Oscar L. Wade

Oscar L. Wade of Irving died Aug. 10. He was 75.

Born June 22, 1923, he served in the U. S. during wartime aboard the USS Shipley Bay ship.

Survivors include his wife Otie, daughter Wanda, her husband David and their son Steven, also one son Lanney of Webb City, Mo., five grandchildren, Christopher Joe, Matthew Don, Travis Aaron, and Lauryn Elizabeth; his twin sister and brother Edna and Edgar Wade of Ivanhow. He is preceded in death by one sister, Opal Hensley.

Funeral arrangements were mad by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
John Downs Wagner

John "Jack" Downs Wagner died Feb. 15 in Hide-a-Way Lake. He was 76.

Wagner was born Feb. 25, 1921, in Dallas and was formerly of Irving before moving to Hide-a-Way Lake in 1987. Wagner graduated from New Mexico Military College in 1939, and Stanford University in 1942. He was a veteran of World War II, where he served as a 1st Lt. Pilot in the Army Air Corps. He was a commodity broker for Merrill Lynch in New York and St. Louis from 1945 to 1951 and opened the first self-service Ben Franklin Variety Store in Irving in 1951. He was also active in the Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, Little League and the PTA. Wagner was a founding member of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Pat Wagner of Hide-a-Way Lake; three sons John P. Wagner, Peter Wagner, Mark Wagner, all of Dallas; three daughters, Katy Brownlow of Dallas, Mary Pat Davenport of Freeport, and Liz Galentine of Nashville; grandchildren, Erin, Drue and Jake Wagner, John and Kate Davenport, Alisa, Emily and Reed Brownlow, Alex and Katy Wagner, Elizabeth, Catherine and Richard Wagner, Scott Ponce, Catlin and Hayley Rose; a sister Vivian Stiger of Dallas and Houston, a brother Ted Wagner of Ennis; several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Hide-a-Way Lake Community Church with the Rev. Ray Bratcher officiating.

The family requests memorials be made to the Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation, 4514 Travis Street, Dallas, TX 75205.
Hubert Wagoner

Hubert "Hap" Wagoner, 70, of Irving died Nov. 23 at an Irving hospital.
Born June 15, 1928, in Cuthand, the son of James Hubert Wagoner and Johnnie Rachel (Chambers) Wagoner, he was a retired toolpusher with Petco Inc. and a member of the Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.
He was preceded in death by wife, Joyce Ferguson Wagoner in 1997.
He is survived by son, Jamie Wagoner, sisters, Mary Deming, and Holly Wagoner; brothers, William Henry Wagoner, Jimmy Don Wagoner, and James Morris Wagoner.
Services were held Nov. 25 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Park.
Family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society.
Amy Ina Walker

Amy Ina Walker, 104, of Irving died Jan. 12.

She was an Irving resident for 16 years, with 14 of those years residing at Pioneer Care Center.

Survivors include her sons, L.H. Land of Dallas, and Earl Walker of Chandler; her daughters, Kathleen Reaves of Irving, and Earline Patras of Azle; her stepson, Gus Walker of Dallas; 16 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Sparkman/Crane Funeral Home in Dallas. Burial will be in Grove Hill Memorial Park.
Bill R. Walker
Feb. 5, 1998

Bill R. Walker of Irving died Feb. 1 in his home after a long illness. He was 68.

Walker was born April 27, 1929, in Mineral Wells, the son of John Richard and Eula Pearl Walker. He served in the Merchant Marines and the Korean War while a soldier in the U.S. Army. He had been a member of the Local 481 Iron Workers Union for the last 43 years.

Walker is survived by his wife of 44 years, Lillian (Smith) Walker; three daughters, Debby West of Mansfield, Sally Bradbury of Benton, Ark., Karen Dollar of Dallas; five grandchildren, Crystal West, Dustin Bradbury, Kennedy Dollar, Phillip Dollar, and Ryan Dollar; a brother, Roy Gene Walker of Irving; and two sisters, Louise Oliver of Fort Worth, and Ellen Harris of Austin.

Services were held Wednesday at the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas. Burial was at Sparkman Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas.

The family requests memorials be made in his name to Happy Hills Farm, H.C.-1, Box 8, Granbury, TX 76048 or to the charity of your choice.

Services were arranged by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home of Irving.
Edward Walker, Jr.

Edward Walker, Jr. of Haltom City died Nov. 10. He was 56.

