Interment was in Restland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Norman Sutherland, Edgar Davis, W. A. Smith, Mr. A. N. Randall Otto Krebs.
Bess Alice Slack

Bess Alice Slack, 98, formerly of Whitesboro, died Tuesday, June 13, at Denton Nursing Center.

Mrs. Slack was born March 31, 1897, in Grayson County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, June W. Slack, in 1980.

Survivors include her daughters, Erma Price of Irving and Dorothy McAllister of Lake Kiowa; son, Charles J. Slack of Van Alstyne; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at Collinsville Cemetery, with the Rev. John Bain and Dr. Fred Guthrie officiating.

The family requests memorials to the charity of choice.

15 June 1995

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Alma M. Smith

Alma M. Smith, 72, died Friday, Nov. 10, at The Irving Hospital.

Ms. Smith was born Jan. 11, 1923, in McKinney. She was a homemaker and a member of Bibleway Chapel in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, J.C. Smith of Irving; sons, John Carl Smith, Chester Lee Smith and Roger Dale Smith, all of Irving; daughters, Judy Black of Irving, Pauline Butler of Plano, Madgie Ellen Roads of Fort Worth and Toni Narmour of Lancaster; sister, Billie Ruth Ellison of Denison; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 13, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel, with the Revs. Wayne Landers and Jessie Rogers officiating. Burial followed at Ridgeview Memorial Park.
Dallas Lee Smith

Dallas Lee Smith died Friday. Funeral arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving.
Dallas Lee Smith

Dallas Lee Smith, 44, of Irving died Friday, Aug. 25, in Irving.
Mr. Smith was born Feb. 2, 1951, in Lynchburg, Va. He was the owner of Lee's Plumbing in Irving for 17 years.

Survivors include his son, Dustin Lee Smith of Bryan; brothers, David Smith of Virginia, Patrick Smith of Arlington, Gary Smith of Mississippi and Reese Smith of Irving; sisters, Brenda Davis, Susan Grundel and Sandra Breeding, all of Virginia, and Sheila Huffman of Florida; and fiancee, Judy Scott of Canton.

Services were Sunday, Aug. 27, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Gary Smith officiating. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the Dallas L. Smith Memorial Fund, c/o any Nations Bank.

31 Aug 1995
David Lynn Smith

David Lynn Smith, 25, of Euless died Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Medical City Hospital.

Mr. Smith was born Feb. 22, 1970, in Denton. He attended chef school at El Centro Community College.

Survivors include his parents, Jeanne and Thomas Hollywood of Euless and Lawrence and Francoise Smith of Lancaster; brothers, Eddie Smith of Euless and Brent Smith of Little Rock, Ark.; sisters, Darla Smith and Patricia Boohe, both of Dallas, and Kathleen Hollywood of Euless; and grandfather, Wilson Hollywood of Dallas.

Services were Saturday, Dec. 30, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Graveside services were held at Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport. Local arrangements were with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Wish With Wings Foundation or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
E. Gilbert Smith

E. Gilbert "Gil" Smith, 75, of Irving died Saturday, Feb. 11.

Mr. Smith was a longtime salesman with Longhorn and A&S Distributing. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth B. Smith of Irving; children, Donna Little, Phil and wife Judy Smith, and Cher Tedford; grandchildren, Laurie Reay, Michelle Felts, Wendy and Jill Smith and Shannon Tedford; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 13, at Unity Church Chapel in Dallas.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society or American Diabetes Association.
Eugene Leroy Smith

Eugene Leroy Smith, 71, of Irving died Monday, March 13, at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Smith was born Feb. 20, 1924, in Hawley. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served during World War II. He was a retired diesel mechanic with Lone Star Peterbilt Trucking Company and was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Zola Mae Smith of Irving; son, Bobby Eugene Smith of Ruidoso, N.M.; daughter, Linda Darlene Logan of Irving; granddaughters, Kimberly Smith of Fort Worth, Joli Smith of Ruidoso, N.M., Jennifer Smith of Hobbs, N.M., and Amanda Logan of Irving; brothers, Clifford Smith of Anson and Harold Smith of Zephyr; sisters, Frances Thurman of Brownwood, Mary Ruth Forkner of Abilene, Dorothy Mae Falkner of Hobbs, N.M., and Beatrice Crisp of Early.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 14, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with the Revs. Joe Moody and Jerrel Tomlin officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

16 May 1995

In P3A
Henry Louis Smith

Mr. Smith was born Dec. 27, 1901, in Pacific, Mo. He retired in 1969 from Northrup Aviation Co. and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Downey, Calif.

