James Edwin Dale, III

James Edwin Dale, III, 25, died Thursday, March 7, in Dallas.

Mr. Dale was born Sept. 28, 1970, in Garland. He was an auto body repairman for New Concepts Body Shop.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, James and Jennifer Dale of Greenville; mother and step-father, Judy and Monte Dean of McAllister, Okla.; brother, Jason Dale of Greenville; grandparents, James “Bubba” and Sallie Dale of Garland; aunt and uncle, Vicki and Tracy Noll of Plano; uncle and aunt, Ted and Esther Dale of Sachse, Texas; and numerous relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home. Interment followed at Memoryland Memorial Park in Greenville, with Rev. Gene Lindsey officiating.

Local arrangements were with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Gladys L. Dalton

Gladys L. Dalton, 90, died Feb. 13 in Irving.

Mrs. Dalton was born May 31, 1905, in the Itasca community. She was a longtime member of Central Christian Church in Hillsboro.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Billie Jean and Bill C. Fleeman of Irving; brother, Bud Webb of Hillsboro; one daughter-in-law; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Feb. 16 at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Chapel in Hillsboro, with Dr. Jeff Cramer officiating.
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Services were held Feb. 16 at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Chapel in Hillsboro, with Dr. Jeff Cramer officiating.
William I. Daniel

William I. Daniel, 49, of Sahiwal, Pakistan, died Wednesday, May 15, in Sahiwal.

Rev. Daniel was born Jan. 15, 1947, in Stuntzabad, Pakistan. Since 1976, he was the director of Gospel Missions Pakistan.

He is survived by his wife, Mariam Daniel; sons, Abraham and Enaam Daniel, both of Sahiwal; daughters, Qamar Titus and Amar Daniel of Irving, Samar Zia of Arlington and Victoria “JoJo” Tharwani of Hurst; sister, Victoria Din of Grand Prairie; brother, Victor Paul of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, two brothers and parents, Atto and Ferozie Daniel, all of Pakistan; and three granddaughters.

For information regarding memorial services, call Qamar Titus at 263-4812.

The family requests memorials sent to Gospel Missions Pakistan, 1010 E. Shady Grove, Irving, Texas, 75050.
Everette Arthur Davis

Everette Arthur Davis, 69, of Irving, died Monday, April 1.

Mr. Davis was born December 9, 1926, in Hardeman County. He was a trailer mechanic for Consolidated Freight Ways.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Ann Mansell Davis of Irving; sons, Everette Davis of Lubbock and Mark Isbell of El Paso; stepdaughter, Shirley Belknap of Abilene; stepsons, Gary Chandler of Garland, Joe Shaffer of Buda, Roger Shaffer of Nashville, Danny Vauble of Arlington and Michael Mitchell of DeSoto; sister, Tressa Bass of Lubbock; and numerous grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Charles Lloyd officiating. Burial is scheduled to follow at Restland Cemetery.

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Fred L. Davis

Freddie L. "Granddad" Davis, 78, of Irving died Monday, July 29. Mr. Davis was born June 30, 1918, in Pulaski, Ill. During World War II, he served in three combat missions in the European Theater as an infantry officer and ended his military career with the rank of Captain. Mr. Davis then settled in Irving where he worked for thirty years at Texas Instruments.

Survivors include his wife, Coleta M. Davis; daughter, Nancy Curtis and her husband Curt; sons, Darrel Davis, Gerald Davis and wife Verna; step-son, Robert Sterling and wife Misty; step-daughters, Mary Ann Ehrlich, Coleta M. Grubbs and husband Mike; sister, Stella Hogendobler of Billa Ridge, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m., Aug. 1, at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Capt. Mike Grubbs, USAF, officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials be sent to Family Hospice, 1140 Empire Central #235, Dallas, Texas 75247.
Mary Elizabeth Davis

Mary Elizabeth Davis, 86, of Dallas died Saturday, Feb. 17, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Davis was born March 3, 1909, in Albany, La.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel W. Davis.

