Charles Stanley Rains

Charles Stanley Rains, 62, of Shreveport, La., died Thursday, July 8, in Shreveport, La.

Born Aug. 16, 1936, in Stamford, he was a former Irving resident who retired in 1991 after work more than 20 years for the U.S. Postal Service in Carrollton. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a member of the VFW Post in Shreveport, La.

Survivors include his mother, Grace Hunter of Irving; his brother, Jerry Rains of Irving; his sister, Shelia Calkins and her husband, Bob, of Shreveport, La.; his uncle and aunt, C.O. and Ethel Rains of Irving; and several other relatives.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, July 12, in Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Mark Jenkins officiating. Burial will be in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today, July 11, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.

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Rites held for Christopher Rabady, Cistercian priest, 79.

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Thurman Raley

Thurman Raley, 53, died recently.

Born Dec. 18, 1945, in Blooming Grove, he graduated from Frost High School, where he was an all-district football and baseball player. He was a pressman for 28 years for Deluxe Check Printers.

Survivors include his fiancé, Sandra Taylor of Navarro Mills; his sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan and Alysha Raley, and Jarred and Alyssa Raley, all of Irving; his parents, Truman and Lometa Raley of Corsicana; his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mickie Raley of Corsicana; his sisters, Marceline Seaton of Corsicana, and Joyce Sellers and her husband, Dave, of Irving; and several other relatives.

Services were conducted Tuesday, June 1, at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Diabetes Association.
Arvol E. Rankin

Arvol Edward Rankin, 87, of Dallas and a former Irving resident died Saturday, Dec. 25.
Born Oct. 27, 1912, in Nolan County, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary L. Rankin; and his son, James E. Rankin.
Survivors include his daughter, Dorothy Rankin of Dallas; and three grandchildren.
Graveside services took place Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Grove Hill Memorial Park, with Rev. Dale Parkhill officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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Irving civic, schools leader James Ratteree honored after death at age 79

By Brenda Davis
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

The Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce honored businessman and civic leader James Ratteree four days after his death, naming an adult-literacy program for him.

The program was announced at the chamber's "State of the Schools" dinner Oct. 25. James Spriggs, chamber president, said that 20 low-income people would benefit from the program, which teaches basic reading and job skills.

The program is financed through the chamber's Educational Research Foundation in conjunction with the Irving Independent School District.

Mr. Ratteree, 79, former owner of Ratteree Building Materials, died Oct. 21 from complications of pneumonia. Services were Oct. 25 in Irving.

"Since Jim was well-known as a community leader, we decided to name the program after him," Mr. Spriggs said. "What better way to honor a former school board president than to educate the parents of the children he sought to help."

Mr. Ratteree moved to Irving in 1951. While establishing his lumberyard business, he became involved in several Irving civic organizations, including the chamber, where he served as president in the late 1960s. He was a chamber director for 17 years.

Mr. Ratteree was a member of the school board from 1969 to 1972, serving as president in 1971-72. He was also chairman of the Irving Community Hospital Foundation board, now known as Baylor Medical Center in Irving, from 1988 to 1990. He served on the hospital's board of directors from 1961 until 1976.

His wife, Betty Murray Ratteree of Irving, said her husband's involvement with the hospital started in 1959, when he chaired the hospital's first fund drive.

"Jim knew the community needed a hospital, and he was devoted to helping it get established," Mrs. Ratteree said.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Margaret Coughlin of Dallas, and three grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Educational Research Foundation, c/o the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, 3333 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 100, Irving, Texas 75062.
Jim Ratteree, a former member of the Irving school district board of trustees who was extremely active in Irving community efforts for more than 40 years, died Thursday, Oct. 21, in Irving.

Born James Alvis Ratteree on Sept. 10, 1920, in Sigler, Okla., to Alvis Noble Ratteree and Maude Keller Ratteree, he was a veteran of World War II. He left the service in 1945 to return to Baylor University, from which he graduated in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in business and education.

As an employee for Lone Star Gas, he moved from Abilene to Irving in 1951, when Irving's population was just 5,000. After two subsequent jobs — for Andrew Brown Paint Co. and Lone Star Nash & Door, and — he and Boots Roberts formed R&R Lumber Co. in 1956.

In 1960, he started Ratteree Building Materials Inc. and built a state-of-the-art facility at Rogers Road and Rock Island. He retired from the company in 1980.

