Clara D. Painter

Clara D. Painter of Grapevine died Feb. 7 in a Grapevine hospital. She was 74.

Painter, a former Irving resident, was born Dec. 9, 1923, in McKinney to Roy and Essie (McWilliams) Sanders. She worked for Flynt Coat for five years as an accountant and was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation in Lewisville.

She married W.D. Painter on Sept. 3, 1948, in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband, Woodrow Painter of Grapevine; a son Sanders Painter of Euless; a grandson, Gaffney Johnston of Arkansas; two brothers, Bennie Sanders of McKinney, Ray Sanders of Cedar Creek, and James Sanders of Read Oak; two sisters Lyla Cashon, and Nell Young, of Hondo.

Services were held Feb. 10 at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation with the Rev. David W. Holland officiating. Burial followed at Resland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Arrangements made by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home of Irving.
John A. Painter

John A. Painter of Irving died Aug. 31. He was 70. Arrangements are pending.
John A. Painter

John A. Painter of Irving died Aug. 31 at a Dallas hospital. He was 70.

Born Oct. 3, 1927, in Beverly, Kan., the son of John Stephen and Alma (Hancock) Painter, he worked for Braniff Airlines for 34 years and Eastern for nine and a half years. He was head of the meteorology department.

He married Norma Lea Wright July 26, 1959, in Irving. He was also a member of Woodhaven Presbyterian Choir and the Irving Chorale. He traveled with the group to Toronto in 1997 and England in 1996.

He is survived by his wife; sons, John Lee Painter of Dallas, and Tad Alan Painter of Flower Mound; mother-in-law, Edith Wright of Irving; grandson, Maxwell Painter of Dallas; brothers, Norman Joseph Painter of Bellevue, Wash., and Errol David Painter of Kent, Wash.; and one niece.

Services are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Woodhaven Presbyterian Church in Irving with the Rev. Douglas Hood Jr. officiating.

Family requests memorials to Woodhaven Presbyterian Choir Fund, 3650 N. O’Connor Road, Irving, TX 75062.

Arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Pauline Parrish

Pauline Parrish died March 20 at an Arlington hospital. She was 82.

Born July 25, 1915, she was a maid and house cleaner. She was affiliated with the Baptist church.

Services were held March 28 at Morning Star Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert L. White officiating.
Burial followed at Southland Memorial Park.
Carolyn Rose Rice Parsons

Carolyn Rose Rice Parsons of Irving died Aug. 25 at an Irving hospital. She was 65.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Benton Parsons.

She is survived by sons, Toney Benton Parsons, Harry Parsons and Pat Parsons, all of Grand Prairie; daughters, Rise Lovell of Huntington, W.Va., Bonnie Robinette of Grand Prairie, and Rhonda Parsons of Garland; 11 grandchildren, Jason Schneider, Toney Parsons II, Ronnie Parsons, Charles Porter, Shane Parsons, Michael Parsons, Sonya Robinette, Sara Sims, Champane Sims, Francis Coronel and Monica Coronel.

Services were held Aug. 29 at Old Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was to follow at Joe Thompson Cemetery in Fort Gay, W.Va.
Annie Lee Patterson

Annie Lee Patterson of Seven Points died May 27 at a Kaufman hospital. She was 83.

Born Jan. 21, 1915, in Commerce, the daughter of Lee Ander and Anna (Heath) Bartlett, she was a former Irving resident.

She was a homemaker and a member of Meadow Brook Baptist Church in Irving. She was also a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary No. 4376 in Seven Points.

She is survived by son, R.L. Patterson of Irving, Darrell E. Patterson of South Carolina, Glenn A. Patterson of The Colony, and David C. Patterson of Irving; daughter, Barbara Ann Peterson of Hurst; sister, Marie Marcom of Wichita Falls; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held May 29 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Walt Waiser officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Joelin Monique Pensado

Joelin Monique Pensado, infant daughter of Jorge and Martha Pensado of Irving, died Sept. 10 in Dallas.

She is survived by a sister, Natalie Pensado; grandparents, Delia and Manuel Pensado of Irving, Martha Villalpando of Beeville, and Andres Villalpando of Dallas; and an uncle and aunt.

Services were held Sept. 15 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Doug Deshotel officiating.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Mom arrested for murdering children

Fatal October apartment fire in south Irving believed to be arson

By RACHEL HORTON
News Staff Writer

The mother of two toddlers who were killed in an apartment fire on Oct. 17 was arrested Tuesday for their murders.