Survivors include his daughter, Frankie Sieloff Couch of Irving; granddaughter, Frankie Lynn Burt; and grandson, Charles Edward Sieloff III.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, at Restland Wildwood Chapel in Dallas, with burial to follow at Restland Memorial Park.

11 May 1995
IN P3A
Iola Reed Smith

Iola Reed Smith, 91, died Wednesday, Sept. 13, at a local hospital.

She was born Jan. 2, 1904, in Colbert, Okla., to Fred Douglas Reed and Cora Randolph Reed.

She was the first lunch manager at Dalworth Elementary School, from 1951-1963.

She was a charter member of Campbell Pride, Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 22, and served as Worthy Matron from 1951-61, a charter member of NAACP and a charter member of Princess Arts Club which she was a member of for 72 years.

She belonged to the Dalworth Senior Citizens Group and Senior Citizens of Grand Prairie, the Food Share Program Helping Hands and was a longtime member of the Dalworth PTA and many other groups.

Mrs. Smith was a member of Evening Chapel AME Church for more than 55 years and was president of the Missionary Society and a member of the National Congress of the AME Church.

She was the matriarch of five generations of Reed/Randolph descendants.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leamon Lafayette Sr., in 1925, and a daughter, Florence Ola Harrison, in 1965.

She is survived by a son, Leamon Lafayette Jr. of Calera, Okla.; a daughter, Dorothy Lafayette Singleton of Houston; a brother, the Rev. Charles Reed of Dallas; a sister, Muriel Bowman of Dallas; 22 grandchildren; 70 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, at St. John Baptist Church, 1701 West Jefferson, with the Rev. Charles Reed officiating. Burial will be in American Memorial Park.

Arrangements were handled by Washington Memorial Funeral Home.
James Travis Smith

James Travis Smith, 70, of Irving died Saturday, Dec. 31, in Irving.

Mr. Smith was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Crockett. He graduated from Water Valley High School and Texas A&M University and served during World War II. After retiring from Southern Union Gas Co., he was self-employed with Associated Utility Specialists until 1981. After retirement, he moved to Prairie Lea, where he was a member of the Caldwell County Appraisal District Board of Directors and the Tri-County Water Board.

He is survived by his wife, Madelon Reedy Smith; daughters and sons-in-law, Holly and Bill Rasmussen of Irving, Cherie and Bill Cook of Keller and Nancy and Gary Olson of Flower Mound; seven grandchildren; and nephew, Gerald Smith of Stockton, Calif.

Mr. Smith willed his body to Southwestern Medical School. Memorial services were held Tuesday, Jan. 3, in the Zolon Wilkins Chapel at The Irving Hospital.

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in Saint Jo. He was an insurance agent with Jerl Smith Insurance Agency in Irving for the past year and was previously employed with Affiliated Foods for 15 years. He was a military veteran and was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Trivella A. Smith of Irving; sons, David J. Smith, Keith L. Smith and B. Todd Smith, all of Irving; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andy and Gertie; and brother, James Earl Smith.

Services were Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, with the Revs. Ken Branam and Keith Smith officiating.

Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Plymouth Park Baptist Church Student Ministry Fund, 1714 N. Story Road, Irving, TX 75061.

Jerl Smith
Jerl Smith, 57, of Irving died Sunday, July 29, at The Irving Hospital.
Mr. Smith was born Jan. 9, 1938,
Jason Leeroy Smith

Jason Leeroy Smith, 19, died Tuesday, May 23.
He is survived by his parents, Charles and Linda Smith of Irving; sister, Jennifer Smith of Irving; grandparents, J.D. and Virginia Smith of Huntsville; brother, Jerry Batchelor, and sister, Ray Nell Batchelor, both of Irving; aunts and uncles, Dale and Kylia Smith, Debbie and Ken Jenkins, Rodney and Christy Batchelor and Jerry Lynn Batchelor; and great-grandparents, Richard and Dorothy Poynor and Ruby Clark.

