Gilbert Odum
Gilbert “Bitsy” Odum of Sanger died Nov. 5 at Veteran’s Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah. He was 64.

A longtime resident of Irving, Mr. Odum was born in March 1932. He was a 1950 graduate of Irving High School and was active in the YMCA and boys baseball programs for many years. He had lived in Salt Lake City for the last year while awaiting a heart transplant.

Mr. Odum is survived by his wife Norma (Pace) Odum; children Jim Odum of Sanger, Julie Blaker of Charlotte, N.C., Vicki Harper of Bossier City, La.; five grandsons and two granddaughters.

Services are scheduled for Nov. 10 in Bossier City. Arrangements by Hillcrest Funeral Home, Bossier City.
Robert J. Oglesby

Robert J. Oglesby, 68, died Wednesday, Feb. 19.

Mr. Oglesby was born Nov. 2, 1928, in Alabama City, Ala. He was a longtime resident of Irving and Tyler. He had retired from the City of Irving and was a veteran of the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Arletha Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Cooley Oglesby; sons, Robert Oglesby of Allen, Danny Oglesby of Houston and Jerry Oglesby of Irving; daughters, Helen Akino of San Jose, Calif., and Pamela Haley Dick of Trophy Club; and grandchildren, Gary Vargas, Matthew Haley and Robin, Jerry, Kevin and Hanna Oglesby.

Graveside services were held Friday, Feb. 21, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler.

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David Oliver

Service are pending for David Oliver at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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David A. Oliver

David A. Oliver, a lifelong resident of Irving, died Oct. 24. He was 38.

Born Dec. 3, 1958, Mr. Oliver was a machinist at the Engine Shop of Dallas.

He is survived by his mother, Eileen Caster Oliver of Irving; father and step mother Billy Jack Sr. and Marilyn Oliver of Gladewater; brother Billy Jack Oliver Jr.; brother and sister-in-law Bryan and Tammi Oliver of Irving; sister and brother-in-law Ann and Stanley Chapman of Irving; three uncles, including Huit Caster of Irving; two aunts; nieces Stephany and Kimberly Oliver of Irving; and nephews Daniel and Jack Chapman of Irving.

Graveside services were held Oct. 24 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Ima Van Orman

Ima Jean Van Orman died March 20 in her Irving home. She was 68.
Mrs. Van Orman was born Aug. 19, 1928 in Wimberley. She had been an Irving resident since 1974 and was a member of First Baptist Church. She was a ward clerk for Children’s Medical Center until her retirement in 1994.
She is survived by three daughters; Annette and Lisa Van Orman, both of Irving, and Tammy Reed of Hurst; three sons, Charwin and Stephen Van Orman, both of Irving, and Ray Van Orman of Wichita, Kan.; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Josif Williams of San Marcos and Maude White of Troy.
Services were scheduled for March 22 at First Baptist Church Sanctuary. Dr. Randy Rudisell officiated. Cremation followed at Martin Oaks Crematory. Arrangements under the direction of Chism and Smith Funeral Home.

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Mary Osborne

Mary Osborne, 87, of Flagstaff, Ariz., died Monday, April 7 at a Bedford hospital.

Ms. Osborne was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Mooreland, Okla. She was retired from the food management business.

Ms. Osborne was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Osborne, a professor at Northern Arizona University. She is survived by her daughter, Ramona Moser Perkins, and husband David A. of Irving; granddaughter, Valerie Aldrich, and husband Benny of Prescott, Ariz.; great-grandchildren, Luke, Rhita, Pearl and Tyayna of Prescott, Ariz.

Services were held April 10 at Billings Funeral Home Chapel in Mooreland, Okla. Burial followed at Mooreland Cemetery. Father Alphonse Gallipaeli officiated.

27, April 1997
A. Warren Owens
A. Warren Owens of Irving died Oct. 9 of cancer at his home. He was 77.

Born in Chicago, Mr. Owens was president and chief executive officer of Owens International Air. He served as a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII for which he received the Air Medal with three Bronze Oak Leaf clusters after flying 48 missions. A former Delta Air Lines employee in Atlanta, Mr. Owens moved to Texas in 1959 and became a regional manager for Seaboard World Airlines. He started his successful international air freight forwarding company in 1974, which he ran with his family. Mr. Owens was a former president of the 90th Bomb Group/Jolly Rogers, a member of the 5th Air Force Board of Trustees, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Helen; sister Shirley Semon of Atlanta; daughter and son-in-law Bette and Jim Culling of Southlake; sons and daughters-in-law Warren and Joan Owens of Hurst, Owen and Karen Owens of Grapevine, Dennis and Sammye Owens of Bedford, Tony and Janice Owens of Hurst, Christopher and Bonnie Owens of Grapevine; daughter Cheryl Coke of Grapevine; daughter-in-law Rachel Smith of Irving; 24 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 11 at Holy Family of Nazareth Church, Irving.
Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.