Grover Cleveland Damron

Grover Cleveland Damron of Irving died July 12 at The Irving Hospital. He was 63.

Born March 12, 1934 in Pennsylvania, Mr. Damron was an air conditioning repairman.

He is survived by his wife Maggie Damron of Irving; daughter Linda Williams of Irving; son Kenneth Payne; grandchildren April Autumn and Christine Clouter and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by grandson David Cloutier.

A memorial service was held July 21 at the Irving Hospital Chapel. Arrangements by Chism and Smith Funeral Home.

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IPD finds body of missing person

By LIZABETH CARDENAS

Irving police found the body of a 40-year-old Irving man who had been missing for about three days in Trinity View Park Friday afternoon, and detectives said they believe his death was accidental.

Richard L. Danks was taken to the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office, where officials are determining the cause and time of death.

"There were no obvious signs of foul play," said David Tull, public information officer with the Irving Police Department.

"We're still waiting on the medical examiner's ruling, but we believe it was accidental. Initial indications are that the man fell from the trestle to the ground below."

No ruling had been made by the medical examiner as of press time.

Police said detectives also believe Danks, who has a wife and two children, was on his way to work when the accident occurred.

"He worked just inside Dallas, and he walked that way to work every day," Tull said.

"He used that trestle on a regular basis. All appearances are that he just didn't make it into work that day because of an accident."

Tull said he cannot recall any other accidental deaths that have occurred in the same area.

Irving police received a call shortly after 1 p.m. Friday that a body was found below a railroad trestle on the north end of Trinity View Park in Irving and confirmed the deceased man.

A member of Danks' family had reported him missing Jan. 7.

Although the area where Danks' body was found was in a public area, it was not in a highly visible one, which may explain why he was not noticed earlier, Tull said.

"The area is less than 100 yards away from the ballparks, so it was not in a remote area — it was a public-use area," Tull said. "However, the specific place where his body was found is not a readily viewed area. He was found between the trestle and the ballparks where there are weeds two-to-four inches tall, so you couldn't see him easily."

"The not knowing is so hard on the people filing the missing person's report. It is so unfortunate when the missing person is found deceased, but hopefully we'll be able to give them some answers."

Richard L. DANKS
Richard Lewis Danks

Richard Lewis Danks, 40, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 10, in the city.

Mr. Danks was born May 3, 1956, in Badaxe, Mich. He worked for MFG Radiators.

He was preceded in death by his sister Betty Yoe.


Services were held Monday, Jan. 13, at Brown’s Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Lou Hill officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Mrs. Danks and her children. People can contact the funeral home for details at 254-4242.

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Eugene J. Dankworth

Eugene J. Dankworth of Irving died Oct. 29 at Irving Hospital. He was 60.

Born Dec. 27, 1936 in Piqua, Ohio, Mr. Dankworth was a retired maintenance worker for O’Connor Place Apartments.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Dankworth; daughters Jennifer Dankworth Torres of Irving, Darla Dankworth of Tennessee; sons Doug Dankworth of Tennessee, Donnie Dankworth of Piqua, David Dankworth of St. Mary’s, Ohio; and 17 grandchildren, including Stephanie Torres and Joseph Arturo Torres, both of Irving. Mr. Dankworth was preceded in death by his son, Joe Moore Dankworth.

Services were held Nov. 1 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Nov. 2, 1997
Billy Bob Darnell

Billy Bob Darnell, 67, previously of Irving, died Sunday, March 16. Mr. Darnell was born May 31, 1929, in Clovis, N.M. He retired as a self-employed independent contractor in housing construction. He served as the first elder at Calvary Temple.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Darnell of Wautaga; daughters, Diana L. Bradford of Weatherford and Susan R. Jensen of Irving; sons, James C. Darnell of Southlake and Ronald B. Darnell of Fort Worth; brother, Carl K. Darnell of Tuscon, Ariz.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, March 19, at Calvary Temple with Rev. J. Don George and Rev. Joe Bailey officiating. Burial followed at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park.
**Carole Ann Dato**

Carole Ann Dato of Irving died Aug. 4. She was 34.

Born in Houston June 9, 1963, Mrs. Dato was a homemaker. She is survived by husband Vance A. Dato; parents John and Barbara Champaigne; daughter Delta Murphy of Flower Mound; son Chase Dato of Irving; sister Elizabeth Hollowell of South Carolina; brother Joseph Champaigne of Nacogdoches; brother and sister-in-law Steve and Debbie Champaigne of Rodgers, Ark; grandmother Barbara Grissom of Nacogdoches and grandfather J.D. Champaigne of Concord, N.H.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Aug. 7 at Valley View Christian Church, Dallas. Local arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral

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Ann Harrison Davis

Ann Harrison Davis died June 21. She was 47.

Services were held June 28 at Faith Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Dallas. Arrangements by Golden Gate Funeral Home, Dallas.

June 29, 1997
Glenna G. Davis

Glenna G. Davis, 75, previously of Irving, died Saturday, March 15.

Ms. Davis was born June 15, 1921 in Abbyville, Kansas. She was a homemaker, and a member of Seventh Day Adventist.