Survivors include her son, James Davis of Irving; granddaughters, Debbie Pierce of Dallas and Jennifer Davis of Irving; four great-grandsons; sisters, Grace Kinchen of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Frances Neal of Albany, La.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 20, at Zion Hill Church. Burial will follow at Zion Hill Cemetery in Hammond, La. Local arrangements were with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Thomas Edwin Day, Jr.

Thomas Edwin Day, Jr., 59, of Irving, died Thursday, May 30.
Day was born April 29, 1936 in Dallas. He was a retired auto body and paint technician.
Survivors include his daughter, Diane Jackson of Emory; brother, David Day of Irving; and four grandchildren.
Services were held Friday, May 31, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Rev. Bob Joyce officiated.
Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery.
Joe J. Deaver

Joe J. Deaver, 86, of Irving, died Friday, July 12.

Mr. Deaver was born Aug. 23, 1909 in Salem, Ark. He was the chief mechanic for the Irving Fire Department where he had worked for 20 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Lanor Deaver.

Survivors include his son, Billy J. Deaver and his wife, Joyce, of Garland; grandchildren, Pam Garrison, LeRoy Deaver, Joe Deaver, and Veronica Deaver; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 15, at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Doug Renaud will officiate. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Joe L. Deaver

Joe J. Deaver, 86, of Irving died Friday, July 12.

Mr. Deaver was born Aug. 23, 1909 in Salem, Arkansas. He worked as a chief mechanic of Irving Fire Department. He moved to Irving in 1952 and worked for the Irving Fire Department for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Lenor Deaver; son, Billy J. Deaver and wife Joyce of Garland; grandchildren, Pam Garrison, Leroy Deaver, Joe Deaver and Veronica Deaver; eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, July 15, at Ben F. Brown's Memorial Chapel, officiated by Doug Renaud.

Mr. Deaver was buried in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Jane DeField

Jane DeField, 77, of Irving died Wednesday, July 17.
Mrs. DeField was born Oct. 31, 1918, in Wilmette, Ill. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include her daughters, Janie DeField of Fort Worth, and Jill Kent of Mount Pleasant; son, Jack DeField of Keller; brothers, Bill Roberts and Dave Roberts both of California, and Jim Roberts of Wisconsin; and six granddaughters.
A private family memorial service is planned.
Family requests memorials be sent to Life Outreach International, P.O. Box 982000, Fort Worth, 76182-9986.

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Pedro DeLaVega

Pedro DeLaVega, 65, of Irving died Saturday, March 9, at The Irving Hospital. His funeral services are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Pedro Amadao DeLaVega

Pedro Amadao DeLaVega, 65, of Irving died Saturday, March 9, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. DeLaVega was born April 22, 1930, in McQueeny. He was a retired construction worker.

Survivors include his wife, Eustolia DeLaVega of Irving; sons, Richard DeLaVega and Pete DeLaVega, both of Colorado, Leo DeLaVega of Irving and Danny DeLaVega of Michigan; daughters, Leticia Outlaw of Austin and Sandra Ferguson and Nellie DeLaVega, both of Irving; brother, Mike DeLaVega of Austin; sisters, Mary Ortiz of Harlingen and Consuelo Eliconda of Fort Worth; 23 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held Monday and services were Tuesday, March 12, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel, with the Rev. Doug Doshotel officiating. Burial followed at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were with Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Elderly woman killed crossing street

An 84-year-old Irving woman was killed Thursday evening when she was struck by a pickup as she crossed the street in the 1300 block of French Drive, according to police.

Natividad DeLeon was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital by ambulance following the accident but died due to her injuries, reports said.

The 18-year-old Irving man who was driving the pickup was not injured, although his truck hit a utility pole, police said. No charges have been filed in connection with the accident, and police do not anticipate any.