Maria Francis Perez, 28, was taken into custody "without incident" from her home in Irving and is being held on two counts of capital murder in the Irving City Jail, said David Tull, Irving police department public-information officer. Her bail was set at $500,000.

If convicted, Perez could face life in prison or the death penalty for each count.

Three-year-old Hermergildo Noe Perez and his sister, one-year-old Rosa Maria Francis Perez, died during a three-alarm blaze at 204 Alpine Court, which police determined was arson.

"The victims' clothing tested positive for a gasoline-type substance," Tull said.

The two children were alone in the apartment, trapped in their parents' room, when the fire started, said fire-prevention specialist Michael Harris on the day of the fire, noting that the apartment's smoke detector had no battery.

Faye Pierson, an upstairs neighbor of the Perez family whose apartment also burned, said the children's mother was with her in the upstairs apartment when the fire started. The children's father, Hermergildo, was at work.

"She was upstairs like she was every morning, drinking coffee," she said. "Then she went downstairs and screamed, 'Fire.' I woke up in son, and he went down to help. He kicked the back door to try to rescue the kids. Jerri (Pierson's son) and another neighbor cut the hands trying to get to the children, but come to find out that that wasn't the room the children were in."

Pierson, who just saw the Perez family on Saturday, said the arrest was unexpected.

"I really don't know what to say at this time," she said. "I've been talking to the detectives since it happened ... It doesn't really surprise me, but I was hoping it wouldn't be like that. I've had such mixed feelings since the fire."

"According to Pierson, who now lives in Garland, Perez traveled to Corpus Christi shortly after the fire to be with her youngest child who was staying with grandparents while Perez was recovering from a surgery."

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"Was she a good mother? Well, she fed them. She took care of them," Pierson said. "Her house was always chaos, but she had three kids. I never saw her spank one."

The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms "played a very big part" in the investigation, Tull said.

"This has been a long and detailed investigation in which the Irving Police Department wishes to stress thanks to the A.T.F. for their invaluable assistance, without which this case would have been much more difficult to bring to this point," Tull said in a press release.

A specially trained canine from the Plano Fire Department assisted in the investigation, Tull said.
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clothing, according to prosecutors and police. Prosecutors also said Perez was the only one with access to the apartment.

“The victims’ clothing tested positive for a gasoline-type substance,” David Tull, Irving police department’s public information officer, said at the time of Perez’s arrest.

Faye Pierson, an upstairs neighbor of the Perez family, said the children’s mother was with her in the upstairs apartment when the fire started. The children’s father, Hermengildo, was at work.

Perez’s attorney, Brad Lollar, called the state’s case “very weak” and questioned whether a grand jury would indict his client.

“I think there is a very good chance they will no-bill her,” Lollar said in a Friday phone interview. “Based on the evidence presented at the examining hearing, there is not enough there to get an indictment. There is even a good chance that the state may not proceed with its case.”

Lollar said Friday he had absolutely “no” concerns about the state’s case against the Irving mother, adding that she believes there is enough evidence for the grand jury to indict Perez.

Fire investigators’ determination that the blaze was caused by arson, combined with the discovery of “components” of gasoline found on the children’s clothing and a gasoline can found near the door were some of the reasons Perez was arrested, Irving police investigators noted during the hearing.

Lollar said Perez is very “anxious” for the proceedings to end.

“She said she absolutely did not have anything to do with the fire,” Lollar said about the state of his client. “She is very distraught being blamed for the death of her children.”

Prosecutors said a decision had not been made whether to seek the death penalty in the case.

“That’s not a decision I make, and right now, I don’t know what it is,” Porter said. “With a capital murder, if it’s a non-death penalty, you automatically receive a life sentence, if found guilty.”

Attorneys said there is no indication when the grand jury will hear the evidence for this case.

“The grand jury had not asked for the case,” Lollar said. “From the time they ask for it to be set until they hear it, is about 10 days to two weeks.”
Edell Perryman

Edell Perryman died Jan. 25. He was 82.

Perryman was a resident of Irving since 1949. He retired from Minneapolis-Moline Farm Machinery Company and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Irving for 48 years. He

Sunday School Class. Perryman was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218.

Surviving are his wife, Nita; daughter, Ida Perryman Navarro of Dallas; and niece, Sue Willis of Abilene.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the chapel of the First Baptist Church of Irving.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at the First Baptist Church Sanctuary with the Rev. Randy Rudisell officiating. Internment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials be sent to the Building Endowment Fund of Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218, P.O. box 170397, Irving, TX 75017.
Abigail LeDawn Peterson

Abigail "Abby" LeDawn Peterson, seven months, of Paris died Dec. 25 in a Dallas hospital.

