

Dorothy Usher

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Dorothy Bell Usher

Dorothy Bell Usher, 75, of Irving died Saturday, March 18, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Usher was born July 8, 1919, in Mineral Wells. She was a member of Oak Haven Methodist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Usher of Irving; daughter, Bettye Wilson of Irving; granddaughter, Cindy Wilson Santoscoy of Irving; grandson, Clark Wilson of Seattle, Wash.; great-grandchild, Shelby Santoscoy of Irving; and sister, Ruth London of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were Monday, March 20, at Chism-Smith Funeral Chapel, with burial at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Ralph James Utley

Ralph James Utley, 76, of Dallas died Saturday, Dec. 16, at a Dallas hospital.

Mr. Utley was born March 26, 1919, in Sherman. He was a graduate of Texas Wesleyan College and was a band director and school teacher in Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Clarice Bell Utley.

He is survived by his nephews, Gary Parker and David Parker, both of Panama City, Fla.; and niece, Debbie Banka of Panama City, Fla.

Graveside services were Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Chaplain Ralph Smith officiating. Arrangements were with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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**Folole "Flora"
Vailahi**

Folole "Flora" Vailahi, 47, of Euless died Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Harris/HEB Hospital in Bedford.

Mrs. Vailahi was born in Houma, Tonga, on Feb. 19, 1948. She lived in Euless since 1984 and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Sione Vailahi of Euless; sons, Wesley Vailahi of Portland, Ore., and John, David and Malakai Vailahi, all of Salt Lake City, Utah; daughters, Dawn and Lipeti Vailahi, both of Euless; granddaughter, Katalini Vailahi of Euless; and mother, Telesia Maata Salt.

Services will be held Saturday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Euless, with Bishop Hola officiating. Burial will follow at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

Local arrangements are with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Franklin Andries Valdez

Franklin Andries "Andy" Valdez, 20, of Irving died Sunday, Aug. 20, in Dallas.

Mr. Valdez was born June 1, 1975, in Springfield, Mo. He was employed as a salesman with Universal Auto Sales.

Survivors include his daughter, April Artega of Dallas; parents, Samuel Valdez and Deeanna Valdez of Irving; sisters, Maggie Reamer of Grand Prairie and Valerie Valdez and Chris Valdez, both of Missouri; and brothers, Sam Valdez Jr. of Dallas, Steve Valdez of Irving and Joe Valdez of Missouri.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Henry Clinton Vance

Henry Clinton Vance, 79, of Grand Prairie died Friday, March 3, in a Dallas hospital.

Born Sept. 10, 1915, in Denton, he had lived in Grand Prairie since 1945 and had also lived in Lewisville and Dallas. He had worked for Metzgers Dairies and North American Aviation in Grand Prairie.

Mr. Vance was a custom home-builder and was owner of Vance Construction of Grand Prairie, a landscape, rental and construction business, until his retirement. He was a member of the school board for the Grand Prairie Independent School District in 1952-54, and was a member of the Grand Prairie Lions Club. He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Grand Prairie.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise Vance of Grand Prairie; daughters, Henna Trent of Irving and Emily Vance of Grand Prairie; daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Ernie Stautner of Denver, Colo.; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Whitmore of Lewisville.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at Bean-Massey-Burge Chapel, with the Revs. Robin L. Valdez and Ben McAnally officiating. Burial will be at Southland Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1901 N. Carrier Parkway, Grand Prairie, TX 75050

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**Willie Jean
Vandagriff**

Willie Jean Vandagriff, 57, died Tuesday, Aug. 22, at Arlington Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Jean Vandagriff

Jean Vandagriff, 59, of Grand Prairie and Irving, died Tuesday at the Arlington Medical Center.

Ms. Vandagriff was born July 29, 1936. She was a food server for the Grand Prairie Independent School District for 13 years. She was a member of the Assembly of God Tabernacle in Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Earney Vandagriff; son, Ronnie Vandagriff; son, Danny Vandagriff and wife, Katy; son, Donny Vandagriff and wife, Denison; sister, Betty Jane West of Arlington; brother, Dan Adkins of Sacul; and three grandsons.

