Margaret Louise Paris

Margaret Louise Paris of Irving died of natural causes in Hobart, Okla. Dec. 16. She was 86.

Born in Nashville, Tenn. April 10, 1911, Mrs. Paris was a home-maker and a member of Pioneer Baptist Church in Irving.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Thomas A. “Jimmy” Medlin of Irving; sisters Alma Gannon of Tennessee, Louise Leemhuis of Alabama; brother Travis Barfield of North Carolina; two grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and three great, great grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 20 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, Bobby Joe Raper and Stephen Boyd officiating. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
William Charles Parker

William Charles Parker, 78, of Irving died Monday, Jan. 20.

Mr. Parker was born Jan. 5, 1919, in Maypearl. He retired from the U.S. Air Force and worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Irving as a letter carrier for nine years.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Parker of Irving; daughters and son-in-laws, Janie and Terry Mullins of Lake Dallas, and Paula and Sam Wright of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Donna Dail of Maumelle, Ark.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, with Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.

Jan. 23, 1997
Marguerite Bryant Parks

Marguerite Bryant Parks of Irving died in her sleep after a long illness Dec. 5 in a Dallas nursing home. She was 78.

Born in Dallas Oct. 6, 1919, Mrs. Parks was a lifelong Irving resident, formerly employed with the Irving Independent School District.

She is survived by her son, Charles I. Parks Jr. of Dallas; son and daughter-in-law Milo W. and Brenda Parks of Dallas; sister Dorothy Mae Bryant Smallwood Marable Reed of Dallas; and five grandchildren. Mrs. Parks was preceded in death by her husband, Charles I. Parks.

Services are scheduled for 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Music by Damon Simms. A private family burial is planned at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Edward R. Parrish, Sr.

Edward R. Parrish, Sr., 60, of Irving, died Monday, Feb. 17, at his home.

Mr. Parrish was born July 28, 1936, in Wink. He lived in Irving for the past 15 years and was previously a resident of San Angelo. He was a manager for Excel exterminators in San Angelo for 23 years, and he was a member of the Elks Lodge in San Angelo. He was an avid golfer and a member of the Oak View Baptist Church in Irving and the Football Referee Association.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his parents and a sister.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Parrish of Irving; son, Eddie Parrish of Irving; daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Diane and John Gengler of San Angelo; granddaughter, Chanell Parrish of Irving; brother, Donnie Sechrest of Dallas; and sister, Helen Davenport of Bandera.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Oak View Baptist Church, with Rev. Jerry Browning officiating.

The family requests memorials sent to VNA Hospice, 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75247-4929. Local arrangements were with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
R.B. Parrish

R.B. Parrish, 81, formerly of Irving, died Thursday, July 3.

Mr. Parrish was born Sept. 28, 1915 in Kansas City, Kan. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Mabank and retired in 1972 from the oil and gas business. Serving his country from 1942 to 1946 in the U.S. Air Force, he was a B-24 pilot in England and was on the first bomb raid over Ploesti.

He is survived by his wife, Katie Parrish of Mabank; daughters and son-in-laws, Roberta and Mike Oxford, Lucy and David Melton, and Patti and Jay Cobb, all of Irving; grandchildren, Erik and Brandi Gross, Eli Gross, Casey Melton, Kealey Melton and Gabe Cobb; and brother, Russell Parrish of Bartlesville, Okla.

Funeral services were held July 5 at Eubank Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Joe Dwinnell officiating.

July 10, 1997
Bertha Florabelle Pastore

Bertha Florabelle Pastore, formerly of Irving, died Sept. 23 in Dallas. She was 89.

Born in Clinton, Ind. Feb. 2, 1908, Mrs. Pastore was a seamstress.

She is survived by daughter and son-in-law Rosella and Bill Ferrell of Dallas; son and daughter-in-law John and Brenda Pastore of Waveland, Miss.; sister Mabel Williams of Clinton; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Sept. 25 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, the Revs. Bill Ferrell and Tom McMahan officiating. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Sept. 25, 1997
Anna Patchette

Anna Patchette of Irving died Nov. 2. She was 86.

