David Eckles

David Eckles of Irving died Aug. 28. He was 54.

Born Sept. 28, 1943, in Valley View he was a member of Oak Haven United Methodist Church, Irving Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau and a former coach at St. Luke's Catholic School. He was employed at David Eckles Driving School.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce Eckles of Irving; son, David "Eddie" Eckles of Galveston; daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Keith Little of Irving; grandchildren, Emily Ann Eckles of Irving, Joshua David Eckles of Irving and Gwendolyn Joyce Little of Irving; brother and sister-in-law, Woody and Cooki Woods of Irving; nephew, Jonathan Woods of Irving and numerous other nephews and nieces.

Services were held Aug. 31 at Oak Haven United Methodist Church with the Rev. Linda Marcum officiating. Burial followed at Valley View Cemetery in Valley View.

Family requests memorials be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Esther Saloma Edgell

Esther Saloma Edgell of Irving
died Sept. 18 in Euless. She was 89.
She was born Aug. 13, 1909, in Downers Grove, Ill. She was a member of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving.
She is survived by children, Lois Paulk of North Richland Hills, Joyce Bell of Plantation, Fla., Garland Edgell of Colleyville; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Bluebonnet Hills Cemetery in Colleyville. Family visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Iris Lester Edmondson died Sept. 21, 1998 in Irving. She was 77.

She was born July 7, 1921, in Forney.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel E. Edmondson, brother,
Berdyne Black, and sisters, Barbara Burkett and Connie Mack Lester.

She is survived by son, Thomas W. Edmondson; grandchildren, Kayla Renee Edmondson and Tyler W. Edmondson; brothers, Gary O. Lester and Tom Lester; and sisters, Nelda Jane Johnson and Edna Frances Attaway; as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Services were held Sept. 23 at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Decatur with the Rev. Pete Jordan officiating.

Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Lou Dell Edwards

Lou Dell Edwards, 78, of Irving, died Nov. 28 in Irving.
She was born April 1, 1920, in Big Sandy.

Survivors include her sons, Maurice Edwards of Ovilla, Jerry Edwards of Irving, and Robert Edwards of Irving; her sister, Inez Hall of Dallas; her brother, Tommy Willoughby of Longview; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Beltline Road Church of Christ with Dan Flournoy officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.


He was president and owner of Carolina Oil Company. He was a member and former president of the Petroleum Marketers Association, a half-scholarship donor to the Gamecock Club, a member of Country Club of Orangeburg, S.C.; and former member of the Lion's Club of Orangeburg.


Services were conducted Saturday, Dec. 5, at Dukes Harley Funeral Home with the Rev. Robbie Hall and the Rev. Jeff Merck officiating. Burial is in Pinehill United Methodist Church Cemetery.
He Survived War, Not Heat Unemployed Vietnam Vet Dies at Home

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Robert Hulen Edwards survived horrific combat as an Army soldier in the Vietnam War. He suffered for years with memories of the trauma in southeast Asia.

On Sunday, Edwards, 53, did not survive Oklahoma’s oppressive heat.

His nephew Terry Edwards, 40, of Oklahoma City and another relative found Robert Edwards' body inside a two-bedroom house without air conditioning at 610 SE 5. The doors and windows were closed and the temperature inside was 98 degrees when authorities arrived, Ray Blakeney, state medical examiner's spokesman, said Monday.

Oklahoma City's temperature outside reached 106 degrees Sunday, the 16th consecutive day of temperatures 100 or above. The streak ended Monday with cooler weather and a high of 91 degrees, but not in time to help Robert Edwards.

He served in Vietnam from 1963 to 1967, and suffered from post-traumatic stress syndrome, Terry Edwards said. He could not shake the memories and was unable to hold a job as a mechanic and welder over the years, and was unemployed when he died, Terry Edwards said.

"He saw friends dismembered and blown apart in Vietnam," Terry Edwards said.

He said Robert Edwards had told him a story of fighting one day when he saw a Viet Cong boy charge a platoon of soldiers alone, carrying a hand grenade. When it went off, the boy's body was blown apart and he died, two American soldiers were killed and one was wounded, he said.

"Not all Vietnam veterans are capable of getting the therapy and treatment they need," Terry Edwards said.

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Frances Vivian Joyce Elkins

Frances Vivian Joyce Elkins of Irving died June 24. She was 88.

Born May 3, 1910, in Addington, Okla., Mrs. Elkins was a Sunday School teacher and worked as a secretary for First Baptist Church. She was an active member of the Irving Chapter of ABWA were she held many offices and was once voted “Woman of the Year.”

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Elkins and brother, Roy Joyce and sister, Adeline Futch.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and Richard Schaub of Temple; granddaughter, Lisa Schaub of San Marcos; brother and sister-in-law, Clem and Iris Joyce of Irving; sister Juanita Slone of Irving; and sister-in-law, Mabel Joyce of Irving.

Services were held June 26 at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles B. Stevenson and the Rev. Jerry Carlisle officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Audrey Elliott

Audrey "Blackie" Elliott of Irving died May 12 in Irving. She was 85.