She was born May 18, 1998, in Dallas. She was preceded in death by her sister, Iva LeDawn Peterson; her great-grandfather, Roy Vinson; and her great-grandmother, Mamie McGuire.

Survivors include her parents, Robin and Linnet Peterson of Paris; her twin sister, Cassandra LaDawn Peterson of Paris; her uncle, Aaron Vinson of Irving; her grandparents, Ken and Dorothy Peterson of Grand Prairie, and Norman and Ila Vinson of Irving; her great-grandparents, Pauline Vinson of Irving, and Jerry and Ouieda Sides of Lewisville; and several other relatives.

Services were conducted Monday, Dec. 28, at Oak View Baptist Church with the Rev. Wallace Philpot and the Rev. Mike Bowers officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be sent to Cassandra Peterson Education Fund, c/o Springlake Baptist Church, 3500 Clarksville, Paris, TX 75460.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Lonnie Lloyd Petty

Lonnie Lloyd Petty died May 3 after a battle with Multiple Myeloma. He was 74.

Born April 25, 1924, in Clarksville to C.C. and Mattie Petty. He was a WWII veteran and a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dorotha Wilson; son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Petry Yarhuetti Petty; daughter and son-in-law, Margie and Larry Langley; seven grandchildren, Heather Melendez, Clint Petty, Wes Petty, Vanessa Petty, Wilson Petty and Jay Langley; nephew, James Whiteman; uncles, Aden Petty and Earl Petty; and numerous cousins.

Services were held May 5 at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel with Mr. Grady King officiating. Burial followed at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.
Clites Robert Eugene
Philabaum

Clites Robert "Bob" Eugene Philabaum died June 28 in Irving. He was 67.

Born Oct. 18, 1930, in Monroe, Mich., he was a truck driver for Hankeles and McCoy.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Chuck Philabaun.

He is survived by his wife, Onie Philabaum; daughters, Crystal Slown of Irving, Linda Whittaker and Dena Thomas, both of Greenville, Ms., and Kellie Heflin of Arlington; sons, Robert Whittaker of Arkansas, and Harry Whittaker of Manassas, Va., sisters, Mary Whittaker of Toledo, Ohio; brothers, Robert Merrill Philabaun, of Edinburgh, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Services were held July 1 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Phillip Gibson officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Fred Thomas Phillips Jr.

Fred Thomas Phillips Jr. of Irving died Feb. 15 at his home. He was 76.

Phillips was a manager of Peter Paul Candy Manufacturing Co.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie in 1992. and by his son. Capt. Dennis Michael Phillips in 1969. a brother Thurman Phillips.


Services were Feb. 18 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials can be made to Family Hospice Health Care, 1140 Empire Central No. 235. Dallas. TX 75247.
Mary Lou Phillips

Mary Lou Phillips of Irving died at her home Dec. 30. She was 70.

Born April 28, 1927 in Emory, Mrs. Phillips was an Irving resident for 39 years. She was a retired assembly line worker for the Peter Paul Candy Co. and a member of the Assembly of God Tabernacle.

Mrs. Phillips is survived by her husband, Billy Phillips; son and daughter-in-law David and Sandra Phillips of Irving; daughters and sons-in-law Lynda and Gary Graves of Kaufman, Lisa and Darren Barnum of Irving; six grandchildren including Ashli and Brandon Barnum of Irving; a great granddaughter and a step great granddaughter.

Services are were held Dec. 31 at the Assembly of God Tabernacle, the Revs. Gerald Patterson and D.G. Council officiating. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
March 23 in Grand Prairie. He was 78.

Born in Celina, he had been a resident of Irving for many years. He was also a veteran of World War II, where he served as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corp. He was a retired construction superintendent.

He was preceded in death by his son, Loy Phillips and daughter, Sharon Phillips.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Phillips of Irving; a son, Daniel Phillips of Irving; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ruby Bucher of Grand Saline, Ann Partney of Adair, Okla., and Marguerite Hartronft of Seattle.

Services were held March 25 at Sowers Cemetery in Irving.