Ratteree served in numerous Irving civic organizations — often in a leadership capacity — including the following:
- Baylor Medical Center at Irving (formerly Irving Community Hospital);
- Irving Independent School District;
- Irving Chamber of Commerce;
- Irving Rotary Club;
- Irving Symphony Orchestra;
- Irving Planning & Zoning Commission;
- Southwest Bank & Trust (currently Bank of America);
- TXU (formerly Texas Utilities and Texas Power & Light);
- Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, Stephens Ministry;
- Henry Holmes’ Wednesday morning Men’s Breakfast;
- Irving Economic Development Corp. board;
- Las Colinas Country Club;
- Irving YMCA;
- Texas Lumberman’s Association.

National Lumberman of the Year

Irving Industrial Foundation;
Goals for Irving;
Dallas County Lumberman’s Association;
Dallas Baylor Bear Club;
Irving Planning Board;
Irving Zoning Board;
Cross Amendment Committee;
Director of the Golden Anniversary for the city of Irving;
President, chairman,
Irving Home Owners Association;
Irving Country Club;
Irving Home Owners Association;
In 1991, he received the Lindsdoe Award from Irving Community Hospital, and he was named “Man of the Year” by the Irving Jaycees in 1966.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Margaret N. Ratteree, his second wife, Johnetta V. Ratteree, and his step-granddaughter, Debra Thorn.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Ratteree; his daughter, Margaret (aka “Blit” or “Margie”) K. Coughlin and her husband, Mike; his stepchildren, Johnetta Banks and her husband, Floyd; Jeanette Murray Gascogne and her husband, Miles Gascogne; Mark Murray; Lee Merritt Saxton and Allison Thorn and her husband, Brad; their three grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

A graveside service will be conducted on Monday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens at 1915 E. Irving Blvd. A memorial service will follow at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church, 1613 S. Airport Freeway.

The Rev. Dan Holle will conduct both services.

A Celebration of Life will be Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home on Sunday, with family visiting from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Memorials may be made to the James C. Ratteree Scholarship Fund and for College education for an ISD graduate to the Irving School Foundation, 101 Main St., Irving, TX 75006. Memorials also may be made to the Irving Hospital Foundation, 1601 MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75006.
Jon Mark Reed

Jon Mark Reed, 42, died Sunday, April 11, in his home.

Born July 16, 1956, in Dallas, he was a 1974 graduate of Irving High School, where he was member of the Symphonic Band, winning awards in all-region and all-state competitions.

Survivors include his parents, Waun and Patricia Reed of Irving; daughter Shelby Reed Klemm of Arlington; brother Wendell Reed of Irving; and sister and brother-in-law Jill and Wade Tongen of Carrollton.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 13, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is in Restland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 2232 W. 5th St., Irving, TX 75060.
Georgia Fay Reeves

Georgia Fay Reeves, 73, of Marshall died Monday, June 7, in Longview.

Born Feb. 28, 1926, in Port Arthur, she was a longtime Irving resident and worked for Sears before moving to Marshall 13 years ago. She was a member of Washington Street Church of Christ in Marshall. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Ray Reeves.

Survivors include her children, Charla Reeves Layton of Palestine, Larry Reeves of Marshall, and Lenda Reeves of Marshall; her sisters, Erma Lee Baker of Irving, Wanda Weatherly of Scurry, and Louise Thomas of Scurry; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. today, June 10, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home with Avan Hook officiating. Burial will be in Sowers Cemetery.
Eva Fern Neighbors Revis

Eva Fern Neighbors Revis, 74, of Irving died Tuesday, April 6.

Born May 5, 1924 in Mangum, Okla., she was member of the Irving Baptist Fellowship. She was preceded in death by her son, Randy Revis.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, William E. "Bill" Revis of Irving; daughter, Shirley Revis Brickhouse of Weatherford; sister, Ruth Revis of Dallas; three grandchildren; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 9, at Irving Baptist Fellowship with the Rev. Dale Fortenberry officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Paul E. Reynolds

Paul E. Reynolds, 62, a lifelong Irving resident, died Monday, Aug. 9, in Irving.

Born July 15, 1937, in Irving, he retired in 1992 after 32 years as a senior mechanic for Texas Utilities at the Mountain Creek substation. He was a member of Christ Temple in Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Martha Reynolds of Irving; his son and daughter-in-law, Paul David and Delia Reynolds of Omaha, Neb.; his son John C. Reynolds of Burleson; his daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca Ann and William Dixon of Irving and Tina Marie and Sadegh Taheri of Grand Prairie; his brother and sister-in-law, Hinton and Anita Reynolds of Euless; his sister Lorraine Davis of Euless; his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Dave LaFuse of Arlington; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; and several other relatives.


Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Webb Hill Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.
Pauline Richards

Pauline Richards, 78, of Irving died Saturday, Dec. 11, at a Fort Worth hospital.

Born Nov. 26, 1921, in Mount Vernon, Ark., to A.D. Vernon and Esther Cook Vernon, she was a homemaker and for 15 years worked as circulation manager for Facts Ads and Images Inc. of Irving. In her previous home of San Antonio, she was a member of Castle Hills Baptist Church and Baptist Temple.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Elaine Johnston of Irving; her son, James Hugh Richards of Cedar Creek Lake; her sisters, Audrey Doyle of Arkansas, A.D. Graves of Amarillo, Millie Biggs of Mesquite and Billie Campbell of Arizona; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services took place Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Geoffrey Gunter officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 2910 Swiss Ave., Dallas, TX 75204.
Jeanne Richardson

Jeanne "Bub" Richardson, 75, of Sulphur Springs and former Irving resident, died Monday, Aug. 23, at a Dallas hospital.

Born March 4, 1924, in Wichita, Kan., she was a former transportation permits clerk and a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Richardson of Sulphur Springs; her son, Gary Richardson of Irving; her daughters, Sue Nuss of Plano, Gaynell Cromier of Irving and Carla Hatch of Bastrop; her brothers, Royce Wheeler of Sargent and Eugene Wheeler of West Columbia; her sister, Sue Cadora of Florida; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will take place at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Richard Richardson

Richard "Rich" Richardson Sr., 74, of Irving died Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Irving. Born in Navarro, he moved with his parents to Dallas as a child. He graduated from Adamson High School in Dallas and retired from Republic Truck and Trailer Company in 1994. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Irving. He was preceded in death by his father, J.C. Richardson.

Survivors include: wife Anita Richardson; son, Richard Richardson Jr. of Irving; mother, Lean Mae Richardson of Irving; sisters, Pricilla Humbard of Rogers, Ark., Wanda Learned of Dallas, Linda Richardson of Irving, Donna Hollingsworth of DeSoto and Rebecca Stephens of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 9, in Embree Hall at First Baptist Church in Irving. Burial was at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.
Roy Richburg Jr.

Roy "Pop" Richburg Jr., 72, of Irving died Saturday, March 27.

Born Feb. 26, 1926, in Dallas, he was member of Calvary Temple Church in Irving. He was preceded in death by his son, David.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Alice "Granny" Richburg of Irving; sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Cheryl Richburg of Carrollton, Ronald and Debbie Richburg of Houston, and Stevie and Kathy Richburg of Irving; daughters, Cindy Thomas of Dallas, and Marchelle and husband, Pat, of Grand Prairie; sister, Loretta Hampsten of Hooker, Okla., 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 29, in Brown's Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Edra Hudson and the Rev. Dick Loy officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Garden.
Walt Richison, 78, of Irving died Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Born Sept. 14, 1921 in Fullerton, Calif., he retired as police chief of Waterford, Calif., in 1974.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Julia Richison of Irving; his sons, Edward Richison of Irving and Edwin Richison of Austin; his brother, Milton C. Richison of Redding, Calif.; his sister, Ellen Myres of Colton, Calif.; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services took place Friday, Dec. 17, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Jake Blankenship and Paul Naeve officiating. Burial is in Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.
Earnest Riddle

Earnest Riddle, 85, of Irving died Tuesday, Sept. 28.
Born July 2, 1914, in Stone County, Mo., he was a retired barber and a member of the First Christian Church in Irving.
Survivors include his wife, Imogene Riddle of Irving; his sons and daughters-in-law, George and Barbara Cunningham of Harper, Phil and Pat Riddle of Irving and Donnie and Nancy Riddle of Denison; his daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Ann and Jeff Carter of Irving; his brother, Raymond Riddle of Irving; his sisters, Betty Power of Eagle Rock, Mo., Frann Sprague of Tulsa, Okla., and Mary Lou Croxton of Lone Star; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
A private burial in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens will be followed by services at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at First Christian Church, with Rev. Andy Mangum and Rev. Ralph Smith officiating. Arrangements are directed by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Donald Ridlen

Donald Ridlen, 65, died Sunday, May 16.