Born in Gilliam, Ark. Nov. 26, 1910, Ms. Patchette worked as a vendor at the State Fair. She is survived by two nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Services were held Nov. 4 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Tim Lewis officiating. Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Ruby Estelle Patterson

Ruby Estelle Patterson, 87, of Irving, died Saturday, Jan. 18.

Ms. Patterson was born July 9, 1909, in Seymour. She was a contractor.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Brown's Memorial Chapel, with Revs. Billie M. Thomas and Lou Gary Thomas officiating. Interment followed at the Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Jan 23, 1997
George Joseph Patrick

George Joseph Patrick of Irving died at his home of natural causes Sept. 7. He was 76.

Born in Detroit, June 7, 1921, Mr. Patrick retired in 1986 after 30 years in research and development for L.T.V. in Grand Prairie. He was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church and a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the North Texas Senior Amateur Golf Assoc., L.B. Houston Senior Golf Club and the Twin Wells Senior Golf Assoc.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his wife, Tessie Patrick; sons and daughters-in-law Dave and Terry Patrick of Irving, George and Carol Patrick of Irving, Mark and Theresa Patrick of DeSoto, Daniel and Kristine Patrick of Austin, Mickey and Sherri Patrick of Bedford, Gerald and Mary Patrick of Austin; daughter Mary Jo Patrick and her partner Mary Kiowski of Irving; daughter Catherine Patrick and her partner Sandy Trice of Irving; and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 9 at Calvary Hill Mausoleum North Chapel, the Rev. Joseph Rivoire celebrant. Interment at Calvary Hill Cemetery, Dallas. Memorials may be made to Irving CARES, 440 S. Nursery Rd., Irving, 75060. Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Vernon Kenneth Payton

Vernon Kenneth Payton, 75, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Payton was born Nov. 10, 1921, in East Texas. He had been an Irving resident for the past 14 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II. He had been affiliated with the Allright Auto Lot.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Payton of Irving; son, Glenn Payton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers, Henry Payton of Dallas and Llyod Payton of Farmersville; and sisters, Dorothy Stovall of Houston and Rose Churchwell of Dallas.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Grove Hill Memorial Park in Dallas.

Feb. 16, 1997
James A. Pearson

James A. Pearson died in Haltom City June 10. He was 73. Born Feb. 11, 1924, Mr. Pearson was a veteran of WW II. A private service was held in Mineral Wells. Local arrangements by Calvary Funeral Home.

June 15, 1997
**Dorothy King Perkins**

Dorothy King Perkins, 80, of Bedford died March 2.

Ms. Perkins was born Aug. 13, 1916, in Wichita Falls. She was long-time employee of Texas Instruments.

Ms. Perkins is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Michelle and Rick Jackson of Irving, and Cherie and David Paterson; her sisters, Mildred Swift, Bette Gagner and Kay Bradshaw; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Raymond A. Perkins.

Services were held March 4 at Restland Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Restland Memorial Park.

*March 6, 1997*
Mary Margaret Frye Perry

Mary Margaret Frye Perry, 75, of Irving, died Wednesday, May 28. Mrs. Perry was born July 11, 1921, in Dallas. She was a 1939 graduate of Irving High School.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Michael Devin and Deborah Perry of Jackson, Miss.; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Neal Perry Lee and Jim Lee of Irving; son, Robert Steven Perry of Hot Springs, Ark.; four grandchildren, Michael Ray Martin of Jackson, Miss., J. Reagan Lee of Irving, Haley Dawn Perry Pepper of Laurel, Miss., and T. Ashley Perry of Jackson, Miss.; brother, Edward Dean Weber of Grandbury; sister, Carol Lynne Leanard of Tulsa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, June 2, Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wallace Chappell officiating.
James R. Persons

James R. Persons of Irving died Oct. 10 at his home of natural causes. He was 79.

