Carol Sackandy

Carol Sackandy, 59, of Irving died on Friday, June 25, in Irving. Arrangements are pending at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Carol Davis Sackandy

Carol Davis Sackandy, 59, of Irving died on Friday, June 25, in Irving.

Born Sept. 9, 1939, in Dallas, she was a psychic and card reader.

Survivors include her son, Kelsey Davis of Irving; her daughters, Sally Hulett of Round Rock and Mary Tittle of Allen; her brother, Gerald Walker of Cleburne; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services took place on Monday, June 28, at Wheatland Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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William K. Sefton

William K. Sefton of Irving died Saturday, Oct. 23.

He was a long time employee of Compaq Computers and retired from Reliance Electric.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Irene Sefton of Irving; his daughters, Cynthia L. Hajek and Sandra M. Ely of Euless; his sons, William E. Sefton of Arlington, Kenneth W. Sefton II of Dallas and Richard S. Sefton of Irving; his brothers, Richard Sefton of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Samuel Sefton of Richland, Mich.; his sister, Genevieve Cauley of Fort Wayne, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services with military honors took place Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Oct. 28, 1999
**Dennis Azad Saheib**

Dennis Azad Saheib, 37, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, at his home in Irving. Born June 26, 1961, in Guyana, South America, he was a resident of Irving for the last 18 years and a self-employed air conditioning repairman.

Survivors include: wife, Bibi Saheib, parents, Mohamed and Doreen Saheib; children, Andrew, Ashley and Richard Saheib; brother, David Saheib; sisters, Denise Mohamed and Shawnee Saheib; grandmother Drupatti Sitarm.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 31, at Chism and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.
Thomas Keith Salick

Thomas Keith Salick, 75, of Irving died on Monday, June 21.
He was born May 23, 1924 in Milwaukee.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Salick of Irving; his children, Thomas Chan Salick of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Phillip Salick of Cocoa Beach, Richard Salick of Cocoa Beach, Anne Salick Greenspan of Flower Mound, Paul Salick of Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Laura Barnett of Coppell; his sister, Florence Higbee of Arlington, Va.; and five grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to p.m. on Thursday, June 24, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, at Central Congregational Church, with Dr. Russell Willis officiating. A private burial will follow the service.
Patricia Ann Salyards

Patricia Ann Salyards, 66, died Monday, June 21.

She was a member of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church and the Irving Arts Center. She was preceded in death by two children, Michael Salyards and Eddie Salyards.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Salyards of Irving; her son and daughter-in-law, Dana and Lynette Crouch of Irving; and two grandchildren, Jana Crouch and Allison Crouch.

Services were conducted Wednesday, June 23, at St. Stephens Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Gordon Butler officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Marlin Sams Jr.

Marlin "Sam" Sams Jr., 69, of Irving died Tuesday, May 18, in an Irving hospital.

Born June 29, 1929, in McKinney, he retired as a manager in 1986 from AT&T in Dallas, where he worked for 35 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Viola Sams of Irving; his son, Stephen Sams and his wife, Hayde, of Fresno, Calif.; his daughter, Jennifer Dean of Irving; his sons, Frank Goad and his wife, Laura, of Justin, Barrett Goad and his wife, Cheryl, of Irving, and John Viola and his wife, Tamra, of Dallas; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday, May 22, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with David Lowe officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the National Kidney Foundation.
Dorothy G. Sampson

Dorothy Gail Sampson, 62, of Irving died Saturday, Dec. 25.
She was born, Oct. 13, 1937, in Albertville, Ala.
Survivors include her son, Rick Sampson of Alvarado; her daughters, Brenda Goodman of Lewisville and Sheila Allred of Albertville, Ala.; her brother, Billy Pike of Albertville; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services took place Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Terry Whitehead officiating. Burial will take place Thursday in Albertville.

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Ernest Roland Scharre

Ernest "Ernie" Roland Scharre, 54, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Dallas.

Born April 17, 1944, in Taylor, he was an Irving resident since 1955. He operated Ernie's Repair Shop for 25 years, was a member of the National Rifle Association, Republican National Committee and the National Hot Rod Association. He was preceded in death by his mother, Louis Scharre.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Judy "Scharre" Lewis of Irving; son, James Scharre and wife, Melissa, of Irving; daughter, Debbie West and husband, Vernon, of Irving; father, George Scharre of Irving; grandchildren, Clint West and Jodi West, both of Irving; aunt, Lela Murphy of Whitney; and uncle Otis Hill of Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 23, at Church of the King in Dallas. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Garden in Irving with Michael Massa officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism and Smith Funeral Home.
Ernest Roland Schaare

Ernest "Ernie" Roland Schaare, 54, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Dallas. Born April 17, 1944, in Taylor, he was an Irving resident since 1955. He operated Ernie's Auto Shoppe for 25 years, was a member of the National Rifle Association, Republican National Committee and the National Hot Rod Association. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lois Schaare.

Survivors include his wife of 34 years, Judy "Schaare" Lewis of Irving; son, James Schaare and wife, Melisse, of Irving; daughter, Debbie West and husband, Vernon, of Irving; father, George Schaare of Irving; grandchildren, Clint West and Jodi West, both of Irving; aunt, Lela Murphy of Whitney; and uncle Otis Hill of Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 23, at Church of the King in Dallas. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Garden in Irving with Michael Massa officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism and Smith Funeral Home.
Ola Martha Schilling

Ola Martha Schilling, 77, of Ardmore, Okla., died Wednesday, Jan. 13, in Ardmore, Okla.

Born July 17, 1921, in Louisville, Ken., she was a homemaker and a 38-year resident of Ardmore, Okla. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Schilling Sr.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, John and Helen Schilling of Irving; her son, Charles "Chuck" Schilling of Houston; her daughter, Sandra Swan of Ardmore, Okla.; her sisters, Beulah, Jerry and Reba; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with Monsignor John Bell officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Julius Frank Schmitz

Julius Frank Schmitz, 71, of Corinth died Friday, Jan. 1, at his home. