Velma Daily

Velma Daily died June 9 at an Irving nursing home. She was 89.

Born Nov. 28, 1908, in Alvarado, Okla., she was a resident of Irving for 53 years. She was a former housewife and a member of the Bible Way Chapel Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earnest Daily and her daughter, Barbara Moore.

She is survived by sons, Earnest Daily and Richard Daily, both of Glenn Heights, and Bobby Daily of Irving; brother, Lewis Martin of Little Rock, Ark.; sister, Marie Kennard of Atlanta; nine grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 12 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Judy Bridges Daniel

Judy Bridges Daniel of Irving died recently.

She is survived by her husband, Asa Daniel of Irving; children, Rick Edgett of Plano, Dana Koerth of Grand Prairie; Tad Daniel of Irving, and John Daniel of Bridgeport; sisters, Betty Heitzman of Pilot Point, Pat Hall of Pilot Point, and Linda Chambers of Gordonville; brothers, Mack Bridges of Pilot Point and Jim Bridges of Collinsville.

Services were held Nov. 3 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Joe Eaton officiating. Burial followed at St. Thomas Cemetery in Pilot Point with the Rev. Jerome Dyesman officiating.
Marjorie Daniel

Marjorie Daniel of Irving died April 14, at a Dallas nursing home. She was 84.

Arrangements pending at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Marjorie Louise Daniel of Irving died April 14 in a Dallas nursing home. She was 85.

Born Oct. 3, 1914, in Coldwater, Kan., the daughter of Harry Bailey and Mary Lou (Henson) Lancelot, she was a former hospital nurse assistant.

She was a member of Colonial Baptist Church of Irving and a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son, James L. Daniel of Irving; Daughters, Mary Ellen Harrison of Garland, and Barbara Louise Jorgensen of Midlothian; brothers, Harry Bailey Lancelot of Wichita, Kan., and John E. Lancelot of Denver; sisters, JoAnn Daniel of Belton and Sarah Brown of Victoria; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 17 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Dean officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
John A. Darby

John A. Darby, retired owner of Darby Insurance Agency passed away Aug. 4.

Darby was born May 11, 1918. He was a member of 1st United Methodist Church of Irving; Irving Rotary Club and Las Colinas Country Club. He is survived by wife, Annette Darby of Irving; daughter, Joan Fisher of Irving; sister Peggy England of Georgia; one grandchild, Rachel Bowman Stacks of Irving and one great grandchild, Hannah Stacks of Irving.

Funeral services were scheduled for Aug. 7 at First United Methodist Church of Irving with the Rev. Mike Walker and Rev. Phil Mercer officiating. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
James A. Davis

James A. Davis of Irving died shortly after birth April 25 at a Dallas hospital.

Surviving are his parents, Jerry and Julie Davis of Irving; brother, Jordan Patrick Davis; grandparents, Troy and Helen Mathena of Springtown and William and Mary Davis of Mobile, Ala.; great-grandfather, James Allen Whitehead of Azle; great grandmothers, Helen Wilbur of Mobile, and Christine Bar of Dothan, Ala.

Services were held April 29 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with the Rev. John Meador officiating.

Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Jodie Ann Davis

Jodie Ann Davis of Irving died May 3 at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas of natural causes.

Born May 3, 1998, in Dallas, she was the daughter of Jerry P. and Julie Mathena Davis of Irving.

She is survived by her parents; brother, Jordan Patrick Davis of Irving; grandparents, William and Mary Davis of Mobile, Ala. and Troy and Helen Mathena of Springtown; great-grandparent, James Allen Whitehead of Azle; and great-grandmothers, Helen Wilber of Mobile and Christine Barb of Dothan, Ala.

Services were held May 5 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home with the Rev. John Meador officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Charles D. Deen

Charles D. Deen, 67, of Irving died Dec. 22 at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

Born March 20, 1931, in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Oscar and Blanch Lewis Deen, he was a postal clerk for the U.S Postal Service in Irving and a member of Christ Temple in Irving. He retired from the Navy in 1969.

Survivors include: wife Eva M. Deen of Irving; sons, Michael W. Deen of Dallas and Philip Tonick of Chandler, Ariz.; daughters, Linda Fuller of Grand Prairie, Belinda Colberg of Irving and Sharon Deen of Grand Prairie; sister Maxine Davenport of San Jose, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 24, at Christ Temple with the Rev. Dr. Jack DeHart officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Park.

The family requests memorials be made to the Irving Cancer Center at Baylor Medical Center at Irving, 1901 N. Mac Arthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75061.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Earl G. Defenbaugh

Earl G. Defenbaugh of Irving died May 26 at home. He was 69.