Born in Kemper County, Miss. April 2, 1918, Mr. Persons retired in 1980 after 22 years as a service representative with Allis-Chalmers in Dallas. He was a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.

Mr. Persons is survived by his stepson Emmett Patton and his wife Marlene of Georgia, a granddaughter and great grandson, both of Georgia.

Services were held Oct. 14 at Cockrell Funeral Home in Macon, Miss. Interment at Oaklawn Cemetery, Scooba, Miss. Arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

OCT. 16, 1997
Maurine G. Petitt

Maurine G. Petitt of Irving died July 28 of natural causes in Houston. She was 71.

Born Dec. 2, 1925 in Kingsville, Mrs. Petitt was widowed member of the Irving North Christian Church and a supporter of the Las Colinas Symphony. She retired in Nov. 1996 after more than 30 years with L.D. Brinkman. She was also a member of Eastern Star Lodge No. 14 in McAllen.

She is survived by her son Jerry, his wife Betty and their family, as well as a niece and four nephews.

Services were held July 31 at the Irving North Christian Church, the Rev. John G. Burton officiating. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family requests memorials be made to Houston Hospice, 8811 Gaylord, Suite 100, Houston 77024. Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

AUG. 3, 1997
Minnie Belle Pettus

Minnie Belle Pettus, 74, of Irving, died Friday, March 14.

Mrs. Pettus was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Henderson. She retired from a 17-year position in nutritional services at Irving Health Care Systems in 1991 and was a member of Plymouth Park Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughters and son-in-laws, Donna Ann and Ken Weber of Atlanta, Ga., Joyce and Jeff Wood of Grand Prairie, Ellen and Sam Allen of Irving, and Sara and Larry Quasebarth of Irving; son and daughter-in-law Steveon and Debbie Hall of Irving; eight grandchildren, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Rebecca Quasebarth, Christine Hardesty and Peter Allen, all of Irving, Craig Watson of Wiley, Kathleen Weber of Atlanta and Sammy Allen II of Houston; and two great-grandchildren; Parker Allen of Arlington and Sammy Allen III of Houston.

Services were held Monday, March 17, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John W. McGee officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Jessie Ray Petty

Jessie Ray Petty of Nacogdoches died June 27. She was 78.

Born March 11, 1919 in Gilmer, Mrs. Petty is survived by her husband Elon Lee Petty, son and daughter-in-law Phillip and Teri Petty of Irving; daughter and son-in-law Carol and James Beene of Nacogdoches; brothers Avis Ray and C.J. Ray, both of Pritchett; sister Juanita Balard of Hitchcock; nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her daughter Annece Cohagen.

Services were held June 27, Interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Gilmer. Arrangements by Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors, Nacogdoches.

June 29, 1997
Ferdinand Pfeiffer

Ferdinand Pfeiffer of Irving died of natural causes at The Irving Hospital Feb. 11. He was 71.
Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

February 13, 1997
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Ferdinand Pfeiffer

Ferdinand “Fred” Pfeiffer, 79, of Irving, died Tuesday, Feb. 11 at The Irving Hospital.

Mr. Pfeiffer was born June 28, 1917 in New Braunfels. He was a machinist for Hagan Plastics in Irving, and retired in 1979. He was a member of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. A lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Pfeiffer was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Pfeiffer of Irving; son, Tom Pfeiffer of Irving; daughter, Josetta Swearingen of Arlington; brother, Alfred Pfeiffer of Nixon; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 15 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Ken Parlin officiated. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Feb. 16, 1997
Larry W. Pheffer

Larry W. Pheffer of Irving died in the city July 1. He was 46.

Born Aug. 8, 1950, Mr. Pheffer was a sales representative for North Central Distributer, a wholesale grocery company.

He is survived by his wife, Rowena Jackson Pheffer; daughter Christa Courtney, of Assumption, Ill.; son Travis Smith of Irving; sisters Virginia Sue Robertson of Martinsville, Ind., Mary Sebastian of New Salsbury, Ind.; brother Albert Pheffer of Martinsville and two grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

July 6, 1997
Marion Douglas Phelps, Sr.