Since there is no indication of alcohol, excessive speed or negligence, IPD spokesman David Tull said he does not foresee charges being filed.

The woman was attempting to cross a street in the residential neighborhood when she was struck, police said.

"It was not a major street," Tull said.
Casey Dakota Denecola

Casey Dakota Denecola, 1, of Grand Prairie died Sunday, Feb. 18, at a Grand Prairie hospital.

He was born Sept. 18, 1994, in Arlington.

He is survived by his mother, Rhonda Lynn Tedford of Grand Prairie; father, Cory Allen Denecola of Irving; grandparents, George and Beverly Payne of Grand Prairie and Joe and Gay Cormier of Irving; great-grandparents, Ima and Willie Schmidt of Grand Prairie and Jeanie and Lee Richardson of Mission; and uncles, Eric and William Tedford of Grand Prairie.

Graveside service was held Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with the Rev. Wendell Gill officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Vickie K. Dilliard

Vickie K. Dilliard, 42, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 12, at her home. She was born July 26, 1953, in El Paso and had lived in Irving for 21 years. She was a member of the Methodist faith.

Mrs. Dilliard is survived by her husband, Joseph Dilliard; and daughters, Courtney, Lauren and Valerie Dilliard.

Services are pending with Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home of Grand Prairie.
Vickie Kay Camera Dilliard

Vickie Kay Camera Dilliard, 42, of Irving died Friday in Irving.

Mrs. Dilliard was born in El Paso and lived in Irving for more than 20 years. She was a 1971 graduate of Adamson High School in Dallas and attended Mountain View College, where she received an associate degree. She had been employed in customer service with NCH Corp. in Irving, and was involved in the Irving Girls Cheerleaders Association and the Irving Humane Society.

She was of the Methodist faith.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph “Joey” Dilliard of Irving; daughters, Courtney Dilliard, Lauren Dilliard and Valerie Dilliard, all of Irving; parents, Vergil C. and Peggy L. Camera of Grand Prairie; sister and brother-in-law, Dawn M. and Michael E. Herring of Grand Prairie; brother and sister-in-law, Virgil A. “Tony” and Lisa Camera of Flower Mound; best friend, Kelly White of Grand Prairie; and three nephews.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 16, at First United Methodist Church in Grand Prairie, with the Rev. Edna Fowler officiating. Burial was at Moore Memorial Garden in Arlington.

Memorials may be made to Irving Humane Society, 1611 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX 75061.
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by Elizabeth Cardenas

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The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office has ruled that the cause of death was asphyxiation.

The victim, a 23-year-old female, was found in her home at 1521 Russell Drive. She had been tied up and strangled.

According to police, Vickie National, a 42-year-old female employee of National Chemsearch, was found dead at about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at her home. She had been tied up and strangled.

The suspect, a 32-year-old male, was arrested Jan. 12. He had been strangled and his body was found in a room in the house.

Police believe the murder was committed by someone who had been living in the house for a long time.

The suspect, who has been charged with murder, is expected to face trial in the coming weeks.

The victim's estranged husband, who had been in the hospital for several months due to an illness, is expected to testify in the trial.

The suspect has been denied bond and is being held in jail without bail.

The investigation is ongoing and police are urging anyone with information to come forward.

Murder suspect posts bond

The estranged husband of the victim has posted bail and is expected to be released from jail in the coming days.

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Husband arrested in wife’s slaying

By LIZABETH CARDENAS
News Staff Writer

The estranged husband of a 42-year-old south Irving woman was arrested Thursday for her murder. Co-workers of the victim said Friday that she had mentioned her husband had serious misgivings about their divorce, which was nearly finalized.

Joseph Dillard, 39, of Irving, was in the Irving jail on $50,000 bond. Irving police plan to file formal murder charges Monday. Dillard could face up to 39 years in prison and/or up to a $10,000 fine.