Born June 23, 1942, in Fort Worth, he was a material handler for Nokia Wireless Phones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward B. and Ethell Mae Walker; first wife, Linda Sue Walker; and brother, C.B. Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Linda C. Walker of Haltom City; son, Todd Walker; stepsons, David Armstrong, Marshall Armstrong, Steve Armstrong, and Danny Armstrong; daughters, Melinda Aiello and husband, Joseph, and Traci Nowell and husband, David; stepdaughter, Ramona Armstrong; brothers, Lee Ray Walker; sisters, Wanda Pitman and Elizabeth Chesley; grandchildren, Dustin Aiello and Katie Nowell; and 11 step grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 12, at Shannon Rufe Snow Funeral Chapel.
Earl Junior Wall

Earl Junior Wall, 76, died Dec. 3, at Baylor Medical Center of Irving.

Born June 18, 1922, in Morris County, he was a retired engineer for the Irving school district, a U.S. Navy veteran who served in World War II and a member of West Park Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Clemmie Mae Wall.

Survivors include: daughter, Delores Tanner of Irving; son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Marva Wall of Irving; sisters Lois Fanning of Irving and Virginia Yarborough of Irving; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 9 at Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Lane's Chapel Cemetery in Clarksville.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Steve Wall

Steve Wall of Irving died Sept. 8, at his home. He was 46.

Born May 17, 1952, in Oelwein, Iowa, he was a baggage department supervisor for American Airlines at DFW Airport for 12 years. He was also a member of the Transportation Workers' Union at the airport.

Survivors include his parents, Bruce and Janet Wall of Irving; brother, Don Wall of Arlington; Rusty Racicot of Irving; and nephews, Curt Wall of Arlington and Jake Wall of Arlington.

Services were conducted Sept. 11 with a memorial mass at Chapel of the Incarnation at the University of Dallas with the Rev. John Bell officiating.

Family requests memorials to Family Hospice, 1140 Empire Central, Suite 235, Dallas, TX 75247.

Arrangements by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Angia Nell  
(Fleeman) Wallace

Angia Nell (Fleeman) Wallace of Irving died June 30 at an Irving hospital. She was 62.

Born Oct. 3, 1935, in Dallas, the daughter of James C. and Clarice (Peterson) Fleeman, she was a retired nurse.

She married Robert B. Wallace Dec. 31, 1953, in Rockwall. She was also a member of the Rochelle Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her husband of Irving; daughter, Kathy Ann Wallace of Irving; son, Kenneth Wallace of Irving; and mother of Irving.

Services were held July 2 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Meierhofer officiating. Burial was July 3 at Sardis cemetery near Midlothian.

Family requests memorials to the Irving Humane Society.
George Joseph Walsh

George Joseph Walsh of Irving died Oct. 29. He was 79.

Born Feb. 17, 1919, in Buffalo, N.Y., he worked as a programmer for Vought Aircraft.

He was preceded in death by brother, James Walsh.

He is survived by wife, Peg Walsh of Irving; daughter, Terri Walsh of Annandale, Va.; sisters, Mary Assunta, Arlyle Reilly and Peg Gratz, all of Buffalo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rev. Daniel Clayton will officiate the Rosary at 8 p.m. Dunday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Services are scheduled for Nov. 1 at St. Luke's Catholic Church with the Rev. Doug Deshotel officiating.
Virginia Inez Ward

Virginia Inez Ward, 78, of Irving died Nov. 27 in Bedford.

Born July 30, 1920, in Poteau, Okla., she was a retired Irving school teacher. She was preceded in death by her husband, Winfred Ward.

Survivors include her daughter, Henrietta Humphreys of Irving; her son, Winfred Ward Jr. of Irving; her brother, H.A. Henson of Poteau, Okla.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Charlie Alexander officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Rites held for retired teacher Virginia Ward, 78

Services for retired Irving schoolteacher Virginia Inez Ward were Nov. 30, with burial following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Ward died of complications from Alzheimer’s on Nov. 28 at Heartland Nursing Home in Bedford. She was 78.

Mrs. Ward was born July 30, 1920, in Poteau, Okla. She attended Southeastern State University in Durant, Okla., where she earned a bachelor’s degree in education, said her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Humphreys, also of Irving.

In January 1944, she married Winfred Ward Sr., who died in 1982.

She taught first grade at Plymouth Park Elementary School, now known as M.C. Lively Elementary School, from 1955 to 1968.

“She was very concentrated on her teaching,” Mrs. Humphreys said.

She remembered that her mother always had items for her classroom on her shopping list and that she was always thinking of ideas for school.

“She did for everybody,” she said, always giving to her family, neighbors and friends.

After retirement, she purchased a kiln and spent much of her time making ceramics. Mrs. Humphreys still has many items her mother made. Mrs. Ward was also an excellent seamstress, instilling a love of sewing that led her daughter to major in fabric and textiles.

In addition to her daughter, Mrs. Ward is survived by her son, Winfred Ward Jr., and her brother, A.J. Henson of Poteau, Okla.
L.D. Warren

L.D. Warren of Irving died Nov. 4. He was 63.

He was born April 5, 1935, in Amarillo.