Born Dec. 16, 1933, in Indianapolis, Ind., he was active in the Irving Fire Fighters Association, Irving Drug Alert, Irving Jaycees and played and coached soccer. He also was a member of Plymouth Park Methodist Church in Irving and First United Methodist Church in Athens. Prior to this, he was a member of Lovers Lane Methodist Church, where he served as a teacher and superintendent of youth.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Ridlen of Athens; sons, Mark Ridlen and David Ridlen, both of Dallas, and Jonathan Ridlen of Athens; and daughter, Angelina Ridlen of Athens.

Services were conducted Wednesday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church in Athens, with the Rev. Lynn Parker officiating. Memorials may be sent to Shady Oaks Volunteer Fire Department, Route 1, Box 1167, Athens TX, 75751.
Lillian Alice Riley

Lillian Alice Riley of Irving died Monday, April 12. She was 95.

Born June 6, 1904, in Oklahoma territory, she worked as a hairdresser for more than 50 years. She also was a member of First United Methodist Church of Irving.

Survivors include her son, Mike Riley; sister, Evelyn McKee; grandchildren, Cheryl Vale and Steve Cox; four great-grandchildren and numerous friends and family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Riley, and daughter, Jean Cox.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 15, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Restland Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund, 211 W. Third St., Irving, TX 75060.
Michael Thomas Rivera

Michael Thomas Rivera, 45, of Irving died Monday, Jan. 11.
Born July 2, 1954, in Detroit, Mich., he was a longtime resident of Irving and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Survivors include his father, Willie Galvin Rivera; his brothers, David Rivera, Marcus Rivera, Willie Rivera Jr. and Ismael Martinez; his sister, Sylvia Penny; his sister-in-law, Patricia Rivera; and several other relatives.

Memorial services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1553 S. Story Road. Graveside services will be conducted at 3 p.m. at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Calvary Funeral Home.
Grace Suratt Roberts

Grace Suratt Roberts, 74, of Irving died Friday, April 9.
She was born July 7, 1924.
Survivors include: daughters, Shirley Lovelady of Irving, and Paula Roberts of Irving; sons, James Roberts of Irving, and Ronnie Roberts of Payne Springs; brothers, Carvin Suratt of Mesquite, Marvin Suratt of Seagoville, and Robert Suratt of Irving; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, April 12, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.
Michael Roberts

Michael "Honey" Roberts, 51, of Irving died Saturday, Dec. 4.

Born May 16, 1948, in Amarillo, he was a manager for Mattress Giant.

Survivors include his sister, Myrna Hopkins of Irving; and several other relatives.

Services took place Monday, Dec. 6, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with pastors Edward Davis and Charles Davis officiating.
Leonor "Tidell" Robertson

Leonor "Tidell" Robertson, 41, of Grand Prairie and a former Irving resident, died Monday, Aug. 2, in Fort Worth.

Born Jan. 13, 1958 in Brownsville, she was a Girl Scout leader, a member of the PTA at Farrell Elementary School in Arlington and a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Robertson of Grand Prairie; her daughters, Lindsey Marie Robertson of Grand Prairie and Julianne Marie Robertson of Grand Prairie; her mother and stepfather, Leonor and Walter Siebert of Rockwall; her father and stepmother, Roberto and Mercedes Gonzalez of Duncanville; her grandmother Irene Alaniz of San Diego, Texas; her brothers, Fernando Gonzalez of Fort Worth, Roberto Gonzalez of Edmond, Okla., and Hector Gonzalez of Cleveland; and her sisters, Gloria Vancamp of Arlington, Yolanda Foreman of Arlington, Irene Gaona of Euless and Annette Burnap of Cedar Hill.

Services took place Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. William Richard officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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Carolyn Blair Robinette

Carolyn Blair Harman Robinette, 50, of Irving died Saturday, Oct. 23.

She was born May 2, 1949.

Survivors include her son, Blair Welch; her father, Kenneth Harman; her sisters, Katharine Rozelle, Cecelia Fox and Kenneth E. Harman; her companion, Linda Robinette; and several other relatives.

Services took place Wednesday, Oct. 27, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with Rev. Joseph Rivoire officiating. Burial is in Calvary Hill Memorial Park in Dallas. Arrangements were directed by Chism & Smith Funeral Home.

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Paul R. Robinson

Paul R. Robinson, 86, of Irving died Wednesday, Oct. 6 in Irving.

Born Dec. 27, 1912, in Livingston, Tenn., he retired in 1972 after 30 years as a welder for Mosor Steel in Dallas. He was a member of Rochelle Road Church of Christ in Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Jo Robinson of Irving; his son Ricky D. Robinson of Irving; his sons and daughters-in-law, Paul T. and Brenda Robinson of Plano, David J. and Mary Robinson of California and Terry L. and Betty Robinson of Eufaula; his brothers, Alfred Robinson, Charles Robinson and Jack Robinson, all of Tennessee; his sisters, Nell Cooper of Tennessee and Sadie Bittenhower of Oklahoma; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several other relatives.

Services will take place at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Mark Gomez officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Carrie Rodges.

Carrie Rodges, 80, of Irving died on Saturday, June 26, in Irving.

Born Dec. 31, 1918, in Oklahoma City, she was a homemaker and a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law Kenneth and Pam Rodges of Irving, Don and Sandy Rodges of Aubrey, Jerry and Brenda Rodges of Irving, Terry and Rachel Rodges of Irving and Harley and Julie Rodges of Mesquite; her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and T.D. Irick of Aubrey and LeNora and Ed Bothe of Irving; her daughter Virginia Vaughn of Irving; her daughter-in-law Loretta Rodges of Denton; 26 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services took place on Tuesday, June 29, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. William H. Few officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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E. L. Rodges

E. L. "Buck" Rodges, 86, of Irving died Thursday, April 1, at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

Born Aug. 7, 1912, in Knox City to John L. and Margaret C. Burton Rodges, he married Carrie O'Neal on Sept. 12, 1936, in Dallas. He was a retired nursery man with Galloway Nursery in Irving for more than 50 years and a member of the Memorial Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include his wife, Carries Rodges of Irving; sons, Kinneth Rodges and wife, Pam, of Irving; Don Rodges and wife, Sandy, of Aubrey; Jerry Rodges and wife, Brenda, of Irving; Terry Rodges and wife, Rachel, of Irving, and Harley Rodges and wife, Julie, of Mesquite; daughters, Nancy Irick and husband, T.D., of Aubrey, Virginia Vaugh of Irving, and LaNora Bothe and husband, Ed, of Irving; daughter-in-law, Loretta Ridges of Denton; brother, Harley Rodges of Mesquite; sisters, Ruby Slagle of Maypearl, and Nettie Davis of Jasper; 26 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Donnelly's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Donnelly's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. William H. Few officiating. Burial will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Two dead, six hurt in head-on crash

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

A head-on collision Sunday between two cars in the 600 block of Story Road resulted in two Irving residents' death and six other injuries.

Edwin Rodriguez, 33, and Luis Gonzalez, 28, were transported to Baylor Medical Center at Irving, where they were pronounced dead. Walter Gonzalez, 24, Ramon Valasquez, 48, and Danny Pena, 27 — the three passengers in a maroon, 1991 Toyota Corolla station wagon driven by Rodriguez — also were treated at the hospital.

Police investigators said the Corolla had been northbound in the inside lane of Story Road before veering into the inside southbound lane, where it struck a green, four-door 1998 Toyota Camry head-on.

The Camry was occupied by the driver, Jennifer Elliott, 37, and passengers David Elliott, 42, and Melissa Elliott, 5. Police said the three Irving residents also were transported to the hospital for their injuries.

Improper seatbelt use may have been a contributing factor in the fatalities. Police said although Rodriguez and Gonzalez were wearing their shoulder strap, they were not wearing their lapbelts.

Others involved in the accident are believed to have been wearing seatbelts. Hospital officials said they have been treated and released.

Investigators have not determined if alcohol was contributing factor to the accident but indicated Edwin Rodriguez, the driver of the Corolla, had been drinking.

Sunday's accident resulted in Irving's fourth and fifth traffic fatalities of the year. Fifteen died on Irving roads in 1998.

Sunday's two-person fatality collision also was the first accident in Irving this year in which Irving residents were casualties. Before Sunday's collision, there were eight consecutive fatality accidents reported in the city involving non-Irving residents. They involved two Flower Mound residents, four Dallas residents, a Grand Prairie woman, an Arlington man, and an Abilene resident.

Dallas resident William Malaise, 55, was the last reported fatality in Irving. He was killed Jan. 14, when a vehicle struck him while he was attempting to cross a street in Las Colinas.

Fatalities: Two killed in head-on accident

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Juanita G. Rodriguez

Juanita G. Rodriguez of Irving died on Tuesday, June 22.
She was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.
Survivors included her daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Joe Chapa of Irving; her son and daughter-in-law, Luis and Luz Rodriguez Jr. of Irving; her sister, Maria Cardona of Alice; her brother, Ramon Garcia of Alice; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.
Services took place on Saturday, June 26, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Louis Rodriguez

Louis Rodriguez Sr., a longtime resident of Irving, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Irving.
Born Oct. 12, 1909, in Goliad, he was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church.
Survivors include his wife, Juanita Rodriguez of Irving; children, Maria Chapa and husband, Joe, of Irving; Luis Rodriguez Jr. and wife, Luc, of Irving; brothers, Pete Rodriguez of Edna, and Edward Rodriguez of Corpus Christi; seven grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 30, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Mark Wayne Rodgers

Mark Wayne Rodgers, 56, of Irving died Saturday, May 29.

