John E. Acker Sr.

John E. Acker Sr., 61, of Irving died Dec. 26 in an Irving hospital.

Born Feb. 13, 1937, in Seymour, he retired in 1994 and served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Survivors include his wife, Angela Acker of Irving; his sons, John E. Acker Jr. of Louisiana, and David Lee Acker of Euless; his daughters, Vicki Schlemmer of Fort Worth, and Joyce Johnson of Carrollton; his stepdaughter, Cheryl Hand of Irving; his stepsons, Gary Gatzke of Grand Prairie, and William E. Gatzke of Kentucky; his mother, Agnes B. Acker of Grand Prairie; his sister, Ann Hines of Irving; and 15 grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless with Bill Harris officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Mary Elvira Roach Admire

Mary Elvira Roach Admire of Farmers Branch died May 13 at her home. She was 105.

Born March 30, 1893 in Healdton, Okla., she was a member of St. Jo Church of Christ for 89 years and active in various community activities.

She is survived by daughters, Lorraine Peters and Katie Huber of Farmers Branch; grandchildren, Gretchen Newman, Ronald Thomas and John Mark Admire; five great grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, May 18 at St. Jo Church of Christ with C.E. Cole and Tim Pyles officiating. Burial will be at Mountain Park Cemetery. Family visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Yvonne Akins

Yvonne Akins of Irving died June 20 in Irving. She was 86.

Born March 8, 1912, in Wichita Falls, the daughter of Zee A. and Hattie (Holston) Jeter, she was a former owner of Akins Pontiac Company in Jacksboro for 25 years. She also operated the Ship N Shore Shop in Aransas Pass before she retired in 1982.

She married Vernon R. Akins in 1930.

She was preceded in death by her husband, brother Andy Jeter; sisters, Peggy Parker and Zelma Griggs Logan.

She is survived by son, Sam V. Akins, of Irving; three granddaughters, Malynn Harris of Corpus Christi, Melissa Rossa of Dallas, and Marihelen Wieberg of Keller; great-grandchildren, Brayden and Kathryn Harris, Christina and Andrew Rossa; and Mackenzie Wieberg; several nephews and a niece.

Services were held June 22 at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church in Irving. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Jacksboro.

Memorials can be made to the Presbyterian children’s Home, P.O. Box 637, Waxahachie, TX or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements made by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Billy Thompson Aldridge Sr.

Billy Thompson Aldridge Sr., 70, of Irving died Dec. 2. He was 70.

Born April 18, 1929, in Winnsboro, he retired from Sears after 32 years and enjoyed fishing and traveling.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred (Millie) Aldridge; son and daughter-in-law Billy T. and Janis Aldridge Jr.; grandchildren, Lauren Aldridge, Rory Aldridge and J.C. Aldridge, all of Irving; and several other relatives.

Services were conducted Dec. 5 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James C. Royse officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
James W. Allen

James W. (Jimmy) Allen, formerly of Irving, died Nov. 29, in Fort Worth. He was 73.

Born Jan. 11, 1925, in Gaffney, S. C., he was retired from American Airlines as a freight agent and a member of Hallmark Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Allen of Fort Worth; sons, Gerald Allen and wife, Mary of Bedford, and Jay Allen of Cedar Hill; daughters, Penny Cudabac of Austin, Toni Baxter and husband Jack of Austin; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Dec. 2 at Hallmark Baptist Church with burial at Laurel land Memorial Park of Fort Worth. Pastor Mike Haley and the Rev. Robert Singley officiated.
Joseph Henry Allen

Joseph Henry Allen of Irving died Jan. 15. He was 77.

Born Sept. 28, 1924, in Dallas, Mr. Allen worked as a Research chemist and was a member of Beltline Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Allen of Irving; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Joyce Allen of Rome, Ga.; sisters and brother-in-law, Marie and Harvey Ramo of Dallas, and Doris and Jim Tullos of Mesquite.

Services were held Jan. 17 at Beltline Church of Christ, Dan Flournoy officiating. Interment followed at Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas.

If desired memorials can be made to Beltline Church of Christ, 1202 N. Beltline Road, Irving 75061.
Anne Lott Thompson Anderson

Anne Lott Thompson Anderson of Irving died April 19, 1998, at an Irving hospital. She was 79.

Born July 10, 1918, in Hume Lake, the daughter of Marbo Duncan and Henrietta T. (McNair) Lott, she was a real estate agent for 30 years.

She married Alton Anderson in 1978. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Carrollton.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, S.L. Thompson Jr. in 1964.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Sam Lon Thompson III of Fort Worth; and a granddaughter, Heather Ann Keathley of Fort Worth.

Services were held April 22 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Albertson officiating. Burial followed at Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro.