He is survived by wife, Brenda Warren of Irving; children, Annie, Charlotte, David and Ellen, sisters, Carla and Cheryl; brothers, Bobby, Zollie and Donald; stepchildren, Shaye and Mike Arnett, both of Red Oak, Cindy and Jimmy Byrum, both of Tom Bean, Troy and Jamie Holley, both of Flower Mound; and six grandchildren.

The family will hold private services at a later date.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Family requests memorials to Happy Hills Farm, H.C. 51 Box 56, Granbury, TX 76048.
Joshua Patrick Watkins

Joshua Patrick Watkins, infant son of Bobby and Melody Watkins, died May 23 in Dallas. He was born May 6 in Coppell. He is survived by brothers, B. Casey Tant and Matthew Watkins, both of Grand Prairie; and grandmother, Marlyne Tant of Denton.

Services were held May 26 at the Salvation Army Chapel in Irving with the Rev. John Queener officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Jackie Reed Watson

Jackie Reed Watson of Grapevine died March 10 in Arlington. She was 72.

Formerly of Irving, Watson was born July 17, 1925 in Hamlin. She had been an Electronics Inspector for Xerox.

She is survived by two daughters, Jackie Fiene of Agra, Kan., and Bettie Hines of Coppell; a son, Dale Watson; and four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. today at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with the Revs. Jung and David Hintze officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
James R. Watson, III

James R. Watson III of Irving died Feb. 10 in a Dallas hospital. He was 17.

Arrangements are pending at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
James Russell Watson III

James Russell "Russ" Watson III of Irving died Feb. 10 in a Dallas hospital. He was 17.

Watson was born Oct. 1, 1980, in Oxford, England, the son of James Russell Watson Jr. and Lon (Boonoi) Watson. He was a student at MacArthur High School and a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Irving.

Surviving are his father; grandparents, James R. and Sara Watson Sr. of Irving; an uncle, John Scott Watson of Irving; and two cousins, Corri Watson and Elliott Watson, both of Irving.

Services were held Feb. 13 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Michael Malone officiating.

Family requests memorials to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 516 South O'Connor Road, Irving, TX 75061.

Local arrangements made by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Bessie Elizabeth Watts

Bessie Elizabeth Watts, 80, of Dallas died Nov. 27.
She was born Dec. 25, 1917, in Navarro County.

Survivors include her sister, Jessie Melton of Blooming Grove; her nieces, Brenda Kemp of Pottsboro, and Valda Dracopoulos of Irving; her nephews, Neilan Melton of Irving, Ronnie Brown of Pottsboro, Bill Watts of Dallas, Jimmy Watts of Dallas, William Douglas Watts of Boyce, and J.L. Watts of Frost; and one great-niece, Belinda Padgett of Lubbock.

Services were conducted Monday, Nov. 30, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Uhl officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Jimmie Y. Watts

Jimmie Y. Watts of Irving died March 16 at his home. He was 61.

Born May 9, 1936, in Baird, the son of Yueal C. Watts and Martha (Cooley) Watts, he was an electronics technician at DFW Airport for 19 years.

He married Joan (Orr) Watts July 27, 1956 in Phoenix. He was a retired Air Force Master Sgt. and had been retired after 23 years of service.

He is survived by his wife; sons, Wayne Watts of Plano and Paul J. Watts of Irving; a daughter, Lisa G. Watts of Irving; a brother, Harold Watts; a sister, Katie Pernell of Breckenridge; and seven grandchildren.

Services were held March 17 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Bishop Mel Olsen officiating. Burial followed at Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko, Okla.

Family requests memorials to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.
Alfred Weber

Alfred Weber, 75, of Irving died Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Born on July 6, 1923 in Blue Grove, he was preceded in death by daughter, Teresa Ann Weber.

Survivors include: wife, Dorothy Faye Weber of Irving, and son, Alfred Weber, Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, December 19, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Rev. Carl Robbins officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Charlie F. Webster

Charlie F. Webster of Irving died Sept. 18. He was 80.

He was born March 1, 1918, in Weston.

He is survived by wife, Eleanor Webster of Irving; daughter,
Sheila Smith of Abilene; sisters, Evelyn Tucker of Irving and Beulah Chaffin
of Duncanville; brother, Clarence Webster of Celina; and grandchildren,
Stephen Smith of Austin and Lauren Smith of San Angelo.

Services were held Sept. 21 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with the Rev.
David Johnson officiating.

Arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Warren Jacob Weed

Warren Jacob Weed of Irving died Feb. 11. He was 43.

Weed was born July 3, 1954 in Chicago. He was an accountant.

He is survived by his wife, Heidi Weed; his father, Warren C. Weed of San Diego; mother, LaVerne Mersereau of San Clementi, Calif.; a daughter, Alexandra Lisa Weed of Victoria; a son Cameron Matthew Weed of San Antonio; brothers, Daniel Michael Weed of San Jose, Calif., and Andrew Charles Weed, of Diamond Bar, Calif.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.
Jimmy Welch of Irving died Nov. 23. He was 33.