"According to police, Vickie Dillard, a 23-year employee of National Chemsearch, was found badly burned at about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at her home, 1521 Rusell Drive. Later that day, the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office ruled that the cause of her death was asphyxiation by strangulation. The fire was limited to a room — the dining area where she was found — a fact which aroused arson suspicions from Irving police investigators early on.

Mr. Dillard was arrested Thursday at the Irving Police Department.

"He voluntarily came down here for an interview," said IPD Lt. Sid Fuller. Police declined to comment on whether Dillard signed a confession. Said Fuller: "He has been cooperative throughout the investigation."

Police also would not comment on whether they had identified the murder weapon or a motive.

"It's obviously a case of domestic violence — a husband killing his wife," Fuller said. "Specifically why he killed her, we don't know yet."

Co-workers of Mrs. Dillard told the Irving News that she mentioned her husband — who was a beneficiary in her life-insurance policy through her company — was regretting their divorce proceedings.

Mrs. Dillard's longtime supervisor at National Chemsearch, Debbie Hall, said Dillard had mentioned in recent months that her husband was reluctant to continue with proceedings and was putting pressure on her to reconsider.

"She mentioned that he had told her he was just going along with it," Hall said. "She also was saying he was hanging around with some religious group and was telling her she was considereing adultery by seeing a boyfriend before the divorce was final."

Hall said she was unaware of any serious violence in the couple's past. Other co-workers did not recall her expressing fear of him or recalling any threats, she said.

Hall said she and the others had been anxiously awaiting news from detectives about an arrest.

"We all feel a sense of relief, but also a sorrow for the (couple's daughters) and for his family," Hall said. "This doesn't help bring closure. We just want to know why. We still have so many questions. For example, what could have provoked him so much that he would take someone's life and do what he did and go beyond killing her?"

Police believe Mr. Dillard attempted to cover up the homicide by trying to set the house on fire. Fuller said drugs or alcohol were not a factor. Detectives narrowed the time of death to sometime between late Thursday night, Jan. 11, and early Friday, Jan. 12.

"We know that it was sometime during the late-evening to early-morning hours," Fuller said.

The Dilliards have three daughters, all of whom were living with Mr. Dillard at the time. Dillard was visiting his wife's house the night before the murder to retrieve some personal items from her.

"He was never there picking up some of the kids' belongings," Fuller said.

Jerald Yarbrough, who lives at 1525 Rusell Drive, next door to Vickie Dillard's house, said he did not notice anything suspicious that night, but thought it was strange that trash bags were on the curb when he returned home from work at 3:50 a.m.

"I didn't hear any noise and I didn't see any lights on in the house or other cars besides her van," Yarbrough said. "But, I did see that the trash was set outside her house. I thought that was weird because they (city crews) don't pick up on Fridays. My wife talked with Joey (Mr. Dillard) and he said he was cleaning out Vickie's garage Thursday night, and that's why the trash was out."

The couple had been separated for at least two years and were just weeks away from finalizing their divorce. Mrs. Dillard was preparing to put her house on the real estate market.

Neighbors said they are still dumbfounded by what happened.

"It was a hell of a shock," Yarbrough said. "Vickie was a very quiet person, and Joey came over a lot. I never saw them have any problems. I can't believe it happened, especially with those people."

Jan Williams, who lives at 1513 Rusell, said Mrs. Dillard's death has really shaken up area residents.

"It was quite a shock — I had never heard a cross word between them or heard them yelling at each other," Williams said. "They were very quiet, and he would always come over and mow her yard and take the kids."

She said it has been especially difficult because of the kind of person Vickie Dillard was.

"She was a down-to-earth, good neighbor," Williams said. "She was very friendly, and she was very good with her girls, always taking them to cheerleading and various other activities."

VICKIE DILLIARD
Murder charges filed against victim's husband

Irving police have filed formal murder charges against Joseph Dilliard, who stands accused of killing his wife, Vickie Dilliard.

