Guadalupe Garcia

Guadalupe Garcia died in Irving June 9 at age 70.

Mrs. Garcia was born Oct. 12, 1926 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. She is survived by her husband Jesus Garcia, sons Siba and Elias M. Garcia; daughters Niria Pena and Azeneth Cardona; step-sons Jacinto, Joel and Ruben Garcia; step-daughters Alicia Preciado, Hermelinda Peralta, Juana Yanez, Ester Rodriguez and Sara Orta; 30 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren. Services were held June 12. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Calvary Funeral Home, Irving.

June 15, 1997
Mattie Lou Gardner

Mattie Lou Gardner, 76, previously an Irving resident, died Wednesday, Jan. 15.

Ms. Gardner was born April 5, 1920, in Alvarado. She had been a resident of Grand Prairie for the past 15 years.

Survivors include her daughters, Paula Cook of Grand Prairie and Althia Toribio of Dallas; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Angie Lawton of Mesquite and Carolyn English of Morgan; and brother, Toby Combs of Dallas.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Jan. 18, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Funeral services were under the direction of Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Joe Garity

Joe Garity of Irving died Nov. 6 of natural causes at Irving Hospital. He was 48.

Born Nov. 22, 1948, Mr. Garity was employed as a salesman who enjoyed real estate. He was a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Garity is survived by his wife, Elaine Garity; daughters Heather Marie Garity of Austin, Heidi Ann Garity of Irving; brothers Fred Garity of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Richard Garity of Indiola, Iowa, Ed

Garity of Englewood, Colo., David Garity of Corydon, Iowa; sisters Helen Gillen of Belen, NM, Margaret “Bid” Blazek of Prescott, Iowa, Teresa Reynolds of Osceolo, Iowa, Rosemary Kneedler of Basque Farms, NM, Martha “Ratsy” Miller of Creston, Iowa, Laura O’Riley of Arvata, Colo., Agnes Burton of Hay Springs, Neb.; and Brian Black of Austin. Mr. Garity was preceded in death by his parents, William F. and Mary (Dant) Garity and two brothers, Teddy and Michael Garity.

A vigil service is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial, scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 10, Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, the Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman, celebrant.

The family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 141274, Irving, 75014.
Forrest W. Garner

Forrest W. Garner, 89, of Irving, died Friday, Feb. 14.

Mr. Garner was born Jan. 15, 1908, in Pushmataha, Okla. He was a dairy farmer and a member of Oak View Baptist Church.

He is survived by his step-daughters, LaVerne Cotton and Lynda Wadley; son, Sid Garner of Irving; step-sons, Arthur and Donald Beam; brother, Doyle Garner; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. Interment followed at Wortham Cemetery in Wortham, Texas.

February 20, 1997
Johnny Bill Garrett

Johnny Bill Garrett, 39, died Wednesday, Feb. 26. Services are pending at Chism and Smith Funeral Home.

March 2, 1997
Johnny Bill Garrett

Johnny Bill Garrett died Feb. 26 in Brockport, N.Y. He was 39.

Mr. Garrett, a former resident of Irving, was born Aug. 16, 1957 in Conway, Ark. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and had been employed as a fork lift operator for Sam's Club. He was preceded in death by this father, T.L. "Les" Garrett.

He is survived by his mother, Ila May Garrett of North Little Rock, Ark.; sister Kathy Gear of Woonsocket, R.I.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Donna Garrett of Plano and Larry and Kim Garrett of Irving; four nephews and two nieces.

Services were held March 3 at Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, the Rev. Mario Parga officiating.

March 6, 1997
Mary R. Gay

Mary R. Gay, 99, died Monday, March 10, in Irving.

Ms. Gay was born May 22, 1897, in Gilmer, Texas. She was a member of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Oak Cliff.