Arrangents by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Sara Frances Pierson

Sara Frances Pierson, 72, died Nov. 20 at an Irving hospital.
Born May 11, 1926, in Douglas County, Ga., the daughter of D.W.
and Georgia White. She was a res-
ident of Irving
since 1953, a
member of Oak
View Baptist
Church,
Rebekah Lodge
of Grand
Prairie, and
Order of Eastern
Star No. 777,
Irving Chapter,
and was the
manager of the
cashier office of St. Paul Hospital
for 25 years.
She was preceded in death by
her parents; six sisters; and two
brothers.
She is survived by her husband
of 52 years, James W. Pierson of
Irving; son, J.W. Pierson Jr. of
Irving; brothers, Noah Webb of
Kentucky and James White of
Alabama; and numerous nieces
and nephews.
Services were held Nov. 23 at
Oak View Baptist Church. Burial
followed at Sowers Cemetery in
Irving with the Revs. Wallace
Philpot and Richard Mitchell offi-
ciating.
Family requests memorials to
Oak View Baptist Church Building
Fund, 104 S. Story Road, Irving,
TX 75060.
J. Leonard Pike

J. Leonard Pike of Irving died June 22.

He was owner of Duke and Ayres Variety stores.

He is survived by his wife, Jane Pike of Irving; son, John Leonard of Irving; brother, Ennis Pike of Henderson; grandchildren, Joy Pike and Merri Padilla; and great-grandchildren, Savannah Padilla and Alexandra Padilla.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today at First Baptist Church in Irving with the Rev. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Penton Pike

Penton Pike died Jan. 11. He was 87.

Born in Goodwater, Ala., Mr. Pike was a retired supervisor with Texaco refinery in Port Neches.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Pike of Port Neches; son, John Robert Pike of Irving; daughter, Lynda Kay Wakeman of Jacksonville; sisters, Nora Dell Baker of The Woodlands, and Billie Williams of Alexander City, Ala.; stepdaughters, Norma McBee of Port Arthur and Eleanor Beasley of Port Neches; stepson, Raymond Banes of Prentiss, Miss.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Jan. 13 at The First United Methodist Church of Port Neches with the Rev. Herb Stallknect officiating. Masonic burial rites followed at Oak Bluff Memorial Park under the direction of Pat. A. Riley.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children, P.O. Box 247, Kerrville 78029.
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Clara M. Pingree

Clara M. Pingree of Irving died Jan. 4 at Irving Nursing Home. She was 86.

Born Aug. 8, 1911, Mrs. Pingree was a homemaker and member of Calvary Temple.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Bowmer of Irving; brother, William Gilman of Massachusetts; sisters, Ruby O'Brian of Massachusetts and Marion Turcotte of Manchester, N.H.; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

No formal services are planned at this time.
Julia Beard Pomroy

Julia Dianne Beard Pomroy, 36, of Irving died Friday, Dec. 18, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Born June 20, 1962, in Dallas, she was a lifelong resident of Irving, homemaker, member of First Baptist Church and RENEW cancer support group, and a 1981 graduate of MacArthur High School.

Survivors include: husband, Larry Pomroy of Irving; son, Frederick Zegar Pomroy of Irving; daughter, Melissa J. Pomroy of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Melissa M. Pomroy of Kemp; parents, Frances and Jesse Beard of Irving; grandmother, Lorene Christy of Irving; brother, Jesse Beard Jr., of Irving; and mother-in-law, Peggy Tatum of Lake Dallas.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 21, at First Baptist Church. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Garden in Irving.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism and Smith Funeral Home.
Syble Pope

Syble Pope, 77, a 41-year resident of Irving, died Nov. 19 in an Arlington nursing facility. Born Aug. 23, 1921, in Mount Vernon, she worked for more than 20 years as a credit manager for Sanger Harris in Irving before retiring in 1983. She was a member of Hilltop Drive Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Martin Pope of Irving; her sons and daughters-in-law, David and Charlotte Pope of Irving, and Jerry and Judie Surratt of San Antonio; her brothers, Roy Allen of Irving, Ralston Allen of Jefferson, Woodie Allen of Coppell, and Lollis Allen of Joshua; her sister, Paye Allen of Lewisville; six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 21, in Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Paul Cheatham and Fred Morrow officiating. Burial is in Lee Cemetery in Winnsboro.

Memorials may be made to Hilltop Drive Baptist Church, 1126 Hilltop Drive, Irving, TX 75060.
Elmer David Porter

Elmer David Porter of Mabank died Oct. 9 at his home. He was 82.