Survivors include his wife, Betty S. Rodgers of Irving; his children, Melanie Harris of Sacramento, Calif., Waynette Jones of Irving, Tina Bartlett of Irving, Curtis Rodgers of Irving, and Bryan Rodgers of Irving; his mother, Mary Boyle of Bakersfield, Calif.; his sisters, Agnes Fox of Texarkana, Shirley Alford of Jefferson, and Fran Lackey of North Richland Hills; his brother, Curtis L. Rodgers of Irving; one grandchild; and several other relatives.

Services were conducted Tuesday, June 2, at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Jerry L. Roe

Jerry L. Roe of Irving died Saturday, May 1. He was 57.

Born Jan. 6, 1942, in Snyder, he was a professional musician playing for the Mal Fitch Orchestra and was band and orchestra director with the Irving school district for 29 years. He also taught band at MacArthur High School and Travis Middle School, and orchestra at Bowie Middle School and Nimitz High School. He was an avid golfer, graduate of Texas Tech University, member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Orchestra Directors Association and Plymouth Park Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Roe of Irving; son, Jason Roe of San Francisco, Calif.; daughters, Cindy Vera of Boston, Mass., Deana Poteete of Flower Mound, and Jennifer Roe of San Francisco; parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Roe of Snyder; and grandchildren, Jessica Poteete and Zachary Poteete of Flower Mound.

Services were conducted May 4 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Branam and the Rev. Will Langstaff officiating. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family requests memorial be sent to Baylor/Irving Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 153705, Irving, 75015-9942 or the American Cancer Society.
Mary Rogers

Mary Rogers, 80, of Irving died Wednesday, April 21, at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

Born July 31, 1918, in San Antonio to Fred A. and Winifred Louella Goar Walther, she married James M. Rogers on May 13, 1935, in San Antonio. She was a homemaker and a member of the Plymouth Park Baptist Church. She was a volunteer with Meals on Wheels and a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Lanni Fish of Irving; son, Jim D. Rogers of Irving; sister, Hazel Williams of San Antonio; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, April 11, at Plymouth Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Branam and the Rev. Bo Baker officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

The family requests memorials be made to Plymouth Park Baptist Church Children’s Building Fund, 1714 N. Story Road, Irving, TX 75061.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelley’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Rita Teresa Rogers

Rita Teresa Rogers, 55, of Irving died Thursday, June 17.

Born Oct. 15, 1943, in New Jersey, she was the owner of Rogers Sewing Machine Company of Irving. She was preceded in death by her father, Salvatore Martorana.

Survivors include her husband, David Rogers; her mother, Dolores Martorana; her daughters, Regina Brewer and Jennifer Rogers; her sons, John Rogers and Ben Rogers; her brothers, John Martorana and Frank Martorana; her sisters, Jean Osborne and Sally Burns; 16 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several other relatives.

Services were conducted Saturday, June 19, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. J. Mack Rogers officiating.
Blanche Imogene Rollings

Blanche Imogene "Jean" Herman Rollings, 80, of Irving died on Sunday, July 11.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Robert Chandler Rollings.

Survivors include her daughters and son-in-law, Carlyn and Charles Francis Lay of Irving and Mary Chandler and Barney G. Upton of Irving; her daughter Roberta Jean Rollings Doxey of Irving; her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond Leith Martin and Karen L. Rollings of Mesquite; her brother and sister-in-law, Robert C. and Beverly Hermano Montross, Va.; 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services took place on Wednesday, July 14, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Nancy Von Boskirk officiating.

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Harlan Rose

Harlan “Raymond” Rose, 48, of Irving died on Thursday, July 22.