Arrangements are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home for Marion Douglas Phelps, Sr., 85, of Irving for the past six months but previously from Colorado, who died Monday, Jan. 27, at an Irving nursing home.

February 2, 1997
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Brandon L. Phillips

Brandon L. Phillips of Irving died Dec. 1 in Dallas. He was 18.

Born Dec. 5, 1978 in Madison, Ind., Mr. Phillips was a clerk for Braums Dairy Store.

He is survived by his father and step mother, Barry L. and Callie Phillips of Hanover, Ind.; mother and step father, Teresa and James T. Murphy of Arlington; brothers

James Timothy Murphy of Arlington, Storm Phillips of Richardson, Jessie Daulton of Hanover; and four grandparents.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 5 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment scheduled at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Eunice Pierce

Eunice Pierce of Arlington died Nov. 14 at the Masonic Home in that city. She was 96.

Born Nov. 14, 1901 near Malone, Mrs. Pierce owned a beauty shop in that city for 37 years. She was also a charter member of the Central Baptist Church there. Mrs. Pierce was also a member of the Eastern Star. She moved to Arlington in 1981.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Theda Jack and Hallie Lee Norman of Irving; son and daughter-in-law Charles Paul and June Pierce of Cleburne; three grandchildren, including Paul Brentley Norman of Irving; and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Pierce was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Pierce in 1961.

Services were held Nov. 16 in Hillsboro, the Rev. Ken James officiating. Arrangements by Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors, Hillsboro.

Nov. 20
1997
Former mayor
Bob Pierce dies

Dr. Bob Pierce, a longtime member of the Irving City Council, died Saturday in an Irving hospital.

A former mayor of Irving, Pierce declined to defend his Place 7 seat on the council in last month's elections.

Services are pending at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Dr. Robert Pierce
In Memory of Robert J. Pierce, M.D.

The Medical & Surgical Clinic of Irving would like to extend a warm thank you in memory of Robert J. Pierce, M.D. Dr. Pierce's vision and commitment to serving his community help to build the foundation of the Medical and Surgical Clinic of Irving some 30 years ago. He will be missed by all that loved him, worked with him, and were served by his work in the city of Irving.

June 12, 1997
DEATHS

Rites Tuesday for Robert J. Pierce, physician and former Irving mayor

By Nancy Halsey
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Services for Dr. Robert J. Pierce, a physician who served Irving as mayor, school board president and City Council member, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Irving. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

Dr. Pierce, 66, died of congestive heart failure Saturday at the Irving Healthcare System.

He strove to serve his fellow man in medicine and in civic life, said longtime friend Don Oberlin.

“He was interested in people and he loved people,” Dr. Oberlin said. “He exercised this as a physician and in community service.”

Dr. Pierce came to Irving in 1958 as a medical resident at the Irving Hospital, said his wife, Dana Pierce. He practiced family medicine in Irving for more than 37 years and served for a time as chief of staff of the hospital, which became the Irving Healthcare System.

Dr. Pierce was elected president of the Irving school board in 1977 and re-elected in 1980. He was elected mayor in 1987 and re-elected in 1989.

Dr. Pierce was elected to the City Council in 1995 but decided not to run again in May because of failing health.

In addition to his elected offices, Dr. Pierce served as team physician for the Irving High School football team for 25 years. He was chairman of the Western Star District of the Boy Scouts of America, a past president of the Irving Rotary Club and a past chairman of the board of the Irving Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Pierce had been awarded the District Award of Merit by the Boy Scouts and had received two other awards for outstanding community service: the Exchange Club’s Book of Golden Deeds Award and the Lars Ehnesbuske Award, which the Irving chapter of the American Cancer Society presented in 1995.

Mrs. Pierce said her husband made time for his community work, no matter how busy he was.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Pierce is survived by two sons, Jeff Pierce of Atlanta and Craig Pierce of Irving; a daughter, Danise Grice of Eagan, Minn.; two sisters, Margaret Kohler of LaMarida, Calif., and Mary Pittman of Irving; and seven grandchildren.