Services were Friday, May 26, at Restland Memorial Chapel in Dallas. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park.

28 May 1995
IN 83 A
**Mazie Ebbert Smith**

Mazie Ebbert Smith, 73, of Frankston, formerly of Irving, died Friday, Feb. 17, at a Palestine hospital.

Mrs. Smith was born May 21, 1921, in Russellville, Ala. She was a homemaker and was a member of Hill Top Baptist Church of Frankston and Night Owls Motorcycle Club of Athens.

She is survived by her husband, Fred N. Smith of Frankston; son, Charles Robert Ebbert of Frankston; daughters, Paula Ebbert Petty of Flower Mound and Mary Ebbert Beard of Frankston; brothers, Pas Hargett Jr. and Theodore Hargett, both of Russellville, Ala.; sisters, Reggie Thompson and Louise Pruett, both of Russellville, Ala.; nine grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Thompson Funeral Home in Frankston, with the Revs. George Folmar and James Engle officiating. Burial followed at Frankston City Cemetery.
Mildred Smith

Services were Saturday

Mildred Smith

Mildred I. Smith, 83, died Wednesday, June 14. She was born Feb. 7, 1912.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Larcus Smith.

Survivors include her sons, Johnny and Charles Ratliff of Olton; daughter, Liz Clark of Irving; brothers, Howard Small of Dallas, Earl Small of Cooper and J.L. Small of Olton; sisters, Mabel Priice of Cooper and Zelba Perdue of Winkleman, Ariz.; grandsons, Wendell Ratliff of Guymon, Okla., Tony Ratliff of Fort Worth and Jerry Clark Jr. of Glenn Heights; granddaughters, Sharon Taylor of Seminole, Linda Ratliff of Belton, Letris Stewart and Juanita Barton, both of Irving, and Tonya Ratliff of Olton; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 17, in Olton.
Ollie Minor Smith

Masonic services for Ollie Minor Smith, 81, will be held Tuesday, Jan. 2.
Arrangements are pending with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at Longview Catholic Church in Longview. Fr. Michael Martin officiated. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery.

Mr. Smith was born March 21, 1928, in Marksville, La. He graduated from Louisiana Southern College in 1958 and worked for R.C. Lefourcheu, Inc., and Lone Star Steel Company. He was a member of the Steelworkers Union.

Survivors include his daughter, Mrs. Smith; two brothers, and a sister.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Walling Smith, two brothers, and a sister.

Mr. Smith was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Longview. He was a member of the Steelworkers Union.

The body was in the care of J.B. Martin Funeral Home. Visitation was held Tuesday, Dec. 19, at St. Mary's Nursing Center.
A LC worker died in a fall from the 7th floor of the building where he worked. The incident occurred at 10 a.m. on Monday.

By Jennifer Rosenberg

News Star Writer

"There were quite a few people who witnessed Smith's fall," said Lt. Thomas Carroll, assistant chief of police. "He was visibly quite shaken," he said. "They were quite a few people who witnessed Smith fall," said Lt. Thomas Carroll, assistant chief of police.

Maryland Insurance has notified Smith's family and they are working on submissions to help those who witnessed the incident.

Smith worked closely with him. "We are very saddened about the tragedy," Adams said. "We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and those who worked with him," Adams said. "We are very saddened about the tragedy," Adams said. "We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and those who worked with him," Adams said.

Smith's family was a claims specialist with the company's corporate communications department. Smith was a claims specialist with the company's corporate communications department. Smith's family was a claims specialist with the company's corporate communications department.

A video of the fall was recorded at the scene. Authorities arrived at the scene. When authorities arrived at the scene, Smith was pronounced dead.

Police say man LC worker dies from 7-story fall
Terry Mac Smith

Terry Mac Smith, 34, died Sunday, May 21, at a hospital in Corpus Christi.

Mr. Smith was born August 13, 1960, in Sherman. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving and graduated from MacArthur High School in 1978. Mr. Smith attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas and Del Mar College in Corpus Christi.