Born Oct. 21, 1950, in Burlington, Colo., he was employed by U-Haul, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy C. Rose of Irving; his mother, Helen L. Rose Gyer of Irving; his brother, Randall D. Gyer of Sulphur Springs; his sisters Sherry Macurah of Plano, Shirley Rose of Henderson, Nev. And Shelley Sprague of Wichita, Kan.; his sister-in-law, Melissa G. Gyer of Cleburne; his stepson and daughter-in-law Jim and Jill Mahaffey of Fallbrook, Calif.; his stepdaughter, Laura Mahaffey of Sealy; two grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Services will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, July 30, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Lewis Cooper officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Mozell Sosbee Rose

Mozell Sosbee Rose, 81, of Irving died Thursday, Jan. 7, in Whitney. He was born Oct. 15, 1917, in Meridian.

Survivors include: sons, Dannah Rose and his wife Lana of Irving, Lannia Rose and his wife Ouida of Irving and Morris Rose of Dallas; daughter, Anita Kinne and her husband Norm of White Bluff; brother, Donald Sosebee of Whitney; sisters, DeEtte Rose of Fort Worth, and Juanita Oden of Whitney; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 9, at Marshall and Marshall Funeral Directors Chapel in Whitney.
Nettie Calloway Rose

Nettie Calloway Rose, 86, of Irving died Saturday, Aug. 7.

Born Dec. 17, 1912, in Rockyface, Ga., she was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Irving and an active member of Oak Haven Methodist Church in Irving. A 45-year Irving resident, she was a lifetime member of the Parent-Teacher Association. Her husband, Alfred P. Rose, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Kathy Rose of Aberdeen, Scotland; her daughter, Ann Mixson of Irving; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service took place Tuesday, Aug. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, with Dr. David Johnson and Rev. Linda Marcum officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown Memorial Funeral Home.
Gail L. Ross

Gail L. Ross, 84, of Irving died Wednesday, Nov. 24, in Irving. Born Oct. 23, 1915, in Oklahoma to William and Sarah Lucas, she was a lifelong resident of Irving. A member of First Baptist Church, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Travis and Peggy Ross of Irving and Mark and Kay Ross of Irving; her brother and sister-in-law, Winston and Jerry Lucas of Irving; her sister, Juanita Thompson of Irving; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at First Baptist Church in Irving, with Randy Rudisell officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 403 Main St., Irving, TX 75060.

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Betty Ruark

Betty Ruark, 81, of Irving died Saturday, Aug. 7.

Born Jan. 27, 1918, in Denison, she was a 28-year Irving resident, a member of the Presbyterian Church of Hackberry Creek and a volunteer for Irving Community Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Lewis Thomas Ruark, and her daughter Peggy Ann Macon.

Survivors include her daughters Nancy Bremer of Irving, Becky Cartmill of Kansas City, Mo., and Betty Joyce Ruark of Kansas City, Mo.; her sons, Lewis Thomas Ruark Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., and Charles Michael Ruark of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial services took place Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Presbyterian Church of Hackberry Creek, with Dale Patterson officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Research at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, 523 Harry Hines, Dallas, TX 75235.
Maxine Rushing

Maxine Rushing, 71, of Irving died Thursday, July 29, at an Irving hospital.

Born Feb. 29, 1928, in Okalona, Ark., she was a homemaker and a 47-year Irving resident. She was a member of Village Baptist Church.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Deborah and Guy Eberle of Colleyville and Susan and Robert Littlejohn of Euless; her sisters, Effie Milam of Elm Mott, Nadine Clark of Alvin and Faye Edwards of Alvin; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services took place Saturday, July 31, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Burial is in Garden of Memories Cemetery in Paducah.
Raymond Rychlik

Raymond Rychlik, 92, of Irving died Monday, May 17.

Born Jan. 23, 1907 in Tom Green County, he was a member of St. Luke’s Catholic Church and the Czech Catholic Union of Texas, Society number 95. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Rychlik.

Survivors include his daughter, Anna Dokupil of Irving; son, Raymond Rychlik of Burneyville, Okla.; brothers, Johnny Rychlik of Kirkland, Wash., Henry Rychlik of Scurry and Bill Rychlik of Arlington; sisters, Lillie Mikis of Kaufman, and Vlasty Bedrick of Kaufman; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted May 19 at St. Anne’s Catholic Church in Kaufman with Father Joseph Mehan officiating. Burial followed at Kaufman Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were made by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
Christy Kay Ryno

Christy Kay Ryno, 3, died Wednesday, April 21.
She was born Nov. 29, 1995, in Farmington, N.M.
Survivors include her mother, Leticia Ryno of Irving; twin sister, Tiffany Lee Ryno of Irving; and Larry Bartlett of Irving.
Funeral services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Monday, April 26, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with the Rev. Lewis Cooper officiating. Burial will be at Memories Garden in Farmington, N.M.
Ryno’s family no longer suspects
DNA evidence clears residents of apartment

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

DNA evidence from Cristy Ryno’s body eliminated the people she lived with—including her mother and her mother’s former boyfriend—as suspects in the 3-year-old’s death, police said Friday.