She was preceded in death by her son, David Gay; and her husband, J.B. Gay. She is survived by her cousin, Fran Bonilla of Irving and Juanita Rodgers of Garland; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, at Restland Wildwood Chapel, and interment followed at Restland Memorial Park.
Paul H. Gegon

Paul H. Gegon, 97, of Irving died Monday, Jan. 13, in The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Gegon was born Oct. 6, 1899, in New York City. He was a former engineer at LTV in Grand Prairie, where he worked for 30 years. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Irving and had served in the military.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret L. Gegon of Irving; daughters, Mary L. Davis of Arlington and Carol Wilson of Fort Worth; son, Ted D. Thomson of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Chris Allen officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Local philanthropist Clara Gibbs dies at 93

By DAN CARNEVALE

Irving News

Friends and family are mourning the loss of longtime Irving resident and generous donor, Clara Gibbs, who died Friday morning. She was 93.

Born Jan. 6, 1904, Gibbs moved to Irving in 1936 with her husband Chet. She was a school teacher and became active with the PTA and other community organizations.

She and her husband were instrumental in the growth of the city of Irving through Chet Gibbs Real Estate Co., which was responsible for the construction of 900 homes during the 1950s and '60s.

Gibbs became a prominent member of the Irving community through her generous donations to education and the Irving Healthcare System. In 1979, Gibbs donated the money for a stained glass window which depicts Psalm23 for the IHS chapel. Widowed in 1994, Gibbs established the Chet and Clara Gibbs scholarship fund to help IHS employees finish their college educations.

Gibbs was also active in many other aspects of the community including membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Irving for 60 years and life membership in the Irving Healthcare Auxiliary, Friends of Public Library and PEO. She was a charter member of Irving Heritage Society, Irving Garden and Arts Association and The Community Concert Association. She participated in the Irving Rotary Ann's, Irving Book Review Club, Irving Garden Club and Irving Healthcare Foundation Guild.

Clara Gibbs, a longtime Irving resident and local philanthropist pictured above with husband Chet, died May 30.

For her work, Gibbs received many awards including the High Spirit Award, Salt and Light Award, Altrusa Woman of the Year and Irving Healthcare Honors Award.

But David Johnson, Gibbs' pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Irving, said the many accolades only tell part of Gibbs' story.

"Anything that she did is probably less remarkable than her personality," Johnson said. "She was a presence, somebody who was strong and warm. She was remarkably generous and dignified. She was like that all the way until the day she died."

Family members said Gibbs shared her love with everyone.

Pam Howard, Gibbs' niece, said Chet and Clara Gibbs were very special to her growing up.

"They didn't have any children of their own, so they sort of adopted their nieces and nephews," Howard said. "We're really going to miss her a lot."

Chet Gibbs' brother, Grover, remembers Clara as a "great teacher," especially one summer when he needed help passing an English class.

"I didn't make my grades, so she took me down one summer and tutored me," he said. "She considered her husband's family her family."

IHS president Pat Carnell remembers Gibbs for her melodious and articulate speaking voice. He said Gibbs was a wonderful friend to the hospital through both participation and donations.

"I wish I had the vocabulary and the ability to express what a wonderful person she was," said Carnell, who knew Gibbs for 37 years.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, June 2 at The First Presbyterian Church of Irving with Pastor David Johnson and the Rev. Robin Moffat officiating. Interment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Sunday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Irving Healthcare Auxiliary, First Presbyterian Church, Chet and Clara Gibbs Scholarship Fund at IHS or any charity of choice.
Jack R. Gilbert

Jack R. Gilbert of Irving died Sept. 24. He was 81.

Born Dec. 11, 1915 in Pittsburgh, Kan., Mr. Gilbert was a manager in the automotive parts business and a member of the Masons of Wheatland, Okla.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Gilbert; son and daughter-in-law Michael and Susan Conner of The Colony; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 27 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

Sept. 28, 1997
Gregory Michael Ray Gibson

Gregory Michael Ray Gibson of Irving died Aug. 26 at his home. He was 17.