He is survived by his parents, Rodney and Peggy Smith of Irving; sisters, Joyce Jamieson of Nashville, Tenn., Rhonda Furr of Victoria, and Linda Strickland of Round Rock; nieces, Holly Furr and Hayley Strickland; and nephews, Christopher and Taylor Jamieson, Paul and Andy Furr and Ben Strickland.

Services were held Tuesday, May 23, at First United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi, with Dr. Mark Doty officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to The Passage, P.O. Box, 1454, Corpus Christi, TX 78403; or to The Loving Spoonful, 3166 Reid Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78404.

28 May 1995

IN 83A
Virginia Smith

Virginia Smith of Irving died March 17. Services are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Virginia Smith

Virginia Smith, 66, of Irving died Saturday, March 18, at her residence.

Mrs. Smith was born Dec. 26, 1928, in Bogata, Texas. She was employed as a sales clerk with JC Penney and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary and Fundamental Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Alice E. Block of Hobart, Okla., and Linda D. Strackbein of Waxahachie; son, Brownie A. Smith Jr. of Irving; sisters, Lenora Boughton of DeSoto, Shirley Son of DeKalb and Jone Cates of New Boston; brothers, Andrew Wharton of Nash, Loy Wharton of Maud, Jarvis Wharton and Tommy Wharton, both of DeKalb, James Wharton of New Boston and Jimmy Wharton of Hooks; grandchildren, Christopher Block, Ranell D. Dyer, Kellie M. Morris, Kris Dorsey and Michele Dorsey; great-granddaughter, Isabella D. Block; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brownie A. Smith.

Services were held Monday, March 20, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with the Rev. Dale Parkhill officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
George A. Snyder

George A. Snyder, 79, of Irving died Friday, June 16, in Irving.

Mr. Snyder was born Oct. 9, 1915, in Elkhart, Ind. He was a member of Sherwood Park Baptist Church of Irving and VFW Lewisville No. 9168. He was also a military veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lotti M. Snyder of Irving; sons, Eddie Snyder and Robert Snyder, both of Indiana, and Frankie Fitch of Bonham; brother, Donald Snyder of Virginia; sister, Ruby Fretwell of Virginia; and four grandchildren.

Services were Sunday, June 18, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Bronson Clemens officiating. Burial was at Flower Mound Cemetery under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Herschell Sneed

Herschell Sneed, 64, of Hurst, previously or Irving, died Monday, June 5, at Northeast Community Hospital in Bedford.

Mr. Sneed was born July 11, 1930, in Union Bower, Texas. He was a retired dispatcher for Kroehler Manufacturing in Dallas, where he was employed for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Sneed of Hurst; daughters, Liz Owen and Darlene Hargis of Irving, Patty Whitehead of Corsicana and Linda Prewitt of Grapevine; sister, Patsy Swain of Irving; and eight grandchildren.

Services were scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. J. Don George officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

8 June 1995
IN P3A
Homer Snider

Homer Snider, 76, of Hurst died Thursday, May 4, in Bedford.

Before retiring, Mr. Snider worked in the production control department of an aerospace company.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Snider of Hurst; daughters, Paula Sunbarger of Irving and Fran C. Fuller of Hurst; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Saturday, May 6, at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home Chapel in Colleyville. Burial was at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.
Robert Leon Snider

Robert Leon Snider, 45, of Irving died Saturday, March 18, at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 11, 1949, in Denton. He was a chief information officer with M/A/R/C and received the M/A/R/C Founder's Award in 1990. He attended Northgate United Methodist Church. He also was a gun hobbyist.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Behrens Snider of Irving; mother, Pansy McMillan of Denton; daughters, Melissa and Anna Snider, both of Irving; sister, Kathy Roerig of New Orleans, La.; niece, Kelly Roerig of New Orleans, La.; nephew, Tony Roerig of Seattle, Wash.; grandson, Byron Robert Briscoe of Irving; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Services were Wednesday, March 22, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Joe Pool officiating. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to the Robert Leon Snider Memorial Fund, Austin College, Vice President for Development, 900 N. Grand Avenue, Suite 6G, Sherman, TX 75090-4440.
James Edwin Snyder

James Edwin Snyder, 69, of Quinlan died Monday, April 24, at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

He was born March 5, 1926, in Allentown, Pa. He was employed as a restaurant chef and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his daughter, Laura Linscott of Wills Point; grandchildren, Jinnifer and Jason Grindel of Irving; and sister, Ferne Davis of California.