Born Dec. 11, 1964, in Framingham, Mass., he was a plant supervisor for Cemscal of Texas in Dallas.


Services were conducted Nov. 28, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Derek Wheless officiating. Burial followed at Bear Creek Cemetery in Eufaula.
Local historian,

UD professor June R. Welch
dead at 70

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

Noted author, Texas historian and
teacher June Rayfield Welch died
Wednesday, Sept. 2 of congestive heart
failure at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Welch, 70, was a longtime professor at
the University of Dallas and the author of
38 books about his home state of Texas.
He also once served as secretary for
Lyndon B. Johnson and hosted the award-
winning radio show, "Vignettes of Texas
History" on KRLD and KAAM radio in
the 1980s and 1990s.

At UD, where he taught from 1967 to
1996, Welch was known as "Uncle June"
and had a direct impact on many of the
university's students. James Klassen, chair-
man of the university's education depart-
ment, majored in history and had Welch as a faculty
advisor.

"He taught me that
history is not about
dates or events, it's
about people," Klassen
said. "He used to say
that every one of us can affect history. He
gave us all a love of the people of history,
and he did it just by being who he was."

With a friendly smile and the knowing
eyes of a true Texan, Welch became one of the
most beloved professors on campus.

He was blessed with unique teaching abil-
ities. In his strong, but gentle voice, he
related anecdotes of the people of history
and made the subject come alive for his
students.

In many ways, university officials said
he resembled not so much a professor than
a cowboy sitting by the fireside telling the
tales of his home state.

"I don't think there is anyone who
went through the undergraduate program
here who doesn't remember June Welch," said Francis Swietek, associate professor
of History and colleague of Welch's. "He
was an old-style Texan. He really was a
courteous man of supreme good humor, who
would send you on your way with a wink
of his eye. In many respects, there are not
any around like him any more."

Born Nov. 24, 1927 in Brownwood,
Welch went to high school in Gainesville
and received his bachelor's degree from
Texas Christian University in 1950. Going
to TCU enabled Welch to play in the 1945
Cotton Bowl and inspired his last book.

Welch went on to receive a law degree
from George Washington University in
1951, a master's degree from Texas Tech
University in 1953 and a second bache-
lor's degree from the University of Texas
at Arlington in 1966.

In 1950, Welch served as secretary for
then Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1951, he
was a patrolman for the U.S. Capital
Police Force in Washington.

In 1967, Welch joined the history fac-
culty at the University of Dallas. He served
as academic dean of the university from
1967 to 1969 and as chairman of the his-
tory department from 1969 to 1983. He
retired from the university in 1996.

Funeral services were scheduled for
Sept. 5 at First Baptist Church in
Waxahachie.

He is survived by his mother, Elziná
Welch; wife, Lynda; brother, Joe Frank
Welch; daughter, Susan Rodriguez; son-
in-law, Freddy Rodriguez; step-children,
Carolyn Howard and Brian Howard; and
three grandchildren.

Memorial gifts to the university should
be made to the attention of Ilene Stern,
vice president of institutional advance-
ment, 972-721-5146.
June Rayfield Welch

June Rayfield Welch of Waxahachie died Sept. 2 at a Dallas hospital. He was 70.

Born Nov. 24, 1927, in Brownwood, the son of Frank Albert and Elzina (Prignore) Welch, he graduated from Newsome Daugherty Memorial High School in Gainesville in 1944. He received his bachelor's of arts from Texas Christian University in 1950, his doctorate degree from George Washington University in 1951, his masters' degree from Texas Tech University in 1953, and a second bachelor's of arts from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1966.

He served his country in the United States Maritime Service and Merchant Marines from 1945-46; U.S. Army from 1946-47; and he retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a lieutenant colonel.

Welch held many profession positions including: Secretary to Senator Lyndon B. Johnson from 1950-51; U.S. Capitol Police Patrolman in 1951; Claims representative for State Farm Insurance of Lubbock from 1952-53; assistant city attorney of Fort Worth in 1953-55; Grand Prairie city attorney from 1955-58; TCU adjunct professor of history and political science from 1954-58; several law firm partnerships in Grand Prairie and Dallas from 1957-67; UD academic dean from 1967-69, history department chairman from 1969-83, associate professor of history from 1967 to death.

He was the author of 18 books and was also author and narrator of radio series “Vignettes of Texas History” on KRLD-AM 1080 and “Moments from Texas History,” on KAAM-AM 1310. He received numerous awards and honors from UD and a “Katy” award for “Vignettes of Texas” from the Dallas Press Club in 1983.