Services were held Friday, Aug. 25, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Gerald Patterson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Christian Outreach and the American Heart Association.

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Larry Vandecar

Died Thursday

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Larry Vandecar, 59, of Irving, died Thursday, Sept. 28, at his Irving home.

Mr. Vandecar was born June 16, 1936, in Lake Odessa, Mich. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, a retired public school teacher and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Mille Vandecar of Irving; son, David Vandecar of Dallas; daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Bryan Jepson of Port Hueneme, Calif.; daughter, Mary Therese Vandecar of Irving; four brothers, Calvin Vandecar, Kenneth Vandecar, Morris Vandecar and Terry Vandecar, all of Mich.; sister, Sandra Comp of Mich.; and seven grandchildren.

Mass of christian burial was held 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 30, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Irving with Rev. Jerry Duesman as celebrant.

Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

A vigil was held 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel.

The Family Requests Memorials to Holy Family Catholic Church, 2330 Cheyenne, Irving, Texas, 75062.

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Kevin Vandyke

Arrangements are pending with
Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home
for Kevin Vandyke, 33, of Irving,
who died Thursday, Nov. 16.

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Kevin Dean Van Dyke

Kevin Dean Van Dyke, 33, of Irving died Thursday, Nov. 16, in Fort Worth.

Mr. Van Dyke was born Oct. 31, 1962, in South Hill, Va. He had lived in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1973. He was a former employe of the Irving Healthcare System, and he attended Nimitz High School in Irving.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Gladys Almond, and son, Samuel Van Dyke.

He is survived by his parents, Jesse W. and Dorothy Van Dyke of Alvarado; daughters, Stacy D. Van Dyke of Mount Calm, Texas, and Jennifer M. and Kristy M. Van Dyke, both of Irving; sisters, Dawn Burns of Lorena, Diane Currin of South Hill, Va., and Brenda Soward of Euless; brother Mark Van Dyke of Alvarado; and nephews, Alex and Daniel Burns of Euless.

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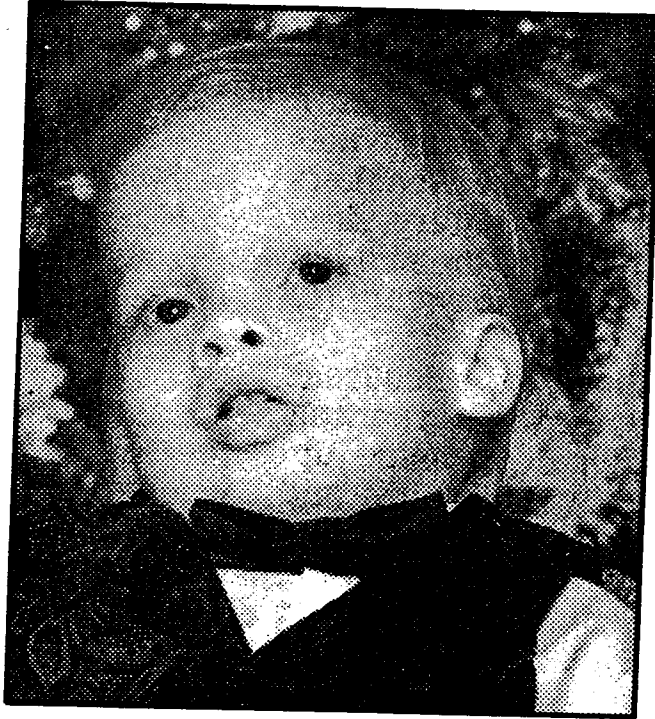
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Don and Norma West of Irving and Dean and Robbie Varner of Hutchins; aunts, Jean Bland, Teresa Swindle and Staci League; and uncles, Bobby, Mike and Terry Varner.

Services were held June 21 at Byrum Funeral Home, with the Rev. Sonny Spurger officiating. Burial followed at Edgewood Cemetery in Lancaster.

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Naomi Beatrice Robinson Vaughan

Naomi Beatrice Robinson Vaughan, 82, of Sherman died Monday, Feb. 13, at a Sherman hospital.