A private burial service with family only was scheduled under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Carrie Ella Sparr

Carrie Ella Sparr, 97, of Irving died Monday, May 22, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Sparr was born July 26, 1897, in East Lynn, W. Va. She was a member of First Assembly of God in Irving.

Survivors include her daughter, Vivian Teichman of Irving; granddaughter, Linda Sykes of Florida; grandsons, Gene Teichman of Irving and John Sparr; Phillip Sparr and Allen Sparr, all of Kentucky; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Holland of West Virginia; and brother, Lucian Kelly of West Virginia.

Services were Wednesday, May 24, at First Assembly of God, with the Revs. E.R. Anderson and George Pearce officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

25 May 1995
In P3A
Veronica D. Solvig

Veronica D. Solvig, 81, of Grand Prairie, died Monday, May 29, at Heritage Place Nursing Home.

Mrs. Solvig was born Sept. 28, 1913, in Chicago, Ill. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Roy Solvig of Africa and Lawrence Solvig of Irving.

A memorial service will be held Friday evening, June 2, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church of Irving, with the Rev. Peter Diebenow officiating.

Arrangements are with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home of Irving.
Enoch Sorrell

Enoch Sorrell, 78, of Irving died Monday, April 17, at his home.

Mr. Sorrell was born Dec. 10, 1916, in Dallas. He was retired from Westvaco and was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and a member of the Hella Shrine and Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Susan Opal (Nelson) of Irving; daughter, Loretta Sue Tinsley of Nacogdoches; sons, Rae of Dallas and Jerry of Irving; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20, at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel, with the Rev. Brad Sutton officiating. Burial will follow at Laurel Land Memorial Park.

20 April 1995
IN 13A
Bertie Southwood

Services were Saturday

Bertie Toler Southwood

Bertie Toler Southwood, 87, of Irving died Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Mrs. Southwood was born Sept. 8, 1908, in Dublin, Texas. She resided in Irving for more than 30 years. She was retired from Sanger-Harris Department Stores and was a member of First Baptist Church of Plano.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Southwood, and by seven brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her son, Bobby Joe Southwood of Irving; sister-in-law, Margaret Toler of Garland; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 4, at Ted Dickey Funeral Home Chapel in Plano, with the Rev. Wallace Philpott and Dr. John Riggs officiating. Entombment was at Restland's Abbey Mausoleum.

The family requests memorials to the American Heart Association.
John W. Stafford Sr.

John W. "Bill" Stafford Sr., 94, of Irving died Monday, April 17, at an Irving nursing home.

Mr. Stafford was born Oct. 1, 1900, in Telephone. He was a retired heavy equipment operator (for 44 years) with Lone Star Gas Co. of Irving. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette Stafford of Irving; son, J.W. "Bill" Stafford Jr. of Abilene; daughters, Nauwana Long of Burleson and Allene Suggs of Dallas; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife of 50 years, Maudie Glena Stafford.

Services were Tuesday, April 18, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Burial was at Crown Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Vitas Hospice, attn: Team 5, 801 West Freeway, Suite 620, Grand Prairie, TX 75051.
Hubert H. Staggs

Hubert H. "Pooker" Staggs, 65, of Irving died Thursday, Dec. 29, at Irving Living Center.

Mr. Staggs is survived by his wife, Genie Staggs of Irving; son, Walker Layne Staggs of Chandler; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 2, at St. Martin's Cemetery in Tours, with the Rev. Ed Karasek officiating.
Mollie Stahly

Arrangements are pending with
Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

2 July 1995
In 83A
Mollie Ann Stahly

Mollie Ann Stahly, 72, of Irving died Saturday, July 1. She was born July, 27, 1922 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Stahly is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws, Jo Ann and Charles Johnson of Irving, Ebby and John Johnston of Richardson and Beverly and Kenneth Williams of Austin; daughter, Janice Scott of Plano; brothers, Nick Garrison of Clyde, David Garrison of Abilene and Jean Markmann of Tuscon, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Monday, July 3, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Chapel, with Revs. Mike Walker and Chris Allen officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Darrell W. Stein

Darrell W. Stein, 63, of Irving died Thursday, April 20, at his home in Irving.