Family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 12850 Spurling Drive, Suite 10, Dallas, TX 75230-1258.
Paul Kenneth Anderson


Born Dec. 28, 1918, in Minneapolis, Minn., he was an owner of Indianahead Rendering Inc. in Barron, Wis., where he was active in the Eastern Star lodge and on the boards of two financial institutions.

He also served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Kay Anderson.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Marie Hoglund Anderson of Dallas; his son and daughter-in-law, Douglas Paul and Susan Anderson of Grapevine; his sister and brother-in-law, Marion and Ray Johnson of Lakeland, Fla.; his brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Dorothy Anderson of Spooner, Wis.; three grandchildren; and several other relatives.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children.
Denver D. Andrews

Denver D. Andrews, a life-long resident of Irving, died Sept. 12 at an Irving hospital. He was 65.

Born Nov. 27, 1932, in Dallas, the son of George M. and Beatrice (Reeder) Andrews, he was a retired employee of Vent-A-Hood in Richardson. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Southside Baptist Church in Irving.

He married Tsuyako Maeda July 13, 1957, in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Darrell Andrews, in 1995.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Tommie and her husband Randolph Barta of Highland Village, and Verna Mae and her husband Edward Trussell of Azle; brothers, Sterling and his wife Dorothy Andrews of Quinlan, Charles and his wife Janice Andrews of Irving, Durwood and his wife Marjorie Andrews of Irving, and David Watkins of Azle; sister, Geneva Tippie of Irving; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 15 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving with the Revs. Sterling Andrews and Bob Uhls officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Opal Darlene Andrews

Opal Darlene Andrews of Irving died Oct. 2. She was 46.

She was employed as a legal secretary at Suggs, Spradling and Associates and was a member of the Harvest Time Cathedral Church.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Pool; and brother, William Pool.

She is survived by her parents, Boyd and Dorothy Pool of Irving; sons, Robert Eric Hinojosa and his wife, Tammy, and Jason Christopher Andrews; sisters, Sally Rumker and her husband, Paul of Quitman, Ark., Naomie Moore of St. Louis, and Helen Viray and her husband, Frank of Galveston; brothers, David Pool of Arlington, and Jerry Pool and his wife, Marline of Grand Prairie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Oct. 5 at Calvary Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Jack Eberhardt Apwisch

Jack Eberhardt Apwisch died Oct. 1, 1998. He was 70.

Born Nov. 28, 1927, he was a pilot, first with American Airlines and later in corporate aviation. He also owned a commercial construction business.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Evelyn; son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Suzanne Apwisch; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Mike Maloney; grandchildren, Jeffrey and Kristina Apwisch, Connor and Kelly Maloney; sister and brother-in-law, Wanda and Randall Senger; brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Madeline Apwisch, Henry and Marilyn Apwisch; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were held Oct. 3 at Chapel East of Hillcrest Mausoleum. Private burial will follow.

Family requests memorials to Plymouth Park Baptist Church, 1700 N, Story Road, Irving, TX, 75061.
Diane Hill Armstrong

Diane Hill Armstrong of Irving died Oct. 10. She was 59.

Born Jan. 23, 1939, in Stoneham, Mass., Armstrong combined 17 years for the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Department of Health for the Medically Dependent Children Program.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Armstrong.

She is survived by her children, Richard and Denise Armstrong of Duncanville, Scott and Emily Armstrong of Dallas, and Angela and Jeff Wilson of Wooster, Ohio; grandchildren, Alexandra, Harrison and Micaiah Armstrong, Ashley and Allen Wilson; nephews and nieces, Billy, Stephanie, and Carrie Armstrong, Jimmy and Ann King, Suzy and Joe Rinella; great nephews and nieces, William and Aaron King, Judy, Jennifer and Nicholas Rinella.

Services were held Oct. 14, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Wally Williamson officiating.

The family requests memorials to the Jack Armstrong Memorial Scholarship Fund, UTA Jazz, Box 19105, Arlington, TX 76019.
Devon Lee Arnwine

Devon Lee Arnwine died Aug. 17. He was 37.

He was born March 21, 1961, in Denver, the son of Don L. and Norma (Lee) Arnwine.

He is survived by his parents; sister, Andrea and her husband, Robert Kulikauskas; nephew, Adam Powers; and several other relatives.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. today at Restland memorial Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Restland Memorial Park.

Family requests memorials to Optimist International Foundation, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO, 63108.
Evalee Loper Arnwine

Evalee Loper Arnwine of Hurst died Jan. 4 at Bishop Davies Center in Hurst. She was 87.


Arnwine was a member of First Christian Church in Garland for 33 years. She was also a member of Christian Women’s Fellowship and a past member of Conoco Wives, as well as being previously active teaching art and painting classes.

Arnwine is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Sue Arnwine of Missouri City, Tex., and Don and Norma Arnwine of Irving; brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Harriet Loper of Palestine, Tex., sister, Bonnita Hart of Little Elm, Tex., four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Arnwine was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Lester Fred Arnwine in 1989; brothers, Marlin and Samuel Loper and two infant brothers; and sister, Beulah Loper LaRue.