Born June 5, 1928, in Havana, Kan., the son of Earl Jasper and Naomi (King) Defenbaugh, he was a retired engineer with Mobil Oil in Dallas.

He married Mary Bess Stephenson June 23, 1956, in Madill, Okla. He served in the U.S. Army as part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1952-54; and graduated in 1949 from Kansas University with degree in civil engineering.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Defenbaugh of Irving; daughter, Deborah Ann Defenbaugh of Houston; son, Brad Gene Defenbaugh of Jakarta, Indonesia; sister, Lucille Cook of Independence, Kan., and grand-daughter, Kayleigh Anne Defenbaugh, of Jakarta.

Services held May 29 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Meador officiating. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.
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Brian Anthony Dennington

Brian Anthony Dennington of Irving, died Jan. 5 in Irving. He was 15.

Born Sept. 24, 1982, in Dallas, Mr. Dennington was a student at Austin Middle School.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Richard Holz and Virginia Han; mother and stepfather, Selena Holz and Teddy Scurlock; sisters, Haley and Shelby; brothers, Joseph and Ricky; grandparents, Richard and Marion Holz, Joyce Green, and Jimmy Dennington.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. today at Brown's Memorial Chapel.

Local arrangements are being made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Rainy risk has tragic ending

Rain-induced creek currents overtake teens, one found dead after lengthy search

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

A night that was supposed to end with friends talking about their triumphs against the raging waters at nearby creek turned deadly Sunday, when two of the jumped into the flood-induced currents running through Lively Park, according to police reports.

"Three friends were out and about for whatever reason, and two got into the rushing water," said Dave Tull, Irving police public-information officer.

After seeing his friends not emanate from the forceful waters, 13-year-old Kelly Honey rode his bike toward the police station for assistance, according to police.

"When the third one saw they were in trouble, he went to get help," said Tull. "The teen was able to flag down an officer where the creek crosses Pioneer, so he didn't have to go all the way to the station."

Within minutes, officers found one of the boys, 13-year-old Carlos Ramirez, clinging to a railroad support about a half-mile behind the police station just north of Rock Island Road. Ramirez was rescued by fire and police personnel and transported to Baylor Medical Center at Irving, where he was treated and released.

Neighboring municipal law-enforcement agencies helped with the search for the second missing teen, 15-year-old Brian Dennington. After halting the search at a.m., police resumed their search at 6 a.m.

Police said searchers had just completed their first sector search and were preparing for their next sector when a local resident reported finding a body in the water on the north side of Fritz Park.

"A resident who lived near the park heard about the accident on television and decided to go out and look," Tull said. "He looked over the edge of the bank near his home and saw the body. He then ran back to his house and notified police. Right now, it just appears to be an accidental drowning, but we will have to wait for the final word from the medical examiners."

While the recent rains encountered by the Metroplex can make most subtle creeks turn into raging waters, police said they cannot remember having similar circumstances surrounding a search.

"Anytime you have high rains like we have had, the (Lively Park) creek goes completely full," Tull said.

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"But I cannot recall having an intentional entry into the water at the creek. We have had incidents where vehicles went off the road and people were trapped in the creek or someone accidentally slips into the creek."

Dennington was an eighth-grade student at Austin Middle School. After learning of his death Monday, Austin principal Carolyn Dowler worked with district officials to assemble a crisis team to be in place when students returned Tuesday from their winter break. The team included the three counselors from Austin, as well as counselors from around the district.

"We will be meeting with teachers to go over information and guidelines for them to use," Dowler said in a Monday interview. "(Dennington's death) is going to be shocking for the students; with the appropriate counseling and appropriate support from their parents at home, they should be able to get back on track. We are going to tell teachers to be very delicate and sensitive in talking with the students."

Lupita Garcia, the Irving school district's director of student and parent services, said a counselor Tuesday rode the bus Dennington normally took to school.

"Tragedy is going to occur at any time," Garcia said. "I think kids tend to be real adventurous, just like adults. Kids, in particular, think they are invincible, and they tend to be more real risk takers. Counselors will be at the campus to help students make sense out of a real senseless tragedy. Getting kids to talk is a real self-healing process."

"It has been experience that it hits pretty hard at the onset of a tragedy, but kids are resilient and are able to move on."

Tull said, entering the rain season, others who come across high-rising water should be warned of the dangers that exist.

"Don't ever underestimate the power of rushing water," Tull cautioned. "High-rising water is such an ominous force."