Mr. Stein was born Jan. 30, 1932, in Sioux City, Iowa. He was a truck driver with Pinnacle Transportation in Arkansas and a 14-year member of the Teamster Union in Houston. He also served in the U.S. Army; he was a second lieutenant paratrooper during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Deanna "Dee" Stein of Irving; sons, Michael Stein of Nashville, Tenn., and Dennis Lowe of Pinebluff, Ark.; daughters Terry Lynn Straten of Waller, Kimberly Ann Muffoletto of Montgomery, Danna Lowe of Irving and Beverly Gayle Shephard of Alvin; sister, Sharon Lee Gragg of Phoenix, Ariz.; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were Saturday, April 22, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Keith Berryman officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 141274, Irving, Texas 75014.
Janice Lynn Stephens

Janice Lynn Stephens, 35, of Irving died Monday, Nov. 6, at The Irving Hospital.

Ms. Stephens was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Stephens; and grandparents, Edith Stephens and William and Marie Tuggles.

She is survived by her parents, Dave and Ellen Stephens of Spring City, Tenn.; sisters, Kathy Hadsock of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Angela Martin of Miramar, Fla.; brothers, David Stephens Jr. of Spring City, Tenn., and William Lucas of Fort Pierce, Fla.; grandparents, Cecil and Jane Stephens of Arcadia, Fla.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Vaughn Funeral Home Chapel in Spring City, Tenn., with Dr. Wayne Brooks officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Sulphur Cemetery in Grandview, Tenn. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, at the funeral home.
Audia F. Stevens

Audia F. Stevens, 84, of Indiana, died Sunday, Aug. 27, at Brandywine Manor in Greenfield, Ind.

Mrs. Stevens was born Nov. 13, 1910, in Alexandria, Ind. She retired from the Guide-Lamp Division of General Motors of Anderson, Ind., in 1969 after 31 years of employment. She was a member of Christian Newlight Church, formerly of Scott Addition in Alexandria.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carole J. and Max Moore of Irving; sons and daughters-in-law, John Clayton and Flo Stevens of Salter Path, N.C., and Robert A. and Ellen Stevens of Fortville, Ind.; sisters, Dicy Perry of Middletown, Ind., and Phyllis Buss of Anderson, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one grandson; a brother, Glen Cook; and two sisters, Jessie Cattron and Mable McMahan Spaulding.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Owens Funeral Home in Alexandria, Ind., with the Rev. Chester Owens officiating. Burial followed at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Alexandria.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.
B.P. Stevenson

B.P. "Pete" Stevenson, 79, a lifelong resident of Irving, died Saturday, Aug. 5, at Dogwood Trails Nursing Home in Woodville.

Mr. Stevenson was born Jan. 11, 1916, in Canton. He attended Crozier Tech High School and was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the occupational forces in Japan in World War II. He worked in various trades, including being a shipping clerk with Texlite of Dallas, managing a warehouse for Crockett & Lund Electrical Wiring of Dallas, working as a transportation officer with Hooker Chemical of Dallas, owning his own wrecking yard and working assembly and driving trucks for Transportation Equipment Company of Irving. He retired in the late 1970s. He was a charter member of VFW Post 4477 in Grand Prairie.

Survivors include his sons, Paul Wayne Stevenson of Port Aransas and Don Stevenson of Woodville; sister, Billye Willock of Tucson, Ariz.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Aug. 8, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Joseph Eugene Stewart, Sr.

Joseph Eugene Stewart, Sr., 62, of Grand Prairie, died Thursday, Sept. 14, at Methodist Medical Center.

Mr. Stewart was born April 22, 1933, in Clay City, Ind. He was a custodian for the Irving Independent School District.