He was preceded in death by his father, Frank in 1987; a son, Ranson Frank Welch in 1994; and one grandson, Jason Rayfield Welch in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Lynda Chalk Welch of Waxahachie; daughter, Susan Welch Rodriguez and her husband, Freddie of Midlothian, step-daughter, Carolyn Marie Howard of Denton; step-son, Brian Douglas Howard of Waco; grandchildren, Ryan Keith and Sierra Cheyenne Rodriguez of Midlothian, Lindsey Welch Kiczenski and her husband, Anthony of El Toro, Calif.; mother, Mrs. Frank Welch; and brother, Joe Frank Welch and his wife, Linda of Brownwood; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sept. 5 at the First Baptist Church of Waxahachie with the Rev. Leroy Fenton officiating. Burial followed at the Rhodes Cemetery in DeSoto.

Memorials can be made to the University of Dallas Scholarship Fund.
Curtis James Wheatley

Curtis James Wheatley of Irving died March 25. He was 55.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Wheatley of Irving; daughter, Donna Samples of Mesquite; sons, Marshall Wheatley of Grand Prairie and Mitchell Wheatley of Irving; grandchildren, Joey and Jennifer Samples of Mesquite and Trent and Krina Wheatley of Watauga; and brother Lanoy Wheatley of Irving.

Services were held March 28 at Life Tabernacle in Cunningham. Burial followed at Restland Cemetery in Cunningham.
Ann White

Ann White of Iowa Colony died April 7 at her home. She was 52.

Born Dec. 6, 1952, in Houston, she was a former resident of Irving before moving to Iowa Colony.

She was a member of the Methodist faith and was employed by Kroger's as a grocery clerk.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wilburn Herrington.

She is survived by her mother, JoAnn Blankenship of Rosharon; daughter, Sonya Averitt of Houston; son, James Russell White of Dallas; sister, Karen Lee Cocita of Houston; brother, Wilburn Wayne Herrington of Rosharon and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services were held
Motorist finds man dead in south Irving creek

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

A motorist searching for vehicle parts Wednesday from an accident last weekend discovered the body of a 51-year-old Irving man floating in a small creek near the 2300 block of Nursery Road.

Police said a local resident found Charles D. White’s body when he returned to the site of an accident in south Irving during a search for a missing part of his automobile.

“It was kind of a unique circumstance,” said David Tull, Irving police public information officer. “There had been an accident in the area where (White) was found in the curb.

Apparently, the vehicle owner was looking for a part of the vehicle when he saw a body in the creek. There were actually two people that came upon (White) at about the same time.

“There is normally a lot of morning and evening traffic in that area where Nursery Road curves into Hunter Ferrell Road. It’s a pretty heavily traveled road.”

Police said White’s body was discovered in a murky creek about 25 feet wide and five feet deep. However, his body had surfaced in a shallow stretch of the creek about a foot deep, according to police reports.

According to police reports, White was last seen Dec. 3. Police said he was known to walk in the general area where his body was discovered.

“We understand that he had been over visiting with friends and was on his way back home,” Tull said. “That’s when we had that big rain storm. White’s body was found about a mile from his home. It is our understanding he lived alone with no other family in the area.”

Upon discovering White’s body about 3 p.m., local authorities said they believed his death was an accidental drowning. Police said there were no obvious signs of trauma to the body that would indicate foul play.

An examination by the Dallas County medical examiner’s office revealed White’s death was an accidental drowning.

Tull said, with the recent rains in the area, residents should take precautions when traveling.

“Even in a familiar territory, circumstances can be beyond your control,” Tull said. “You just need to be aware.”

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Malvern R. Whitaker

Lt. Col. Malvern R. Whitaker of Irving died May 4 at his home. He was 71.

Born Feb. 24, 1927, in Augusta, Ga., the son of Marion B. and Bertha (Leverett) Whitaker, he was a retired U.S. Army Officer. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the National Republican Committee, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

He was the recipient of the following commendations: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Army Commendation, Meritorious Service medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct, and Navy Good Conduct.

He served in the Asia Pacific Campaign during World War II, American Campaign, Army occupation in the Vietnam Campaign, Vietnam service where he earned the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

He is survived by his sons, John Marshall Whitaker of Apple Valley, Calif., and Kevin Michael Whitaker of Nicaragua; daughter, Patricia Priesing, Pennington, N.J.; grandchildren, Carrie, Stuart, Thomas, Katie, and Daniel; and brother, John Emery Whitaker of Augusta.

Services were held May 13 at Fort Meyers Chapel in Arlington, Va. Burial followed at Arlington National Cemetery.

Family requests memorials to the American Heart Association, 1615 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207.

Local arrangements by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Robert Arthur Whitney

Robert Arthur Whitney of Pittsburg died March 25 at a Pittsburg hospital. He was 80.