Survivors include her husband, H.E. Dennis, of Ponder; sons, Claude Webb of Irving, and George Webb of Oklahoma; sister, June Wallen of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 18 at Parker Cemetery in Grapevine.
Seburne Davis

Seburne "S.B." Davis of Santo died Feb. 1 of natural causes. He was 92.

Mr. Davis was born Aug. 23, 1904 in Rockwall. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints of Mineral Wells and operated the Tadpole Camp in Santo.

He was widowed and is survived by four daughters; Betty Combs and Ethel Davis of Irving, Shirley Henry of Gordon and Dorothy Steel of Dallas; brother Robert Davis of Oregon; sister-in-law Louise Smith of Dallas; brother-in-law Joe Joffre of Grand Prairie; nine grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren and 12 great, great grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services are scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Monday at the Santo North Cemetery, Santo.

Feb. 6, 1997
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- Feb. 6, 1997
Louise Fletcher Dawson

Louise Fletcher Dawson of Sherman died Monday, March 24. She was 73.

Mrs. Dawson, a former resident of Irving, was born Dec. 9, 1923. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, William C. Dawson of Sherman; sons and daughters-in-law, William D. Dawson, Harvey and Pam Dawson and Michael and Pam Dawson, all of Irving; four grandchildren, Jeffrey, Taylor, Jonathan and Christina.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church, Sherman or Boyd Baptist Church, Bonham.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 27 at Trinity Baptist Church, Sherman.

March 27, 1997
Velma L. Dempsey

Velma L. Dempsey, 83, of Irving died Friday, March 14.

Mrs. Dempsey was born Sept. 10, 1913, in Wauchula, Fla. She was a retired seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore C. Dempsey.

She is survived by her sons, Richard Dempsey of Irving, Edwin Dempsey of Grand Prairie, Charles Dempsey of Irving and Donald Dempsey of Orange City, Fla.; sister, Vestal Hurst of Florida; brother, Lawrence Moore of Georgia; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday, March 17, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Dereek Wheless officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials sent to Calvary Baptist Church, 913 N. Nursery Road, Irving, TX 75061.
Marie Louise Dempster

Marie Louise Dempster, 62, of Irving died Monday, July 14, in Irving.

Born Dec. 19, 1934, in Duson, La., she was a medical caregiver.

Survivors include her husband, Bud Dempster of Irving; her daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Frank Newman; her son, Larry Dempster; six stepchildren; her brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Glynda Pepper; two granddaughters; one stepgrandchild; one niece; and one nephew.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, July 17, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Walker officiating.

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17, July 1997
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Survivors include her husband, H.E. Dennis, of Ponder; sons, Claude Webb of Irving, and George Webb of Oklahoma; sister, June Wallen of Arkansas; six grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, March 18 at Parker Cemetery in Grapevine.

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Christine Denton

Christine Denton, 71, of Irving died Wednesday, Sept. 3, in a Denton nursing home.

Born July 15, 1926, in Colorado City, she was a retired attendance clerk at MacArthur High School and member of First Baptist Church, where she served as a church greeter for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Jobie Denton of Irving; her daughters, Linda Ratliff and Janice Calvert, both of Irving; her sons, Jobie Denton Jr. of Southlake, and Jerrel Denton of Double Oak; her sisters, Nelda Dipple of Lubbock, and Charlene Powell of Osceola, Mo.; 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on Sept. 6 in the First Baptist Church auditorium with the Rev. Larry York officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 2910 Swiss Ave., Dallas TX 75204, or to the Parkinsonism Society, 2964 LBJ Freeway, Suite 406, Dallas, TX 75234.

Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Sept. 7, 1997
Ronald Dhonau

Ronald "Red" Dhonau, formerly of Irving, died of natural causes in Pueblo, Colo. Oct. 11. He was 46.

Born in Evansville, Ind. Dec. 2, 1950, Mr. Dhonau was a crane operator for CFI in Boston, Mass. and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Violet Dhonau of Euless; son Derek Dhonau of Breaux Bridge, La.; daughters Valarie Dhonau of Euless, Lachrisha Winterroth of Seattle; father Owen E. Dhonau of Irving; brothers Owen Dhonau Jr. of Desoto, Steven, Ricky and Joe Dhonau, all of Irving; sisters Connie VanWoerden of Mineola, Debbie Battison of Rowlett. Cathy Cheshire of Carthage, Paula DeLaVega of Boulder, Colo.; four granddaughters; two grandsons and two great granddaughters.

Services were held Oct. 15 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Interment at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park, Colleyville.

OCT. 16, 1997
Antonia Diaz
Antonia Diaz of Irving died Oct. 3. She was 86.
Born in Jovellanos, Cuba July 9, 1911, Mrs. Diaz was a homemaker.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Deudenis Diaz.
She is survived by her daughter Marta T. Artiles of Irving; nine grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.
Services were held Oct. 7 at St. Luke’s Catholic Church, Father S. Joseph Rivoire SJ officiating.
Interment at Calvary Hill Cemetery, Dallas. Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Millie Dickey

Millie Odell Dickey died March 20 in Torrance, Calif. at age 82. Services are pending with Chism and Smith Funeral Home.