Survivors include three daughters, Rhonda Anderson of Irving; Kimberly Stewart of Terre Haute, Ind., and Jodi Stewart, of Terre Haute; three sons, Julius Stewart and Joe Stewart, Jr., both of Irving, and Michael Stewart of Terre Haute; three brothers, Jerry Stewart of Kemp, Texas, Bill Stewart of Garland and Bob Stewart of Terre Haute; and five grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, at Roselawn Memorial Park in Terre Haute, Ind. Interment will follow at the same location.

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Wilson L. Stidham

Wilson L. "Chief" Stidham, 63, of Athens, formerly of Irving, died Monday, March 13, at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Mr. Stidham was born May 23, 1931, in Wewoka, Okla. He was a member of Eastern Hills Church of Christ and was a retired independent grocery manager. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Stidham of Athens; sons, Jon Stidham of Euless and Terry Stidham of Athens; sister, Norma Jean Edgmon of Norman, Okla.; sister-in-law, Sara Lee Stidham of Seminole, Okla.; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dean and Lucille Snider of Fort Worth; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, March 15, at Eastern Hills Church of Christ, with Dr. Eric Cupp officiating. Burial was at Athens City Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to Eastern Hills Church of Christ Building Program; or to Angels Keepers, P.O. Box 1997, Athens, TX 75751.
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Arrangements are pending with
Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Claude "Wayne" Stracener II

Claude "Wayne" Stracener II, 48, of Irving died Thursday, July 6, at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Stracener was born in Beaumont on Feb. 28, 1947. He was a automotive mechanic and was in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann Moore of Austin; father, Claude Stacener of Broddus; a son, Joshua Wayne Stracener of Ft. Davis; a stepson, Michaël McNeel of Alpine; brother, Bobby Sloane Stracener of Austin; sisters, Karen Vincent of Conroe and Denise Anding of Austin; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, July 8, at the Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with Chaplain Ralph Smith officiating.
Todd Strong

Todd Strong, 30, of Bedford died Saturday, May 20, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr. Strong was born Nov. 23, 1964, in Dallas. He was a 1982 graduate of Trinity High School and attended Tarrant County Junior College. He was employed with Pittsburg Plate Glass Industries.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Diane and Rick Jones of Bedford; father, Scott Strong of Oak Cliff; grandfather, Eugene Wilson of Pottsboro; and girlfriend, Diane Harper of Bedford.

Services were Wednesday, May 24, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. George Jureka officiating. Arrangements were with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers or food, the family requests donations to the charity of choice.

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Dorothy Stubblefield

Dorothy Stubblefield, 67, of Irving, died Friday, Dec. 22. Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Dorothy "Dot" Stubblefield

Dorothy "Dot" Stubblefield, 67, of Irving died Friday, Dec. 22, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Stubblefield was born in Sulphur Bluff, Texas, on Aug. 10, 1928. She lived in Irving for 23 years; she was previously from Dallas. She retired in 1991 after 15 years in quality control with Taylor Publishing in Dallas. She was a member of the Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

She is survived by her daughter, Denea L. Ayers of Irving; sons, Robert and Dale Stubblefield, both of Irving; sister, Ann May of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday, Dec. 26, at the Oak View Baptist Church, with Revs. Wallace Philpot and Jim Gerlach officiating. Burial followed at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Local arrangements were with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Longtime Irving pastor Elmer Sweat Sr., 65, died Tuesday, May 16, at The Irving Hospital.

He was born Dec. 15, 1929, in Bear Creek. His parents were Samuel and Viola Sweat, two original settlers of the Bear Creek area of Irving.

As a boy, Mr. Sweat attended Sowers Elementary School in Irving and Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas. He was a graduate of Southern Bible Training School, where he was ordained a pastor. He also was a member of the Hominy District Association.

The Rev. Sweat was pastor of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church in Bear Creek for 27 years. He built the small church, which sits on Gilbert Road, from scratch, with help from members of his congregation.

Sweat was a well-respected member of the community, known for his contributions particularly in the Bear Creek community.

Jackie Townsell, former Irving City Councilwoman from the Bear Creek area, praised Sweat for his work in the community, noting that she worked with him before the community was annexed by Irving in 1969. She called his death “a great loss to the community.” Townsell said the Sweats were a pioneer family in the Bear Creek area.