Born May 29, 1917, in Franklin County, Texas, the son of Walter Lee and Vera (Smith) Whitney, he had been a professional driver and had served in the military. He was affiliated with the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Grace Whitney, of Pittsburg, a son, Robert A. Whitney Jr. of Irving; a daughter, Lea Redford of Dallas; brothers, Henry Whitney of Daingerfield, Blackey Whitney of Clebourne, and Bill Whitney of Albuquerque; sister, Evelyn Hall of Daingerfield; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 28 at Bethel Cemetery in Franklin County with the Rev. Steve Packer officiating.
Laura Edith Whitworth

Laura Edith Whitworth, 82, of Irving died Nov. 26 at an Irving hospital.

Born Feb. 1, 1916, in Irving, she was a lifelong resident of Irving and a retired sales clerk for JCPenney Co. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Las Colinas, the Irving Garden Club, the Irving Book Review Club, the Twentieth Century Book Review Club, Irving Heritage Society and the Encouragers. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Otis Whitworth, and her son, Ronnie Whitworth.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce Holloway of Irving; her daughter-in-law, Debbie Whitworth of Irving; her brother, Bobby Wright of Grapevine; her sisters, Lois Nannon of Dallas, and Dorothy Bond of Mesquite; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 28, at First Baptist Church of Las Colinas with the Rev. Joe Eaton and the Rev. Darrell Simones officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Ronald Ray Whitworth

Ronald Ray Whitworth of Irving died April 13. He was 52.

Born May 20, 1945, in Dallas, Whitworth was formerly a receiving clerk for Affiliated Foods and a dispatcher for McBride Electric Co.

He was preceded in death by his father, Otis Whitworth.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Whitworth of Irving; sons, Reggie Whitworth of Irving and Ronny Whitworth, Jr. of Irving; daughter, Robin Rutherford of Euless; mother, Edith Whitworth of Irving; grandchildren, Darrell Miller and Nicole Miller both of Euless and Brittany Whitworth of Irving; sister, Joyce Hollaway of Irving; two nephews and one niece.

Funeral services were held April 16 at First Baptist Church of Las Colinas. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Joe Eaton and the Rev. Darrell Semones officiating.

Arrangements by Chism-Smth Funeral Home.
Ida Mary Wigley

Ida Mary Wigley of Irving died March 7 at DFW Medical Center. She was 95.

Born April 26, 1902 in Katy, Wigley was a former resident of Houston.

She is survived by two sisters, Ella Bauer and Inez Hudson both of Houston; nieces, Mary Morris and Betty Baurle both of Irving; and nephews, Conrad Miller and Leroy Miller both of Houston.

Gravesite services were held March 10 at Woodlawn Cemetery in Houston with Pastor Craig Dohsey officiating.
Carl A. "Tony" Wilcox

Carl A. "Tony" Wilcox of Irving
He was 53.
Born April 2, 1945, in Dallas County, he was previously employed at the Dallas County Medical Examiner's office and a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church and a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne.
He is survived by a daughter, Collin Wilcox of Irving; sister, Tina Barrett of Orlando, Fla. and Carl and Bonnie Wilcox of Irving.
Services were held June 6 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Leon Wilkie

Leon Wilkie of Irving died Feb. 22 in Weatherford. He was 69.
Born Jan. 6, 1929, in Dallas,

Wilkie was a retired electrician for I.B.E.W. Local No. 59. He married Helen (Chace) Wilkie Dec. 20, 1952, in Dallas. He was a member of the protestant faith and served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. He was also a member of the Good Sams Camping Club and the Wayward Sams Chapter.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Susan Stephens of Grapevine; a son, Thomas Wilkie of Red Oak; a sister, Martha Dungey of Dallas; a brother, Alton Wilkie of Wills Point; a sister, Kathleen Burket of Grand Prairie; a brother, Knox Wilkie of Austin; and grandchildren, Jessica and Katherine Stephens, and Jennifer and Jeffrey Wilkie.

Services were held Feb. 24 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Edwin Schafer and Bobby Don Wilkie officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials to the American Heart Association, 1615 Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, TX 75207.
Marjorie Black Wilkinson

Marjorie Black Wilkinson, 89, of Irving died Dec. 9 in Irving.

Born Jan. 3, 1909, in Clarendon, Ark., she was high-school teacher and a member of Plymouth Park United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Larry G. Black, and her sister, Janet Snyder of Clearwater, Fla.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Restland Funeral Home.
Mak Williams

Mak Williams of Irving died Jan. 15 in Lewsville. She was 55.

Born on Jan. 25, 1942, in Point, Mrs. Williams was a teacher for 21 years with the Irving ISD.

She is survived by her daughters, Michelle Wallak, husband Mike of Fort Worth, and Kim West, husband Scott of Bedford; mother, Robbie Boswell of Grand Prairie; and grandson, Matthew Wallak of Fort Worth.