The other residents of the apartment were her twin sister, Tiffany; her mother, Leticia; her mother’s then-boyfriend, Larry Bartlett; and another couple. On Oct. 20, Bartlett, 20, was arrested and charged with indecency with a child and escape by Fort Worth police.

“Bartlett is not considered a suspect (in the Ryno case) anymore,” said David Tull, Irving police public information officer. “So many people assumed we were going to find someone guilty inside that household.”

On April 17, Cristy was reported missing from her apartment in the 700 block of Graweyler. Four days later, two fishermen discovered her dead body in the Elm Fork of the Trinity River less than two miles upstream from her east Irving residence.

Police have been able to use DNA evidence retrieved from Cristy’s body to eliminate possible suspects while broadening the scope of their investigation.

“The DNA is helping us to rule out people that are looked at in the case,” Tull said. “We are able to put our focus in other places.”

Police chief Lowell Cannaday said police have faced many obstacles during their investigation.

“Yes, it has been very difficult for everyone involved, particularly the family and friends of little Cristy Ryno. They have had to endure a full range of emotions and heartaches without closure.” As for the case itself, I have complete confidence in the thoroughness and professionalism of the investigators involved.”

Police said investigators have conducted several hundred interviews and followed numerous leads concerning this case.

“We realized early that this was going to be a very difficult investigation,” said investigator Randall Johnson. “The information gathered has not yielded a specific suspect, but it has helped to exclude some persons and possibilities. This has been, and will continue to be, a time-consuming process; but it has not been without results.”

An autopsy conducted by the Dallas County medical examiner did not reveal how long Cristy’s nude, decomposed body had been floating in the Trinity River. Smothering, drowning and strangulation were listed as possible causes of death. The autopsy report indicated no injuries were found to the girl’s genital area, although doctors have not been able to rule out sexual assault.

The DNA evidence retrieved from Cristy’s body will be cross checked for matches in federal, state and local data banks. Police have requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to use the DNA to create a profile of the suspect.

Police said they hope Irving residents can help expedite the investigation.

“It has been long and drawn out,” Tull said. “But, it is going to be longer. Whenever you’re using DNA, it becomes a tedious process that has to be watched closer. We want to get people’s minds off again. Someone probably didn’t call us with information because they thought it was obvious that it was someone in the residence.”

Police urge anyone with information to call 972-721-8080 — the hot line established for information concerning Cristy’s death.

“We haven’t reached a brick wall on this,” Tull said. “But we need pieces of the puzzle to tie it together. Hopefully, we will get some good input.”

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Police focus concerns on kin

By DOROTHY JACOBSON
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Members of Cristy Ryono's family said Friday they hope the time and effort police spent investigating them will not prevent the apprehension of the 3-year-old girl's killer.

"From the very beginning, I couldn't believe, or think, it was anybody in my household or anybody that I knew," said Leticia...
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Police have focused on the fact that the killer
was motivated by a desire to get revenge for
the death of a child. He has said that he
killed to gain the attention of the public,
and to make a statement about his
determination to continue killing. The killer
has also expressed a desire to see his
actions reflected in the media.

The investigation continues, and the
police are working to gather more evidence
and to identify potential suspects. The
community is urged to remain vigilant and
to report any suspicious activity.

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Police.jpg
Three-year-old Cristy Ryno, left, pictured with her twin sister Tiffany, was found dead floating in the Trinity River on April 21. It was November before police cleared her mother and roommates as suspects.

3-year-old found dead

Two fishermen found the body of 3-year-old Cristy Ryno floating in the Trinity River on April 21. Cristy had been reported missing for five days when the two men found her body less than two miles upstream from her residence in south Irving.

Cristy's mother, Leticia, reported her missing to authorities on April 17. Ryno said Cristy was reportedly last seen asleep in the living room in an apartment shared by her and three roommates in the 2700 block of Grauwyler Road.

Police have been able to use DNA evidence retrieved from Cristy Ryno's body to eliminate possible suspects while broadening the scope of their investigation. The DNA evidence eliminated residents of the Viewpoint Apartment as suspects, police said.

The DNA evidence retrieved from Cristy Ryno's body is being cross-checked for matches in federal, state and local data banks. Police have requested the Federal Bureau of Investigation to use the DNA to create a profile of the suspect.

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