Sweat was known as a caregiver for the poor. He often grew gardens at his home and gave all the food to those less fortunate. He did repair work to residents’ homes and sponsored food drives.

Pastor Sweat ministered to several young ministers around the Metroplex and was known to be a great influence on them in their pursuit of stronger faith.

According to his son, Elmer Sweat Jr., The Rev. Sweat's death came as a shock to his congregation.

“Any I gathered from the congregation is that it made us a lot stronger in the Lord. Also, for some it seemed like a self-examination of their own soul,” he said.

Prior to becoming a pastor, Sweat was a pipe inspector. He also was a concrete and bricklayer, a skill he used to build his church.

Sweat is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Elmer N. Jr. and Barbara Sweat; James E. and Sharon G. Sweat and Melvin M. and Uela Sweat, all of Irving; daughter, Janit L. Sweat of Irving; four brothers; three sisters; five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

“He was the best man I’ve ever known in my life. Every time something came up, he was able to handle it. He loved people and he loved kids,” said his son, Elmer Jr. “He was a real private man. There were a lot of contributions that he made to the community that only the family knew about.”

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Mary Frances Fisher.

Services were held Saturday, May 20, at Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. T.W. Polk officiating. Burial followed at Carver Memorial Park in Ferris.

Arrangements were with Washington Memorial Funeral Home in Dallas.

Pastorship of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church will be taken over by another member of the Sweat family.
Airplane crash victim helicoptered to Baylor Hospital

Former Irving police officer in critical condition

By MILES MOFFEIT
News Staff Writer

Former Irving police officer John O. Swinney Jr. was transported by medical helicopter to Baylor Hospital Wednesday to receive more specialized care for injuries sustained last week in a New Mexico airplane crash.

Swinney was a passenger in his brother-in-law’s home-built, small-engine aircraft when it crashed June 11 in a southern New Mexico town during a vacation trip to Fort Collins, Colo. His brother-in-law, David W. Smith, the pilot, died in the accident.

Family members said Friday that Swinney remained in critical condition.

“He’s lucky to be alive,” said Swinney’s daughter, Sherri Brau. “He’s in critical condition, but we’re hoping for the best.”

The crash occurred as the men’s airplane was headed from Alamogordo, N.M. to Roswell, N.M. and clipped some trees, according to witnesses.

Safety officials are at a loss to explain the cause of the accident, Brau said. The Federal Aviation Administration isn’t expected to issue a finding for another two months, she said.

“We don’t know a whole lot,” she said. “The FAA said his records were meticulous. The
Crash: Victim taken to Baylor for critical treatment

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weather was like an average day. The eyewitnesses said the engine didn’t seem to be cutting out.”

Brau said information in some recent news reports implied that the aircraft was new and being tested by the men. But Brau said Smith was a seasoned pilot who had logged 1,000 hours in the air.

“My uncle had not just put this plane together,” she said. “He had built the plane, but he had over 1,000 hours in it.”

That and other unexplained factors have family members scratching their heads.

“There are certain flight patterns you use because of air and naval bases around there,” Brau said. “They were on an assigned flight schedule and they were only in the air like a half an hour or so. Everything was fine. They were supposedly at the right altitude.”

After the plane dipped and struck a tree in Cloudcroft, N.M., eyewitnesses said pieces of the plane were torn off and Swinney was thrown to the ground. The only piece of the plane reportedly found intact was the fuselage.

Brau said she did not want to comment extensively on her father’s injuries, which were treated in Albuquerque prior to his move to Baylor. She said he has yet to undergo surgery.

Swinney, 54, currently is employed at Central Freight Lines in Irving. He was an officer with the Irving police for 17 years.
Marian Summers

Marian Summers, 34, of Fort Worth died Monday, July 31, at Westhaven Nursing Home.

Mrs. Summers was born July 4, 1961 in San Diego, Calif.

She is survived by her father, Rich Hurless of Denver, Colo.; mother, Judy Cakouski of New Jersey; husband, Joseph Summers of Dallas; son, Joshua Summers of Irving; daughter, Ann Marie Summers of Irving; sister, Roni Hurless of New Jersey; and mother-in-law, Gloria Griffin of Irving.

The family will conduct private services. Arrangements are being made through Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.