Services were held Jan. 17 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Bobby Parrot officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 141274, Irving 75014.
Nera Williams

Nera Williams of Hillsboro died Aug. 12 in a Hillsboro nursing home. She was 95.

Born May 4, 1903, she was the daughter of Isom and Mary (Malone) Godbey. She attended schools in Osceola. She married Kenneth Elmer Williams Dec. 29, 1918. They were married 74 years before his death July 5, 1992.

She was a farmer in Itasca until 1947, when they moved to Grapevine to continue farming. Following retirement, the couple moved to Irving and lived there for 20 years. They were active in the First Baptist Church of Irving. In 1984, they returned to Hill County where they lived the remainder of their lives. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hillsboro.

She was preceded in death by two children; four brothers; and three sisters.

She is survived by three daughters, Dean Kemp of Hillsboro; Geana Madison, and her husband Leonard of Frisco; and Verna Fay and her husband Otis Maner of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Aug. 14 at First Baptist Church in Hillsboro with Revs. Kenneth James and Leon Vorpahl officiating. Burial followed at Itasca Cemetery.

Family requests memorials to First Baptist Church School in Hillsboro.
Nan Howard Willingham

Nan Howard Willingham of River Oaks died March 25 in Irving. She was 95.

Born Aug. 30, 1902, in Elmo, she was a credit manager.

Willingham was a member of the North Fort Worth Woman's Club, and a member of Arlington Heights Christian Church. She attended Texas Christian University.

Raised in West Texas, Willingham married Duane P. Howard in 1921, with whom she had three children. In 1950 she married Thomas V. Willingham. They resided in Fort Worth, where she worked for Montgomery Ward until she retired. In 1993, she sold her home and moved to Twelve Oaks Retirement Village in Irving, until her recent move to Bishop Davies nursing home in Hurst.

She is survived by sons, Clinton Howard of Irving and Stanley Howard of Lunenberg, Mass; daughter, June Howard Ingram of Gladwater; sisters, Edith Macleod of Indiana and Edna Burge of Corpus Christi; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 27 at Greenwood Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Family suggests memorials to Irving Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 153705, Irving, TX 75015.
John Willis

John Willis died Oct. 13. He was 84.

Born Nov. 28, 1919, in Water Valley, Miss., Willis served in the U.S. Navy and worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Lowe Willis; son, Jeff Willis; daughter, Joy Willis Frost; and grandson, David Good.

The family asks for contributions, in lieu of flowers, to the Altar Vessels for the Chapel of the Incarnation, University of Dallas campus, 1845 Northgate Drive, Irving 75062.

The vigil and family visitations will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 15, in the Chapel of the Incarnation on the University of Dallas campus.

Mass will be celebrated at the same location at 10 a.m. Oct. 16. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.
Sheila Caroline Wooldridge Willis

Sheila Caroline Wooldridge Willis of Irving died May 30 of natural causes at her residence. She was 26.

Born Nov. 6, 1971, in Corsicana, she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her mother, Mildred Wooldridge of Irving; sons, Mark Allen Willis, Jr. and Dustin Keith Willis, both of Irving; daughter, Melissa Marie Willis of Irving; brothers, Billy Wooldridge, Jr., Richard Wooldridge and Bobby Wooldridge, all of Irving, and Michael Wooldridge of Prairie Grove, Ark.; sister, Sherri Bewley of Irving; mother-in-law, Pat Willis of Irving; aunt and uncles; Bob and Sue Floyd of Midlothian and Paul and Barbara Baty of Midlothian; and numerous cousins.

Services were conducted June 1 at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Oscar Stit officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Family requests memorials be made to American Cancer Society.
Donald Willwerth

Donald Willwerth of Irving died May 5 at home. He was 81.

Born Dec. 29, 1916, in Grand Rapids, Mich., the son of Harry Peter and Nellie (Bovee) Willwerth, he was an Irving resident for 40 years.

In 1964, he founded Park Central Optical, which is now located on Main Street in downtown Irving.

He married Bertha Ruth Boschma June 10, 1939.

He is survived by his wife; son, Wayne Willwerth, daughters, Jan Hettinger, and Linda Braudrick; brothers, Tim Willwerth, and Max Willwerth; nine grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held May 9 at St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church in Irving with the Rev. Larry Thomas officiating.

Family requests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Norma Lee Wilmoth

Norma Lee Wilmoth of Irving died April 15 in a Dallas nursing home. She was 67.

Born Sept. 6, 1930, in Pauls Valley, Okla., the daughter of William A. and Veda (Stonecipher) Miller, she was a retired TEX-PAK dispatcher. She

Police Department as a dispatcher for 12 years.