June 12, 1997
Donna Pisciotta

Donna Pisciotta of Lewisville died Saturday Jan. 18 at Lewisville Columbia Medical Center of natural causes. She was 41.

Services are pending with Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Donna Pisciotta

Donna Pisciotta, 41, of Lewisville died Saturday, Jan. 18.

Mrs. Pisciotta was born Feb. 19, 1955, in Dallas. She worked at Benedict Optical in Lewisville in the mail room for five years and was previously a resident of Irving.

She is survived by her son, Karl Wayne Pisciotta of Lewisville; and brother, David Dean of Dallas.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 21, Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Parlin officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Jan. 23, 1997
**Mathilda Pisciotta**

Mathilda Pisciotta of Irving died June 3. She was 72.

Born October 16, 1924 in Leonville, Louisiana, worked for Food Service for the Irving school district. She was also a member of St. Lukes Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughters Rosary Marley of Arlington, Constance Marie Denbow or Irving and Lori Christine Rangel of Alvarado; sons John Joseph Pisciotta of Richardson, Errol James Pisciotta fo Grand Saline, Kenneth Wayne Pisciotta of Irving and Bryan Alex Pisciotta of Irving; sisters Lozamae Dietzler of Wisconsin, Olympe Dore of Louisiana and Amelia Manint of Lake Lavon; brother John Mike Rivette of Michigan as well as 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 6 at Calvary Hill Chapel with Father Doug Deshotel Officiating. Interment was at Calvary Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

*June 8, 1997*
**David Poole Jr.**

David Poole Jr. died Oct. 25 in Plano. He was 36.

Born March 25, 1961 in Dallas, Mr. Poole worked as a supervisor.

He is survived by his father, Paul Poole Sr. of Irving; mother Rosemary Poole of Roanoke; daughters Diamond Sheri Poole and Misty Rose Poole, both of Dallas, Mariah Rose Poole of Allen; son Shawn David Poole of Dallas; sisters Shelley Ralynn Raptis of Lewisville, Timi Paulette Huskins of Balch Springs, Barbra Telice Poole of Irving; and brother Spencer William Poole of Irving. Mr. Poole was preceded in death by his daughter Kristin Annette Poole and his grandfather.

Services were held Oct. 29 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Paul Chetham officiating. Interment at Ridgeview Memorial Park, Allen.
John T. Poole Sr.

John T. Poole Sr., 54, of Irving died Monday, May 26, in an Irving hospital.

Born Feb. 28, 1943, in Nashville, Tenn., he was retired and had served in the military.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Poole of Irving; his son, John Poole Jr. of Grapevine; his brother, Joe R. Poole of Whitehouse, Tenn.; his sister, Carolyn Shaw of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and his grandchildren, Shane Poole and Sarah Poole, both of Grapevine.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. today, May 29, in Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Brad Sullard officiating. Burial will be in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.

Memorials may be made to the Huntington Disease Society of America, P.O. Box 211413, Bedford, TX 76095.

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C.E. Pope
Services pending with Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

24, July 1997
**John Lewis Pope**

John Lewis Pope, 67, of Irving died Friday, April 4, in an Irving hospital.

Born Oct. 9, 1929, in Ashland, Ken., he was a retired truck driver for Keebler Cookies.

Survivors include his daughter, Julie Campbell of Dayton, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

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Michael John Porter

Michael John Porter, 68, of Irving died Sunday, Feb. 23.

Mr. Porter was born Aug. 3, 1928 in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. He retired in 1989 after 21 years as a driver for Pioneer Readi-Mix. He attended First United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Porter of Irving; daughter, Teresa L. Berta of Irving; son, Michael T. Porter of Flower Mound; brother, Edward J. Porter of Irving; grandchildren, Tracie L. Lusk, Amy L. Berta, Joshua D. Berta, Gina C. Brown, Shelly D. Mungiguerre, Christopher S. Porter and Melissa M. Porter; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ralph Smith officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

February 27, 1997
Michael John Porter

Michael John Porter, 68, of Irving died Sunday, Feb. 23.