Born Jan. 25, 1980 in Dallas, Mr. Gibson was a student at Irving High School. He was an avid bowler, a member of the Triangle Bowl Travel League, and played baseball with the YMCA Wildcats. He was a former ROTC cadet at Irving High School.

Mr. Gibson is survived by his parents, Michael W. and Jane Welborn Gibson of Irving; grandmother Polly Welborn of Red Oak; aunts and uncles Wayne and Eva Gibson of Winters and Jim and Glenna Ard of Doniphan, Mo.; as well as two cousins.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept. 2 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Interment at Sowers Cemetery, Irving.

31, Aug. 1997
Pam Gilliam

Pam Gilliam, 57, of Irving, died April 30 in Bedford.

Mrs. Gilliam was born Aug. 11, 1939 in Houston. She was the co-founder and vice president of Lovan Industries and a member of First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Gilliam is survived by her husband, Jeff Gilliam, of Irving; daughter, Nancy L. Paulus and husband Jerry of Seattle, Wash.; sons, Mike Gilliam and wife Leann of Bryan, and Jeff Gilliam III and wife Kristie of Seminole; brothers, Bruce Husband of Houston, Joe Husband of Houston, and Henry Husband of Houston; grandson, Benjamin Paulus of Seattle, Wash.

Services were held May 2 at First Baptist Church in Irving, with interment at Oak Grove Memorial Garden. The Revs. Randy Rudisell and Jeff Gilliam III officiated. Local arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

8, MAY 1997
A.J. Gilmer

A.J. Carroll, formerly of Irving, died in Gilmer Aug. 10. He was 88. Born in Shirley, Ark. March 1, 1909, Mr. Carroll is survived by son James Conrad Carroll of Conway, Ark., Franklin D. Carroll of Scurry; daughter Melissa Klink of Gilmer; a brother; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Services were held Aug. 13 at Restland Memorial Chapel, Restland Funeral Home, Dallas. Interment at Restland Memorial Park.

Aug. 14, 1997
Rosmarie Goldammer

Rosmarie Goldammer, an Irving resident since 1963, died Sept. 8 at Irving Hospital of cardiac arrest after a long illness.

Born in Germany, Mrs. Goldhammer owned and operated a ballet academy under her name on Irving Boulevard for many years. She also founded what is now the Irving chapter of the D/FW Humane Society, donating the building for the operation. Her remains will be donated to the Southwestern Medical School in accordance with her wishes.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Memorials may be made to the D/FW Humane Society, 1611 W. Irving Blvd., Irving, 75061.

Sept. 11, 1997
Bertha Goldman

Bertha H. Goldman, Irving resident since 1947, died in the city March 4. She was 88.

Mrs. Goldman was born July 3, 1908 in Cyclone. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfred A. Goldman in 1984. She is survived by two daughters and a step son; Ann Goldman and Marie and LeeRoy Bufe, all of Irving; grandchildren LeaAnn and Danny Bishop and Karen and Willie Francis; and great grandchildren Amy and Ashly Bishop, all of Irving.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. March 6 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2505 W. Northgate in Irving. Pastor Michael McFarland will officiate. Interment to follow at Blue Bonnet Hills in Colleyville. Memorials may be made to the Hospice Foundation of America, 5001 LBJ Freeway #1050 Dallas, 75244.

March 6, 1997
James Goodman

James Gordon “Goodie” Goodman of Irving died April 9 in Irving at age 57.

Mr. Goodman was born on June 22, 1939 in Wichita Falls. He was a sales and purchasing agent for Marr Brothers for 27 years. Mr. Goodman was a baptist. He was active with the Boy Scouts of America and an avid sportsman and golfer. Mr. Goodman served in the U.S. Army from 1958 to 1961.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Goodman, of Irving; sons, Jim Goodman of Tyler, Eric Goodman of Irving, Jeff Goodman of Tyler and David Goodman of Irving; daughters-in-law, Kari Goodman of Tyler and Holly Goodman of Tyler; brother, Frank Goodman, of Irving, grandchildren, Cory Goodman, Ryan Goodman, Jamie Goodman and Russ Goodman, all of Tyler.