She was also a member of the Optimist Club, Red Cross, Girl Scouts and Irving PTA.

She is survived by her daughters, Claudia Everett of Carrollton, Kathleen Sullivan of Ada, Okla., Terri Manning of McKinney; son, Frank Wilmoth of Addison; grandchildren, David Krewson, who is in the Navy, Chandler Everett of Carrollton, and Lindsey Manning of McKinney; sisters, Judith Goe, of San Diego, Ann Dickerson of West Covina, Calif., and Patricia Peppers of Oklahoma City; brothers, Billy Ray Miller of Maysville, Okla., Joe Lee Dodd of Tomball; and William Arthur Miller of Lindsay, Okla., and aunts, Lavonia Stephen of McKinney and Kathleen Nation of Durant, Okla.

Services were held April 18 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lynn Heinkle officiating.

Family requests memorials to American Lung Association, Park Central 1, 7616 LBJ Freeway, Suite 10, Dallas, TX 75251...or Odyssey Healthcare, 5440 Harvest Hill Road, No. 220, Dallas, TX 75230.
Dale Wilson

Dale Wilson, 56, formerly of Irving, died Dec. 7 in Fort Worth.

Born June 21, 1942, in Denton County, Texas, he was a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ in Irving, where he had served as Executive Director of Family Service Network. He also was past Director of Christian Services of The Southwest. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Olon Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Wilson of Irving; his son and daughter-in-law, Darren and Buffy Wilson of Pilot Point; his daughter, Diana Wilson of El Paso; Worth; his father, Stover Wilson of Denton; his brother, David Wilson of Weatherford; his sister, Patricia Henderson, of Omaha; and his granddaughter, Laura Ellen Wilson.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to The Christ Haven of Keller; Christian Services of the South West; Vital Hospice, 2501 Parkview Drive, #600, Ft. Worth, TX 76102; or Hope Center at South MacArthur Church of Christ.
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Nina O. Wood

Nina O. Wood of Irving died June 4 of natural causes. She was 82.

Born Oct. 24, 1915, in Kansas City, Mo., she was retired from the First Assembly of God Day Care in Irving where she was a teacher and a member since 1969.

She is survived by a daughter, June Abercrombie of Irving; brother, Joe Blackburn of Warsaw, Mo.; sisters, Callie Moore of Fredonia, Ky., Bess Brown, Mesa, Ariz., and Naomi Pettigrew of Lee's Summit, Mo.; grandchildren, Stanley Abercrombie of Irving, Sandra Wright of Fort Worth, Cindy Dossey of Grand Prairie and Laurie Walker of Westminster, Colo.; and five grandchildren.

A graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. June 8 at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless with the Rev. Bill McKissick officiating.
Lonnie A. Woods
Lonnie Allen Woods died Jan. 8
in Fort Worth. He was 57.

Born Oct. 29, 1940, in Borger, Mr. Woods worked in construction and served in the U.S. Army and in the Korean War.

He is survived by his daughters, Tammy and Tracy Woods; sisters, Juanita June Pennington and husband, Robert of Franklin, Tenn., and Joyce Jean Woods of Austin; brothers, Lloyd Phillip Woods and wife, Sandy of Wichita Kan., and Bobby Jim Woods and wife, Sara of Irving.

Memorials be made to American Cancer Society.
Eleanor Lois Wright

Eleanor Lois Wright of Irving died Feb. 10 in an Irving hospital. She was 83.

Wright was born July 12, 1914, in Shreveport, La. A resident of Irving for many years, Wright was a housewife and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret Moore of Rosemount, Minn.; a son, E.T. Perry of Olathe, Kan.; a granddaughter, Michelle Moore of Irving; two brothers, Leon Jacobs Jr. of Little Rock, Ark., and Charles Jacobs of Mansfield, La.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy F. "Buck" Wright.

Services were held Feb. 13 at the First Baptist Church Chapel with the Rev. Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were made by Chism-Smith Funeral Home in Irving.
Sarah Ruth Wright

Sarah Ruth Wright of Irving died Aug. 16 in Irving. She was 90. She was born Sept. 21, 1907, in Groesbeck.

She is survived by her husband, W.E. Wright of Irving; son, Walter Dugan of Malakoff; daughter, Linda Huckaby of Irving; 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today at South MacArthur Chirch of Christ with the Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Burial to follow at Crown Hill Memorial Park.
John Edward Wyman

John Edward Wyman of Irving died Feb. 23 in Dallas. He was 75.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Libby Wyman.
He is survived by his sons, John E. Wyman Jr. of Valley Village, Calif., and Larry D Wyman of Dallas; a daughter, Joy Arndt of Dallas; his brothers, Robert Wyman of Sundance Wyo., and Chuck Wyman of Reno, Nev., and a sister, Victoria Cain of Green River, Wyo.
Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Charles Alexander officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.