Mr. Porter was born Aug. 3, 1928 in Alexandria Bay, N.Y. He retired in 1989 after 21 years as a driver for Pioneer Readi-Mix. He attended First United Methodist Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Porter of Irving; daughter, Teresa L. Berta of Irving; sons, Michael T. Porter of Flower Mound and Matthew B. Porter of Allen; brother, Edward J. Porter of Irving; grandchildren, Tracie L. Lusk, Amy L. Berta, Joshua D. Berta, Gina C. Brown, Shelly D. Mungiguerra, Christopher S. Porter and Melissa M. Porter; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 26 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplain Ralph Smith officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

March 2, 1997
Ruth Ann Poynter

Ruth Ann Poynter of Irving died Aug. 8. She was 63.

Born July 27 in South Bend, Ind., Mrs. Poynter was employed as a claims examiner. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, William Poynter; son Randy Poynter of Irving; and grandchildren Gary, Leslie and Ryan Poynter, all of Irving and Brian and Todd Poynter, both of South Bend.

Services were held Aug. 11 at First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Mike Walker officiating. Interment at Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend. Local arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

Aug. 14, 1997
Lonnie Allen Price

Lonnie Allen Price, 64, of Irving died Thursday, April 24.

Mr. Price worked in the credit department for Lone Star Gas and was a member of the Shady Grove Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Price is survived by his wife, Gladys Mae Roberts; daughter Lisa Lynn Price Taylor of Irving; sons Lonnie Ray, John Gary and Michael Wayne Price all of Irving; sisters Iris Freeman of Irving and Brenda Pope of Arlington; brothers G.H. Price of Alexandria, La. and Curtiss Price of Grand Prairie; and grandchildren Charissa, Austin Taylor, and Joshua Price, Jonathan, Felicia and Jessica Taylor and Jason Keen.

Services took place Saturday, April 26 at Shady Grove Church with the Rev. Robert Morris and Henry Malone officiating. Burial followed in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving handled the arrangements.

27 April 1997
Verlene H. Pryor

Verlene H. Pryor of Colleyville died June 4 in a Hurst nursing home. She was 78.

Mrs. Pryor was a widowed homemaker, born June 6, 1918 in Waldo, Ark. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Texarkana. She is survived by her son Don Pryor of Colleyville. Services were held June 6 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at Wylie Cemetery, Wylie. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 141274, Irving 75014.

June 8, 1997
Carrollton crashes kill two Irving women

News staff report

Carrollton police report that two women were killed in unrelated traffic accidents that occurred within minutes of each other Tuesday morning.

A pedestrian was struck and killed as she crossed Valwood Parkway at 6:50 a.m. The victim, Pat Puch, 24, of Irving, was struck by a car as she crossed Valwood, just east of Hutton Dr. The car that hit her was driven by JoAnn Leahy, 40, of Irving.

Puch was transported by paramedics to RHD Memorial Medical Center where she died at 7:34 a.m.

Police, who said Puch was wearing dark clothing, described conditions as dark, with poor visibility and no streetlights. Charges were not filed against Leahy.

The second fatality occurred at 6:53 a.m., at the intersection of Belt Line and Webb Chapel Roads.

A car driven by Delores Tucker, 62, of Dallas, was making a left turn onto Webb Chapel from westbound Belt Line when it was struck broadside by an eastbound car driven by Diana Valliani, 29, of Irving.

Both vehicles had a green light. Police believe that Tucker failed to yield the right of way to Valliani’s vehicle. Tucker was airlifted to Baylor Hospital, where she died in surgery at 10:10 a.m.

Valliani was not injured. Her airbag deployed. Police issued no citations, and no charges are pending.

The two fatalities were Carrollton’s second and third for 1997. Police said they do not recall the city having two fatal accidents involving automobiles on the same day.