Mr. Dilliard, 39, of Irving, posted $50,000 bond last week to be released from the Irving jail. He could face from five to 99 years in jail and/or up to a $10,000 fine if found guilty.

Vickie Dilliard, a 23-year employee of National Chemsearch, was found by Irving firefighters badly burned about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at her home, 1521 Russell Drive. Later that day, the Dallas County Medical Examiner's ruled that the cause of her death was asphyxiation due to strangulation. Police allege that Mr. Dilliard strangled her and then set a fire to cover up the homicide.

The couple was in the process of finalizing their divorce. Mr. Dilliard was arrested Jan. 18 at the Irving Police Department. Police had asked him to come in to the department for questioning.

Although police would not comment on whether Dilliard signed a confession, IPD Lt. Sid Fuller said "he has been cooperative throughout the investigation."

"He voluntarily came down here for an interview," Fuller said.

Police would not disclose any specific details on the evidence linking Dilliard to the homicide.

"All I can say is that we've placed him at the crime scene," Fuller said.
Husband indicted in murder

An Irving man who allegedly strangled his wife to death was indicted for murder Tuesday by a Dallas County grand jury.

Joseph Dilliard, 39, could face from five to 99 years in jail and/or up to a $10,000 fine. Dilliard has been out on bond, which was set at $50,000, since the end of January.

The body of his estranged wife, Vickie Dilliard, 42, was found badly burned in the dining room of her home, located at 1521 Rusdell Drive, at about 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12. The Dallas County Medical Examiner ruled, however, that the cause of her death was asphyxiation due to strangulation.

Since the fire was limited to just the dining area, it aroused suspicions from fire and police investigators early on.
Man Receives 60-Year Sentence for Killing Wife

Vickie Dillard was a 23-year-old employee of National Consumer Credit. She was a down-to-earth, good neighbor with a kind heart. Vickie Dillard was known for her gentle and caring nature, always looking out for others. Her death came as a complete shock to her family, friends, and neighbors. It was a hell of a shock, and it really hit home.

According to police, Vickie Dillard was found dead in her home on January 15, 2000. Her body was discovered in the dining room of her house, which was set on fire. The fire spread to a neighboring house, causing extensive damage.

Joseph Dillard, her former husband, was arrested for the murder. He had a history of domestic abuse and had previously been convicted of assault. After the murder, Joseph Dillard fled the scene and was later captured in Texas.

Joseph Dillard was sentenced to 60 years in prison for the murder of Vickie Dillard. He is still serving his sentence today.

By Elizabeth Cardenas

Dallas County Jury Sentenced Man

Home, 1521 Russell Drive, at about 8:30 a.m. Jan

He faced up to 99 years in jail and was initially set to

be sentenced on March 10 for the murder of

Vickie Dillard. However, he escaped from prison and was eventually recaptured.

Joseph Dillard was arrested on March 10 after being spotted in a nearby town. He was charged with murder and assault and is currently facing trial.

Joseph Dillard was convicted of murder in 2001 and is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

The Dallas County Medical Examiner ruled that Vickie Dillard died of a gunshot wound to the head.

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Wilma Mamie Dobbs

Wilma Mamie Dobbs, 88, of Irving, died Thursday, Nov. 21 in Mesquite.

Ms. Dobbs was born Jan. 21, 1908 in Hurst. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Bette Koepf of Dallas and Ann White of Helotis; sister, Macy Longley of Hurst; and grandson, David Koepf of Atlanta.

Services were held Saturday, Nov. 23 at Crown Hill Cemetery.
Steven Christopher Doughty

Steven Christopher Doughty, 42, of Irving died Friday, Feb. 23. Services are pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Steven Christopher Doughty

Steven Christopher Doughty, 42, of McKinney died Friday, Feb. 23, in Dallas.

Mr. Doughty was born July 7, 1953, in Valley Forge, Pa. He was employed as a construction worker.