Mrs. Vaughan was born Aug. 20, 1912, in Taylor County. She was a member of Wylie Baptist Church for 24 years, where she taught a ladies' Sunday School class for 20 years and served as church secretary and pianist. She joined Aldersgate Methodist Church of Abilene and was a member of the Homebuilders Sunday School class. For the past five years she had been a member of Abundant Life Sunday School class at Waples Methodist Church in Denison.

Mrs. Vaughan graduated from Tuscola High School, attended Baylor Belton and graduated from McMurry University with bachelor of science and master of education degrees. She taught school for 31 years in Tuscola, South Taylor and in Abilene. She was a member of Texas State Teachers Association, Abilene Classroom Teachers, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Abilene Retired Teachers and the Good Sam Hi Rollers Camping Club.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Leland and Francine Robinson of Abilene; daughters, Joanne Dickey of Denison and Mary Lou South and husband Lee of Irving; stepchildren, Patsy Warden of Antioch, Tenn., and Bill Vaughan of Austin; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 13 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lee Robinson, in 1960; her second husband, Ray Vaughan, in 1990; two brothers, H.B. Stanaland and Sam Stanaland; and three sisters, Ruby Vancleave, Millie Graham and Lorena Crocker.

Funeral services were Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Elliott's Funeral Chapel in Abilene, with the Revs.

Mike Patterson and Oscar Fanning officiating.

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Antonio "Tony" Velazquez

Antonio "Tony" Velazquez, 6, of Irving died Saturday, Dec. 16, in Athens, Texas.

He was born in Dallas on June 13, 1989.

He is survived by his parents,

Genaro and Rosie Velasquez of Irving; and grandparents, Guadalupe Mujica and Antonio and Grispina Velazquez.

Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with Rev. Doug Deshotel officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Local arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Police confident murder suspects will be caught

By LIZABETH CARDENAS

News Staff Writer

The suspect in the murder of Roberto Velasquez remains at large in the Metroplex, according to Irving police, who think it is just a matter of time before the 30-year-old Garland man is nabbed.

Rafael Gonzalez, 30, who police say uses at least two other aliases — Rafael Gonzales and Rafael Arriaza — allegedly shot Velasquez, 20, with a 9mm handgun from a car about 12:45 p.m. on June 12 at the Garden Plaza Apartments, 2656 W. Grauwylar Road.

"The victim's brother is back in town,

and he has told us that the suspect is in the Dallas area," said Det. Harold Renfro. "We're getting leads — he hears things from the group and lets us know. Eventually he'll trip up, and we'll catch him. He'll slip up and be at the wrong place at the wrong time."

Police believe the shooting, in the complex's parking lot, stemmed from a dispute over money. They are speculating that the incident was drug related.

Two friends of Gonzalez occupied a separate car and witnessed the slaying,

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Suspects: IPD anticipating arrests

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along with Velasquez's sister, who was standing next to her brother outside Gonzalez's car. Irving police filed murder charges on Gonzalez in late June. No one else has been charged with the murder.

All the people who were at the shooting scene are originally from Guatemala, and they are mostly related — fifth or sixth cousins, Renfroe said. Velasquez lives in Dallas with Gonzalez's mother, and Velasquez's sister lived at the Garden Plaza Apartments.

Police do not believe that Gonzalez went back to Guatemala, Renfroe said.

"It's a very small town that they're from — they don't even have a phone," Renfroe said. Because all the friends and relatives live there, the victim's mother said if Gonzalez goes back, they will kill him. We don't think he will, and the victim's brother says he is stupid if he does."

Renfroe said the police department has followed up on a few leads, but no solid informa-

tion has resulted. However, Renfroe said, "we've got a couple places he might be hiding out."

Police are confident they will catch Gonzalez.

"Gonzalez has access to many cars, through all his friends and relatives, so he has been switching cars," Renfroe said. "He feels comfortable now, thinking his family can hide him, but that's when he's going to make his mistake."

Meanwhile, another recent IPD murder case has not turned up many leads.

Although police think Juan Flores, 24, the suspect in the fatal shooting of Gaspar Reyes, 25, on July 9, was in Dallas, there is reason to believe he has fled the area, police said.