Services were held at 1:30 on Jan. 7 at the First Christian Church in Garland, Rev. Tony Salisbury officiating. Entombment followed in Abbey Mausoleum at Restland. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church Garland or Bishop Davies Center in Hurst.
Edna Arthur

Edna Arthur died May 31 in Irving. She was 96.
Born Feb. 19, 1902, in Arkansas, she had been a resident of Irving for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Euless and a housewife.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Arthur; and son, Marvin Arthur Sr.
She is survived by three grandsons, Marvin Arthur Jr. of Silver Spring, Md., Tony Wayne Arthur of Dallas, and Dr. Jeff Marshall of Houston; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
Services were held June 2 at Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary R. Whitbeck officiating. Burial followed at Moore’s Memorial Gardens in Arlington.
Marvin Leon Arthur

Marvin Leon Arthur died Jan. 25 at an Arlington hospital. He was 78.

Born June 21, 1919 in Euless, Texas, he was an Irving resident most of his life. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during World War II, when he was held as a Japanese prisoner of war. He was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and of the Etelle Lodge Lodge No. 582 in Euless. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Dallas and a life member of D.A.V.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Arthur of Irving; three sons, Marvin L. of Silver Springs, Md., Tony Arthur of Dallas, and Jeff Arthur of Kingwood, Texas; mother, Edna Arthur of Irving; grandchildren, Samantha, Meredith, and Allison Arthur, all of Dallas, Marvin Leon Arthur III and Leah Edna Arthur of Silver Springs.

Services were held Jan. 28 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Micheal Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Moore's Memorial Garden in Arlington.
Raymond Maurice Ashworth

Raymond Maurice Ashworth, 89, of Irving died Monday, Dec. 17.

Born May 17, 1929, in Pittsburgh, Pa., he was retired from the shoe business and was active at the Lively Senior Center. He also was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ilene Ashworth of Irving; his children, Ralene Ruyle of Bedford, Raymond Ashworth II of Irving, Lynette Waldrum of Irving, Janelle Payne of San Marcos, Calif., Sheryl Rogers of Irving, and LeAnne Ashworth of Irving; his mother, Henrietta Ashworth Veyon of Pittsburgh, Pa.; his sister and brother-in-law, Doris and Charles Smith of Pittsburgh, Pa.; his brothers, John Ashworth of Mentor, Ohio, and Ronald Ashworth of Tulsa, Okla.; his stepsisters, Alice Addison of Mentor, Ohio, and JoAnn Harding of Painesville, Ohio; his stepbrother, John Veyon of Paden City, W.V.; his sons-in-law, Wayne Ruyle of Bedford, Terry Waldrum of Irving; Joe Payne of San Marcos, Calif., and Craig Rogers of Irving; and six grandchildren;

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at South MacArthur Church of Christ in Irving with Dan Flournoy officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Lively Park Senior Citizens Center in Irving, the American Heart Association, or the Alzheimers Association.

Arrangements are being coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Jessie Austin

Jessie Austin of Irving died July 31. He was 79.

She was a former resident of Pensacola, Fla., and Fredricksburg, Va.

She is survived by son, Kenneth Austin and his wife Bobbie, both of Irving; daughters, Mary Felini and her husband, Bill of Irving; Joyce Keeley and her husband, Ron of Edgewater, Md.; 16 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Aug. 4 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.
Janet Rogers Ayles

Janet Rogers Ayles, 40, an 11-year-resident of Irving, died Nov. 23, 1998, at a Dallas hospital.

Born July 8, 1858, in Florida, the daughter of Cecil and Elaine Rogers, she was a manager at J&B Convenience stores in Dallas for 11 years.

She is survived by her husband, Johnny Ayles of Irving; five daughters; father; sister; and three brothers.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless with the Rev. Aidan O’Donovan officiating.

Family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Janet Rogers Ayles

Janet Rogers Ayles, 40, of Irving, died Nov. 23 in a Dallas hospital.

Born July 8, 1958, in Georgia, she was a manager for J&B Convenience Stores in Dallas for 11 years.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Ayles of Irving; her daughters, Erica Ayles of Irving, Jamie Renee Avina of Carrollton, Samantha Jean Avina of Carrollton, Melinda Ann Avina of Carrollton, and Adrienne Shadoc Avina of Carrollton; her father, Cecil Rogers of Orlando, Fla., her sister, Sharon Sabris of Orlando, Fla., and her brothers, Eddie Rogers of Orlando, Fla., Gary Rogers of Orlando, Fla., and Jimmy Rogers of Orlando, Fla.

Graveside services were conducted Friday, Nov. 27, at Bear Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Aidan O’Donovan officiating. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.