Survivors include his parents, Lester Monroe Doughty Jr. of Oklahoma and Jeane Doughty of McKinney; sons, Steven Christopher Gunta and Gregory Michael Gunta, both of Irving; sister, Sally Dawn Doughty of Irving; uncles, Robert Sherrod of Garland and Richard Sherrod of Ponca City, Okla.; and nephew, David Russell Sanford of Irving.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Bear Creek Cemetery, with Pastor Thomas De Lagarza officiating. Arrangements were with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
James H. Douglas

James H. Douglas, 54, of Dallas died Tuesday, July, 9 in Irving.

Mr. Douglas was a truck driver and a member of The Tabernacle.

Survivors include his wife, Jennell Douglas; daughters Gwen Beck of Houston and Celia Ann Muse of Midland; sons, Jimmy Douglas of McKinney, Bryan Lee Grimes and Charles Kevin Grimes, both of Salt Lake City, Utah; mother, Nillie Douglas of Farmersville; sisters, Juanita Duncan and Doris Duncan, both of Dallas and Phyllis Wilson of Farmersville; brothers, John L. Douglas of Dallas and Gail Douglas of DeSoto; and eight grandchildren.

Services were Friday, July 12, at The Tabernacle with Rev. Gerald Patterson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to The Teen Challenge, in care of The Tabernacle, 1715 N. Britain Road, Irving, Texas 75061.
Lois Dowd

Funeral arrangements with Chism-Smith Funeral Home are pending for Lois Dowd, 75, of Irving, who died Saturday, May 18.
Lois Ruth Dowd

Lois Ruth Dowd, 75, of Irving died Saturday, May 18, at The Irving Hospital.

Mrs. Dowd was born Jan. 26, 1921, in Bells. She was a retired office clerk for GTE.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.R. Dowd.

Survivors include her daughter, Ruth Ann Dowd of Irving; granddaughter, Debra and husband John Smiley of Santa Anna; great-grandsons, John Michael and Jordan Wayne Smiley, both of Santa Anna; brothers, Harold Reynolds of Canton and Doug Reynolds of Irving; sister, Lorene Metz of Irving; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Monday, May 20, at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. The Rev. Milton Robbins officiated.
Mary Ellen Dowdle

Mary Ellen Dowdle, 56, formerly of Irving, died Monday, Nov. 25. Mrs. Dowdle was born Nov. 10, 1940, in Coolidge. She worked as an executive secretary for National Health Administration.

She is survived by her husband, Billy Joe Dowdle of Coolidge; sons, Greg Dowdle and Jonathan Dowdle both of Irving; brothers, Myron Vinson of Coolidge, and Danny Vinson of Independence, Mo.; and sisters, Kathryn Sawyer of Godley, and Shirley Vinson of Coolidge.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov. 27, at Ben Brown Funeral Home. Burial followed at Coolidge Cemetery with Rev. Bill Murray officiating.

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Michael Elvin Downs

Michael Elvin Downs, 43, of Irving, died Wednesday, July 3, in Dallas.

Mr. Downs was born July 10, 1952 in Victoria. He was a welder.

He is survived by his wife, Debra Downs; daughters, Melody Tant and Aimee Downs, both of Irving, and Desiree Bolin of Jacksonville, N.C.; sister, Charlotte Huschke of Denton; and three grandchildren.

Services were Friday, July 5, at Sowers Cemetery, the Rev. Wallace Philpot officiated.

Arrangements were handled by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Gillis W. Drake

Gillis W. Drake, 72, a former Irving resident, died Thursday, Jan. 4, at his home in Grand Prairie.

He was born Sept. 9, 1923, in McKinney. Mr. Drake retired in 1983 after 25 years as a purchasing agent for Lone Star Industries in Dallas. He had lived in Irving before moving to Grand Prairie three years ago. He was a Baptist. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Roxie Drake of Grand Prairie; son, Gil Drake of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Don Tooke of Irving; grandchildren, Donnie Tooke of Bedford and Melissa Drake and Sierra Fillingham, both of Irving; brother, Carl Drake of Mabank; and sisters, Georgia Wallis of Tyler and Sara Simpson of McKinney.