Funeral services were held April 12 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Irving, with internment held at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Rev. Wallace Philpot officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers a donation be made to the Boy Scouts of America.
Patsy Goodman
Arrangements pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Feb. 16, 1997
Patsy Goodman

Patsy Goodman, 66, of Irving, died Saturday, Feb. 15.
Ms. Goodman was born Jan. 5, 1931, in Texarkana. She was a telephone operator.
She is survived by her husband, Ray Goodman; daughters, Dawn Wilkins of Dallas, Patricia Stewart and Tamara Elias, both of Irving; sister, Doris Killian of Irving; grandchildren, Tiffany Holbrook, Brandy Wilkins, Stephanie Elias and Brandon Vines; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 17, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Chapel. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Allan Bryon Isbell

Allan Bryon Isbell, 42, of Dallas, died Monday, Feb. 17, at his home.

Mr. Isbell was born May 28, 1954, in Dallas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Irving, and he was a graduate of Nimitz High School.

He was preceded in death by his father, Victor Isbell.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Isbell of Eustace; sisters, Kay Cash of Fort Worth, Vicky Bailey of Mansfield, Freda Isbell of Norman, Okla., and Linda Dippel of Lawrenceville, Ga.; brother, David Isbell of Plano; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Five Mile Cemetery, in Dallas, with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating.

Local arrangements were with Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
James Goodwine

James Goodwine, 85, of Irving died Jan. 18 at Horizon Hospital in Dallas. Service are pending with Chism and Smith Funeral Home.
James M. Goodwine

James M. Goodwine, 85, of Arlington died Saturday, Jan. 18.

Mr. Goodwine was born April 13, 1911, in Green Castle, Ind. He was the owner of Goodwine's Department Store in Tulia.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Goodwine of Arlington; daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and John Willms of Irving; son, James F. Goodwine of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandsons, Jeff Willms of Denton, Aaron Willms of Arlington, Kevin Willms of Irving, and Brian Willms of Plano; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Warren and Ruby Austin of Irving; and sister-in-law, Mary Fred Parsons of Crescent, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Jan. 19, Chism & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Milford Minatrea officiating. Cremation scheduled to follow the service.

Jan 23, 1997
Winnifred Ezell Goss

Winnifred Ezell Goss died at Irving Care Center Dec. 15. She was 88.

Born in Kountz July 30, 1909, Mrs. Goss had lived in Irving for eight years and was a previous resident of Nacogdoches. She was a homemaker and a member of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Nacogdoches.

Mrs. Goss is survived by her daughter-in-law Ruth Goss of Irving; and eight grandchildren, including Mark Goss of Irving. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Dan Goss; sons Charlie Goss, Artie Dan Goss, W.J. Goss; daughter Minnie Lee Holman; and one grandson.

Services were held Dec. 16 at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Interment at Shady Grove Cemetery, Nacogdoches. Arrangements by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Darla Jayne Gotcher

Darla Jayne Gotcher, 30, of Irving, died May 4 at home.

Ms. Gotcher was born April 6, 1967 in El Paso. She was a member of Sherwood Park Baptist Church in Irving.

Ms. Gotcher is survived by her parents, Danny and Pollie Gotcher, of Irving; sister, Hollie Ward and husband Brett, of Irving; and grandmother, Willie Mae Adkins, of Gainesville.

Services were held May 7 at Donnelly's Colonial Home Funeral Chapel, with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Garden. The Rev. Ken Parlin officiated.

8, MAY 1997
Kenneth Green

Kenneth Green of Irving died at Parkland Memorial Hospital Aug. 24. He was 47.

Born Jan. 19, 1950 in Roscoe, Mr. Green had been a claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance in Irving since 1979. He was a member of Irving Bible Church.