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Millie O'Dell Dickey

Millie O'Dell Dickey, formerly of Irving, died March 18 in Torrance, Calif. She was 82.

Mrs. Dickey was born March 18, 1915 in Van Zandt County. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 777, and the Irving Art Association. She left Irving for Long Beach, Calif. in 1995.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Dickey. She is survived by her daughter Laura Dickey of Long Beach; brother Robert Haynes of Burleson; sister Jean Josch of Marble Falls and step-brother Jack Stanger of Ben Wheeler.

Services scheduled for Thursday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery, Grapeland.

Mar. 27, 1997
Ethel Jewel Dodson
Ethel Jewel "Snooky" Dodson died Oct. 12. She was 58.

Born in Hempstead County July 6, 1939, Mrs. Dodson worked as an auditor for Nokia. She was a former Grand Noble of the Rebekah Friendship Lodge.

Mrs. Dodson is survived by her husband, H.T. "Jr" Dodson of Irving; her mother Ethel D. Fielding of Blevins, Ark.; daughters Cathy Kaye Ward of Arlington, Terri Ann Caskey of Fort Worth; brother William K. Fielding of Burleson; and two grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Oct. 16 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Paul Home Care.

Oct. 16, 1997
**Leyda Karen Duarte**

Leyda Karen Duarte, a newborn, died Thursday, Jan. 23 at Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

She was born that same day, on Jan. 23, 1997.

Survivors include her parents, Cesareo and Manuela Duarte of Irving.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Jan. 25 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Father Fowler officiated.

Local arrangements are being made with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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Lucy Palmer Duckworth

Lucy Palmer Duckworth, 70, of Irving died Wednesday, July 2.

Mrs. Duckworth was born Oct. 8, 1926 in Holdenville, Okla. She was a homemaker and member of Belt Line Road Church of Christ.

She is survived by her son, Jesse Duckworth of Irving; daughter, Yvone Webb of Irving; sisters, Helen Cupco and Martha Billie both of Oklahoma; brothers, Sonny Palmer of Houston, and Houston Palmer of Oklahoma; and grandchildren, Duane Duckworth, Sandra Duckworth, and Charles Duckworth, all of Irving.

Services were held Saturday, July 5, at Beltline Road Church of Christ. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

Family requests memorials be sent to Irving Healthcare Foundation c/o Oncology Department, P.O. Box 153705, Irving, TX 75015.

July 10, 1997
Glen W. Duke

Glen W. Duke of Irving died Aug. 8. He was 69.

Born May 12, 1928 in Pittsburg, Mr. Duke was a grocery store manager. He is survived by sister Louise Richardson, sister and brother-in-law Bille and Joe Pierce, all of Irving; two nieces and five nephews.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Aug. 16 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel, Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home, the Rev. Byron Stark officiating.

Aug. 14, 1997
H.A. Duncan

H.A. "Rusty" Duncan of Irving died in the city May 30. He was 56.

Mr. Duncan was born Aug. 4, 1940 in Corpus Christi. He was a crane operator, a member of the V.F.W. Lodge in Corpus Christi and a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Durelle Duncan; mother Margaret Duncan of Corpus Christi; daughters Lisa Katsumoto of Irving, Renee Carlson of Denver, Colo., Lori Duncan of Corpus Christi, Amanda Weaver of Arlington; sons Terry Allen Duncan of Arlington, Rusty Eugene Duncan and H.T. Duncan, both of Corpus Christi, Jesse Langley of Huntsville; sister Helen Duncan Smith of Corpus Christi; brother John H. Duncan of Dallas; stepchildren Mike, Ronnie and Scottie McBroom, all of Corpus Christi; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held June 2 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, the Rev. Steve Nutter officiating. Memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Heart Association.

June 8, 1997
Joe C. Dunegan
Services pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Edward Roger Dunn

Edward Roger Dunn of Irving died Oct. 28 at Irving Hospital. He was 34.

Born April 11, 1963 in Dallas, Mr. Dunn lived in Irving most of his life.

He is survived by his mother, Judy Sarabia of Grand Prairie; father and step mother, Leroy and Karen Dunn of Kemp; daughter Beverly Dunn of Grand Prairie; sister Deborah Cummings of Irving; and brothers Grandy Wier of Irving, and Tommy Eugene Dunn of Kemp.

Services were held Nov. 1 at Chatfield Cemetery, Chatfield, the Rev. Clyde Boyd officiating. Arrangements by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

Nov. 2, 1997
Tommie Gerald Durham

Tommie Gerald Durham of Gilmer died in Tyler June 16. He was 56.

Born Oct. 17, 1940 in Dallas, Durham was an electrician and a member of the Gilmer Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Pat Durham; son Gerald Durham and daughters Donna Lane and Kim Bryant of Gilmer; brother Billy Durham of Irving and sister Melba Rynolds of Lubbock.

Services were held June 18 at Croley Funeral Home Chapel with Steve Vogl officiating. Interment is at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Croley Funeral Home, Tyler.

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