Full military graveside service was Saturday, Jan. 6, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Chaplain Mike Davis officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
John Raymond Driskill

John Raymond Driskill, 87, of Irving died Sunday, Sept. 29, in Grand Prairie.

Mr. Driskill was born May 5, 1909, in Rhea, Okla. He retired in 1974 after 35 years as a school teacher in the Panhandle area. He was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and the National Education Association.

Survivors include his sister, Wanda Brown of Amarillo; sons, Carl R. Driskill of Irving, and Donald G. Driskill of Albany, Ga.; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Oct. 2, Donnelly's Colonial Chapel with Rev. Robert Vaughn officiating. Interment is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, Llano Cemetery in Amarillo.
Thomas Melvin Duffer

Thomas Melvin Duffer, 75, of Irving, died Wednesday, Oct. 9.
Mr. Duffer was born Feb. 7, 1921 in Bowie County.
Survivors include his wife, Alice Lorene Duffer of Irving; daughters, Carolyn Bush and her husband Stan of Baton Rouge, Debbie Hill and her husband Robert of Garland; son, Kenneth Duffer and his wife Phyllis of Bogata; grandchildren, Lisa and Ben May of Dacula, Ga., Tricia and Richard Bradley of Bismarck, Ark., Todd Melvin Duffer of Bogata, and Andrew Thomas Hill of Garland; great-grandchildren, Ryan and Hayden May of Dacula, Corey Martin Bradley of Bismarck, and Casey Bradley of Bismarck; sister, Imogene Henry of Irving; and many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

Services were held Friday, Oct. 11 at Restland Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park.
Euclid Dunaway

Euclid Dunaway, 66, of Irving died Wednesday, Dec. 25, at her son's home in Grand Prairie.

Mrs. Dunaway was born March 24, 1930, in Cleburne. She was raised and attended school in Fort Worth. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Irving, where she had been a resident for 37 years. She was an active board member of the Women's Tennis Association at Las Colinas Country Club, where she played tennis.

Mrs. Dunaway spent 11 years serving as a volunteer and volunteer coordinator at The Irving Hospital, and she also dedicated many years as a member and officer in the P.E.A., receiving a life membership award.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Ray Dunaway; both parents; one brother and one brother-in-law.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Alan and Mary Dunaway; daughters and sons-in-law Kay and Bill Smith, and Gayla and Kevin Howell; brother and sis-

ter-in-law Weldon and Jane Johnston; sister Lorraine Tatarovich; granddaughters Allison Dunaway, Kayla Howell and Lolly Lroy; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorials can be made to Vitas Hospice, 5001 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1050, Dallas, 75244.

Services took place Saturday, Dec. 28, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel in Irving, with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed in Fort Worth's Greenwood Cemetery.
Dixie Dykes, widow of Chuck Dykes, and Robbie Douglas, daughter of Chuck Dykes, for the Irving Schools Foundation. Clyde DeBoois, president of the Irving Schools Foundation, was among the attendees at the announcement at the Oct. B Kiwanis Club meeting. From left: Elaine Free, director of the Irving Schools Foundation, and Sheryl Dykes, a former school board member who recently passed away. On hand for the announcement were representatives from the Irving schools Foundation. The Irving Schools Foundation announced the establishment of a $50,000 memorial scholarship.
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Dykes was chairman of

Donald.

church messenger at the time of his

Dykes was a member of The United Methodist Church since

He was also a member of The United Methodist Church since

President for 2 years, 1965-1967, where he served as

The Irving School Board from 1960. He was also a member of

The Kiwanis Club of Irving in

The community, was president of

former spouse, Mae Hixon

son of W. Frank Dykes and the


Dykes, 78, of Irving, died Thurs-

George Malcolm "Chuck"

In 1946