Mr. Green is survived by his mother, Fairy Green of Cleburne; his wife, Suzie Green of Irving; son Matthew John Green of Irving; daughter Michelle Marie Green of Irving; brothers Russell Green of Ector, Royce Green of Dallas, Ronnie Green of Cleburne; and sister Ginger James of Grand Prairie.

A memorial services was held Aug. 28 at Irving Bible Church, the Rev. E. Andrew McQuitty and Scott Werntz officiating. Interment at Bear Creek Cemetery, Euless. The family requests memorials be made to Irving Bible Church, Children of Ken Green Memorial Fund, 2435 Kinwest, Suite 100, Irving, 75063. Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Robert H. Green

Robert H. Green, 71, of Irving died Monday, May 26, in Irving.

Born March 17, 1926, in Lueders, he was a sergeant in the Army Air Corps from 1945 to 1947. He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Green.

Survivors include his wife, Loretta Green of Irving; his sons, Jeff Green of Fort Worth, and John Green of Irving; his grandchildren, Philip Green, Tanya Ashley, Mellissa Schrum, Stephanie Green, Shane Green, Tabitha Parker, John Derrick Green, Christy Parks, and Ashly Parks; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday, May 28, in Restland Wildwood Chapel with Jesse Morton officiating. Burial is in Restland Memorial Park.

29, MAY 1997
Janet M. Grider

Janet M. Grider of Lewisville died at St. Paul Medical Center in Dallas June 22. She was 47.

Mrs. Grider was born July 23, 1949, in Roanoke, Va. A former resident of Irving, she was a member of the Cedar Bluff Baptist Church in Virginia and attended the Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

She is survived by daughters, Rhonda Gail Lewis and her husband, Shane of Lewisville, and Ann Marie Grider of Lewisville; brothers, James Clark, Danny Clark, David Clark and Donald Clark, all of Buchanan, Va.; and a grandson, Preston Shannon of Lewisville.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, June 25, at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Lewisville with the Rev. Kenneth Wells officiating.

June 26, 1997
William Richard Griffin III

William Richard Griffin III of Grand Prairie died at his home Sept. 6. He was 32.

Mr. Griffin was the owner of WRG & Co. Recruiting Firm in Grand Prairie.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Fitzgerald Griffin; four children; two sisters; and other relatives, including his aunt and uncle, Charlene and Kyle Winters of Irving.

Services were held Sept. 11 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home, Irving.

Sept. 14, 1997
William Howard Grubbs Jr.

William Howard Grubbs Jr., 57, died Wednesday, May 21.

A 1957 graduate of Irving High School, he worked as a funeral director for 10 years. He previously was employed by Texas Instruments in high-voltage electrical maintenance. He also served in the National Guard for 25 years, achieving the rank of warrant officer.

Services were conducted Friday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Johnson officiating. Burial is at Laurel Land in Fort Worth, where he will be buried near his parents, Howard and Madelon Flynt Grubbs.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

May 25, 1997
Ed Gualtiere

Ed Gualtiere of Irving died June 7 at Irving Hospital of natural causes. He was 76.

Born Oct. 6, 1920 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Gualtiere worked as an electronics engineer and was a veteran of the armed forces.

He is survived by his wife, Fran Gualtiere, daughters Inez Gualtiere of Golden, Colo., Melody Gualtiere of Dallas, Tyranni Adams and her husband Jay of Arkansas; son Mitch Landry of Irving; sisters Rosanna Aloisio of New Hyde Park, N.Y.; niece Susan Malone of Westbury, N.Y.; nephew Peter Aloisio of Orlando, Fl.; and six grandchildren. Services were held June 10 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Aidan O’Donovan officiating.

Services were held June 10 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas, the Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Local arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

June 12, 1997
Matilda Anhelita Gutierrez

Matilda Anhelita Gutierrez died Feb. 17. She was two months old.
The baby was born Dec. 14, 1996. She is survived by her parents, Katherine and Edward Gutierrez of Irving and two brothers: Daniel and Anthony Gutierrez.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Memorial Baptist Church in Irving. The Rev. William Few officiated. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Local arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.