"It's a good possibility he's in Mexico," said Tom Rowan. "We knew he was the suspect on the day of the murder, and we notified border patrol that day, but you never know — he could've used an alias."

In addition to the IPD and the Dallas Sheriff's office, the Immigration and Naturalization Service also is in the hunt for Flores, who is believed to be an

illegal alien, said Capt. Wardell Cox.

On the night of the murder, a group of men were talking and drinking in a courtyard area of the Twelve Oaks Apartments, when an argument ensued between Flores and Reyes, who is a resident of the complex. Flores allegedly shot Reyes about two times at close range in the upper torso with a .38 caliber automatic pistol, police said.

"All the people involved (witnesses) are Hispanic and many of them are illegal aliens," Cox said.

Police do not know Flores' motive, although they have information that Reyes and Flores had had an altercation in the past, Rowan said.

Gonzalez, who is described by police as 5'7", weighing 135 pounds, was last seen driving a white Honda.

Flores is described as 5'4", 130 pounds, with shoulder-length black hair and a thin mustache.

Anyone with information on either homicide case can call the Irving Police Department at 721-2535.

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Eric W. Vermillion

Eric W. Vermillion, 41, died
Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Arrangements are pending
through Donnelly's Colonial Funer-
al Home.

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Eric W. Vermillion, 41, died Tuesday, Nov. 21 at The Irving Hospital.

Vermillion was born March 23, 1954 in Antioch, Calif. He was previously from the Dallas area, but had just moved to Grapevine two years ago. He served as a federal and county law enforcement officer and as a heavy equipment operator. He attended Christ for the Nations College.

Survivors include his wife, Tammy Vermillion of Grapevine; son, Buck Christopher Vermillion of Grapevine; son, Ryan Thompson of Grapevine; daughter, Lena Vermillion of California; sister, Anna Vermillion-Hoss and her husband Dan Hoss of Nevada; parents, Mary Anne and Erwin Clement of Nevada; parents-in-law, Norman and Linda Sparks of Boyd, Texas, and Conrad and Jean Garza of Garland, Texas; sister-in-law, Marie Garza of Garland, Texas; aunts Rosalie Latham and Maxine Rahlfs, both of California; and numerous other beloved family members.

Services were held Friday, Nov. 24 at the family's residence. Rev. Marsha and Bob Dally officiated.

The family requests memorials go to Tarrant County Fraternal Order of Police.

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Betty J. Vibbard

Betty J. Vibbard, 67, of Irving died Thursday, June 8.

Mrs. Vibbard was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Salem, Ind.

She was preceeded in death by her husband, Henry E. Vibbard, Sr. and one granddaughter.

She is survived by her sons, Hank Vibbard, Jr. of Lubbock and Rocky Vibbard of Clovis, N.M.; daughters, Kathy Tippie of Irving, Rhonda Gilbert of Salem, Ind., and Sandra Farrington of Clovis, N.M.; brothers, Clint Baker, Jr. of Florida and Harold Baker of Borden, Ind.; sisters, Gladys Ashabraner of Florida, Faye Blackwell and Libby Nordmann, both of Louisville, Ky., Joyce Kay Baker and Marie Anderson, both of Corbin, Ky. and Patti Prewitt of Terre Haute, Ind.; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are pending.

Contributions may be sent to Kathy Tippie, 1114 S. Britain Road, Irving, Texas 75060.

11 June 1995
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Annie Lucile Vierling

Annie Lucile Vierling, 74, of Oklahoma City, Okla., formerly of Irving, died Thursday, July 27, at Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Vierling was born April 7, 1921, in Rush, Okla. She was a homemaker and a former seamstress in the clothing industry. She was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her sons, Terry Vierling of Newalla, Okla., and Danny Vierling of Oklahoma City, Okla.; daughters, Carolyn Vierling, Linda Vierling and Mary Baker, all of Arlington; one grandchild; brothers, Buck Cantwell of Perrytree, Calif., Hubert Cantwell of Los Angeles, Calif., and J.M. Cantwell Jr. of Duncan, Okla.; and sister, Janie King of Tucson, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed H. Vierling, in 1983.

Graveside services were Saturday, July 29, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials to Feed The Children, P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK 73101.

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