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Above, police reports indicate the two teens jumped into rushing water near this bridge in Lively Park during the heavy rainfall on Sunday night. Right, the body of Brian Dennington was discovered Monday in this creek at Fritz Park in southeast Irving. Dennington was a 15-year-old student at Austin Middle School. Carlos Ramirez, 13, also jumped into the waters Sunday but was rescued.
Jobie D. Denton

Jobie D. Denton of Irving died Sept. 2 at an Irving hospital. He was 70.

Born Jan. 8, 1919, in Hollis, Okla., the son of George D. and Dollie (Cain) Denton, he was retired after 34 years as a salesman with General Portland Cement in Dallas. He was also a member of First Baptist Church in Irving, where he was a deacon.

He was a member of the Army Air Corps in World War II. He was also a member of the Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218 AF&AM and a Red Cross volunteer.


Services were held Sept. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Irving with the Revs. Larry York and Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials to the Parkinsonism Society, Dallas Area; 2964 LBJ, Suite 406, Dallas, TX 75234.

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Jobie D. Denton

Jobie D. Denton of Irving died Sept. 2 at an Irving hospital. He was 79.

Born Jan. 8, 1919, in Hollis, Okla., the son of George D. and Dollie (Cain) Denton, he was retired after 34 years as a salesman with General Portland Cement in Dallas. He was also a member of First Baptist Church in Irving, where he was a deacon.

He was a member of the Army Air Corps in World War II. He was also a member of the Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218 AF&AM and a Red Cross volunteer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Christine J. (Davis) Denton; and brother, Johnny W. Denton.


Services were held Sept. 4 at the First Baptist Church of Irving with the Revs. Larry York and Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials to the Parkinsonism Society, Dallas Area; 2964 LBJ, Suite 406, Dallas, TX 75234

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Lisa DeVore

Lisa DeVore of Grand Prairie died Nov. 4 in a Dallas hospital. She was 35.

Born Sept. 4, 1963, in Dallas, the daughter of Richard C. and Nadine (Drew) DeVore, she was a chaplain with the Word of Life Ministry in Irving.

She is survived by her father, Richard DeVore of Garland; brothers, Doug DeVore and his wife, Lynn of Blue Ridge, and Elton DeVore, and his wife, Vickie of Paris; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Nov. 6 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ed Sample officiating. Burial followed Nov. 7 in Buna.
Wilson Levi Dickie

Wilson Levi Dickie of Irving died Feb. 15 at his home. He was 53.
Born May 24, 1944, in Fort Worth. Dickie had been a resident of Irving.

An electric machinist in the maintenance department of Westvaco. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, a member of the Irving Elks Lodge and the United Paper Workers Union No. 1856.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Dickey of Irving; a daughter, Brenda Leonard of Keller; a son, Brian Dickie of Whitney; a step-daughter, Sherri Naff of Houston; two step-sons, Steve Chism and Bobby Chism, both of Houston; parents Walter and Jewel Dickie of Irving; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Feb. 18 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. R.M. Keller officiating. Burial followed at Bluebonnet Hills memorial Park in Colleyville.
Wilma Diehl

Wilma Diehl of Irving died June 5. She was 73.

Born March 26, 1915, she was a 40-year resident of Irving and a homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice Barge of Irving; sons, Charles Michael of Irving and John Dale of Farmers Branch; daughter, Linda Ann of Pittsburgh, Penn.; 13 grand children, and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 10 at Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel followed by burial at Voca Cemetery near Brady.
Ralf E. Dietz of Irving, died May 22 at an Irving hospital. He was 49.

Born Aug. 10, 1948, in San Angelo, the son of Howard and Mary (Enriquez) Dietz, he had been an Irving police officer for 15 years.

He married Becky Nel Reid Oct. 17, 1981, in Dallas.

He is survived by his wife; son, Warren Harris of Irving; daughters, Diana Dietz of Irving, and Norma Dietz Loc of Dallas; brothers, Fred Dietz, Donell Dietz, and Edward Dietz, all of San Angelo; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 26 at First Baptist Church in Irving with the Rev. Milfred Minatrea officiating. Burial followed at Belvedere Cemetery in San Angelo.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Inez Juanita Hart Dishong

Inez Juanita Hart Dishong, formerly of Irving died Sept. 11. She was '89. She was preceded in death by son, Ralph Edward.

She is survived by daughter, Margaret Taylor of Canton; eight grandchildren; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. David Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Family visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.
Arthur Lloyd Dixon

Arthur Lloyd Dixon died June 21 in Irving. He was 70.

Born March 20, 1928, in Selma, Ala., the son of Arthur Wilson and Ilah (Gee) Dixon, he worked for General Electric for 32 years and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

He is survived by his wife, Billie Ruth “Judy” Dixon; daughter, Traci West of Coppell; sons, David Dixon of Irving, Eric Dixon of Backnag, Germany, and Craig Dixon of Mesquite; sister, Hope Dixon of Alabama; brothers, Kerry Dixon and Charles Dixon, both of Alabama and 13 grandchildren.