She was born April 25, 1912, in Canyon.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Ruby Ervin of Irving; son, Eddie Ervin of Irving; daughter, Normlyn Harlowe of Lubbock; brothers, Lef Clounch and Lester Clounch, both of California; sister, Neva Miller of Plainview; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled for May 16 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Flournoy officiating. Burial is scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, May 18 at Resthaven Cemetery in Lubbock.
Sally B. Pearson Elliott

Sally B. Pearson Elliott of McKinney died May 19 in McKinney. She was 94.

Born Feb. 20, 1904, she grew up at the home of Judge and Mrs. J.M. Pearson.

She received her masters degree from Southern Methodist University and taught school for 34 years.

She married Sam Houston Elliot.

The Sally B. Elliott School in Irving is named after her.

She is survived by daughter, Mary Belle Findley; granddaughter, Sally Ballou; grandson; Clark Allen Findley Jr.; and five great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today at Highland Park United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Pecan Grove Cemetery, in McKinney.

Family requests memorials to Scottish Rite Children's Hospital 2222 Welborn, Dallas, TX 75219.
Mike Emery

Mike Emery, 65, of Grand Prairie died Dec. 28 in Grand Prairie. He was born June 28, 1933, in Portland, Maine.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Emery of Grand Prairie; his children, Travis Giovengo, Kathy Upton, Jackie Shaw, Tommy Castillo, Larry Castillo, Jolene Emery, and Michael Emery of Irving; his sisters, Jackie Stilzl, Connie Wood, and Lynn Mass; 18 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family will conduct private services. Arrangements are being coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Calvin Lee Emmons

Calvin Lee Emmons of Irving died Sept. 6. He was 82.

Born Sept. 5, 1916, in Whitesboro, he was a retired contractor.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Nona Mae Emmons; sons, Calvin Ott Emmons and wife Linda of Euless, Gary Wayne Emmons and wife Renee of Flower Mound and Carey Lee Emmons and wife Vivian of Irving; brothers, Jack Emmons of DeSoto, and Fowler Emmons of Lancaster; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Sept. 9 at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving with the Rev. John Meador officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Rosa Lee English

Rosa Lee English of Irving died April 10 at her home. She was 41. Born July 22, 1956, in Alabama, she was an Irving resident for 26 years.

She is survived by her husband, Ray of Irving; son Ray A. Tillman of Irving; daughter, Roseanna English of Irving; stepchildren, Twilla Sheeley of Iowa, Michelle Blake of Oklahoma and Arthur English of Oklahoma; brothers, James Coleman of Alabama and Gary Coleman of Alabama; grandchildren, Todd English, Joshua English and Gina Blake.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, April 13 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements made by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Kayla Michele Essl

Kayla Michele Essl, 4, of Irving died Thursday, Dec. 17.

Survivors include: parents, Paul and Tammy Essl of Irving; brother David Essl of Irving; grandparents, David and Deanna Bridges of Irving; grandmother Lillie Essl of Gold Beach, Ore.; aunt Christy Bauer of Sioux Falls, S.D.; uncles Alan Bridges of Irving, Joey Rogers of North Richland Hills, Carl Ray Essl Jr. of Milwaukee Ore., and Larry Essl of San Fernando, Calif.

Services will be conducted Monday, Dec. 21 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home with Dr. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Smyrna Cemetery in Winsboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to American Diabetes Association, Northern Regional Office, 12850 Purling Drive. Suite 100 Dallas, TX 75230-1258
Kenneth E. Eubank

Kenneth E. Eubank of Irving died May 11 in Irving. He was 76. Born Oct. 15, 1921, in Fairfield, he served as a Sergeant during World War II (ETO) with the Headquarters Battery of the 28th Division. He received an honorable discharge Oct. 15, 1945, at Camp Shelby, Mass. He also received the Distinguished Service Award.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Winifred.

He is survived by his son, Kenneth E. Eubank; daughter, Susan Putze of Norwalk, Conn.; grandchildren, Lindsay and Megan Eubank of Plano; brothers, Dick Eubank, Joseph Edward Eubank, and Lester Eubank.

Services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16 at the Restland Wildwood Chapel. Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park.
Jerry Kenneth Evans

Jerry Kenneth Evans of Irving died April 7 in Irving. He was 57.

Born Sept. 1, 1940, in Lubbock, Evans was an estimator for automotive repair.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea (Wiggins) Evans, daughters, Michelle Brockenbush of Colleyville and Nicole McNutt of Arlington; son, Kenny Evans of Irving; sister, Kay Hobbs of Lubbock; brothers, Art Evans of Lubbock and Sammy Evans of Georgetown; and grandchildren, Charlie and Connor Brockenbush and Carter and Corbin McNutt.

Funeral services were held April 9 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Little Bethel Cemetery in Duncanville.
Joyce Marie Evans

Joyce Marie Evans of Irving died March 14 in Irving. She was 66.

Born July 31, 1931 in Seminole, Okla., she was a housewife.

She is survived by her husband, Dorman Perry; daughter, Freida Burke of Salinas, Calif., sons, Terry Evans, Jeff Evans and Lonnie Evans, all of Irving, Ronnie Evans of Midland and Mike Evans, also of Irving; sisters, Ernestine Smith and Opal Duncan, both of Clarksville, Ark.; brothers, Jimmy Duncan of Mountainview, Mo., Troy Duncan of Yuma, Ariz. and Gene Duncan of Bakersville, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 16 at Ralston Road Church of God with the Revs. Patrick Wooten and Ron Casteel officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.