Born March 12, 1916, in Leavenworth, Kan., the son of Everett and Elizabeth (Van Veghton) Porter, he for many years was the owner of Irving Marine Sales. He was also a member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Gun Barrel City and was a fourth-degree Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife, Connie of Mabank; son, Steven D. and his wife, Cindy Porter of Irving; step-son Michael and his wife, Maria Curry of Las Vegas; daughters, Susan and her husband, David Holcombe of Irving, and Patricia and her husband Tyler Tull of Cleburne; step-daughters, Pamela and her husband, Jerry Wellman of Seven Points, and Lisa and her husband, Pella of Hayes Middlesex, England; brothers, Larry Porter of Gordon, Ed Porter of Mengus, Leo Porter of Irving, John Poter of Houston, and Joe Porter of Irving; sister, Mary Cutaia of Irving; nine grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 3 p.m. today at St. Jude Catholic Church with the Rev. Andrew Melel officiating. Burial scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Family requests memorials to St. Jude Catholic Church Building Fund.

Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Lela Porter

Lela Porter of Irving died May 3 at her home. She was 88.

Born April 30, 1910, she was a member of West Irving Holiness Temple.

Services were held May 6 at West Irving Holiness Temple with Pastor Hattie Kirk officiating. Burial followed at Southland Washington Memorial Funeral Home.
Margaret E. Poss

Margaret E. Poss of Irving died Nov. 12. She was 85.

Born May 30, 1913, in Atlanta, she was a widowed homemaker.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vicky and Victor Hedges of Irving; son, Kerry Poss of Rowlett; grandchildren, Kevin and Lesley Hedges of Irving, Kyle and Katie Hedges of Irving, Darrin and Denise Hedges of McKinney, and Steven Poss of Houston; and great-grandchildren, Dillon and Dalton Hedges of Irving and Kenzie and Victoria Hedges of McKinney.

Graveside services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Nov. 16, at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.
Heather Dee Poteete

Heather Dee Poteete of Irving died Feb. 26 in Irving. She was 26.

Born Feb. 25, 1972, in Arlington to Herschel E. Poteete and Diana Dee (Duncan) Poteete, she was a waitress.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Maxine Richards.

She is survived by a daughter, Brittany Scovorn of Irving; mother, Diana Poteete of Irving; grandfather, Curly Richards of Irving; sister, Renee Oliver of Utah; brother, Douglas Poteete of Irving; and niece, Stephanie Oliver of Utah.

Services were held March 2 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jeffrey Julian officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Prairie.
Olive G. Powell

Olive G. Powell of Little Rock died April 9, 1998. She was 99.

Born January 6, 1899, in Dewsbury, England, she was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Irving where she lived for 49 years.

She is survived by daughters, Barbara Bates of Little Rock, and Lee King of Grapeland; four grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, April 13 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with Dr. David Johnston officiating.

Family will receive friends at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.
Robert Price

Robert "Shorty" Price of Irving died Aug. 31. He was 77.
Born Feb. 26, 1921, in Kosse, he was a member of MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church in Irving and Senior Lively Center. He retired after 30 years with General Motors.
Survivors include his wife Pauline Price of Irving; son and daughter-in-law James and Patricia Price of St. Louis; daughter and son-in-law, Paula and William Baxter of Irving; sister, Emma Sue Parsons of Houston; and grandchildren, Daphne Price of Arlington, Natalie Price of Springfield, Mo., Blake Baxter of Irving and West Baxter of Irving.
Services are set for 10 a.m. today at MacArthur Boulevard Baptist Church with the Rev. John Meador officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Pascal R. Pritchett

Pascal R. "Pat" Pritchett, 82, of Irving died recently.

He was born in Aug. 18, 1916, in Montgomery, Ala.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille of Irving; children, Carole Anne Ames of Irving, Margaret Lucille Hull of Naples, Fla., Connie Jean Blodgett of Grand Prairie, Larry Pascal Pritchett of Brownwood, and Kenneth Lee Pritchett of Irving; sister, Arcadia Stockton of Center; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Wayne Brashear officiating. Burial is in Restland Memorial Funeral Home in Dallas.
Norma Joyce Puckett

Norma Joyce Puckett of Irving died Feb. 21 in Irving. She was 68. Born Oct. 5, 1929, Puckett was a resident of Irving for 44 years. She was a retired attendance clerk for Irving ISD and a member of the Landmark Baptist Church of Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Puckett of Irving; her mother Gladys Baker of Irving; a daughter, Cindy Shelley of Irving; a son, Steve Puckett of Irving; a sister, Nancy Woodruff of Athens; grandchildren, Todd Kinnamon and Kristin Hermosa; and great-grandchild, Gage Hermosa.

Services were held Feb. 23 at the Landmark Baptist Church with the Rev. Bruce Racioppa officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements made by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.