Services were held June 24 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Stith officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Dorothy Dobson

Dorothy Dobson of Edgewood died Aug. 29 in Tyler. She was 72. Born Oct. 25, 1925, in McKinney, she was a homemaker and attended Cornerstone Church in Irving.

Survivors include daughter, Lorraine (Lo) Mitchell of Irving; grandchildren, Randy Pendleton of Edgewood, Cherri Dixon of Richland Hills, Mike Gately of Covina, Calif., and Keith Gately of Dallas; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

Services were conducted Sept. 2 at Donnelley's Colonial Chapel with the Rev. George Jurecka officiating. Burial followed at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Prosper.

Family requests memorials to the National Diabetes Foundation or American Lupus Association.
Dorothy Dobson

Dorothy Dobson of Edgewood died recently. She was 72.

Born Oct. 25, 1925, in McKinney, the daughter of Jim and Oter (Ollie) Gentle, she was a homemaker. She married Eugene Dobson and was a member of the Cornerstone Church in Irving.

She is survived by daughter, Lorraine (Lo) Mitchell of Irving; grandchildren, Randy Pendleton of Edgewood, Cherri Dixon of Richland Hills, Mike Gately of Covina, Calif., and Keith Gately of Dallas; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held Sept. 2 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Jurecka officiating. Burial followed at Walnut Grove Cemetery near Prosper.

Family requests memorials to the National Diabetes Foundation or the American Lupus Association.
Judy Kay Dodge

Judy Kay Dodge of Irving died Sept. 15 at her home. She was 54.
She was born to Glen and Naomi Kayton in Fruita, Colo.
She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Herb Dodge, III, four sons, Jon and his wife Adela Dodge of Beeville, Herb and his wife Katherine Dodge IV of Arlington, Jammie Dodge of Irving and Samuel Dodge of Irving; one granddaughter; four grandsons; and a sister, Connie Wait.

A wake will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Sept. 19 at Shady Grove Church, 1829 W. Shady Grove Road in Grand Prairie.
Kathleen Jo (Bryant) Dodson

Kathleen Jo (Bryant) Dodson of Denton died Aug. 13 in Denton. She was 46.

Born March 28, 1952, she was the owner of A.B.C. Preschool & Daycare in Denton.

She is survived by husband, Doug Dodson of Denton; children, Jeffrey Baker and Amberly Dodson Marshall, both of Denton; sister, Robbie Bringas of Irving; and brother, Floyd Bryant of Irving.

Services were held Aug. 15 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with Rev. Milton Robbins officiating.

Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Robert Vaughan Dowis

Robert "Bob" Vaughan Dowis, 77, of Irving died Tuesday Dec. 22.

He was born July 30, 1921, in Athens.

Survivors include: wife, Willie Faye Dowis of Irving; daughters, Kay Wilson of Irving and Patricia A. Pittman of Irving; son, Robert D. Dowis of Terrell; sisters, Frankie Holt of Childress and Ruby Dowsett of San Bernardino, Calif.; grandchildren, Dusty Dowis, Clay Dowis, Chris Pittman, Shanna Ingram, April Blue, Ben Ghaemmaghami, Damen Wilson and Allison Wilson.

Funeral services were Dec. 23 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were coordinat-ed by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
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*Sammy Ray Duggan*

Sammy Ray Duggan died Jan. 4 in Bedford. He was 57.

Born March 13, 1940, in Jacksonville, Tex., Duggan is survived by his wife, Peggy Ruth Duggan; sisters, Mary Elizabeth McDonald of Midland, Tex. And Helen Charlene Benton of Irving; brother, Jerry Max Duggan of Midland, Tex., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at 3:30 on Jan. 6 at Restland Abbey Chapel, Bro. Tom Heath officiating.
Joe Dwyer

Joe Dwyer of Irving died recently. Born Dec. 15, 1940, in Wichita Falls, he worked in communications for WinStar Wireless.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Dwyer of Irving; father, J.V. Dwyer of Wichita Falls; sons, Joe Mac Dwyer of Irving and Jonathan J. Dwyer of Texarkana; daughter, Diedra Sutton of Irving, and numerous foster children; brothers, Richard of Wichita Falls, and Gary Dwyer of Burk Burnett; sisters, Sharon Peet and Shirley Henderson of Wichita Falls; four grandchildren; five nieces and two nephews and several aunts and uncles.

Services were held Nov. 3 at South MacArthur Road Church of Christ with the Rev. Dan Flourney and Tim Lewis officiating. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.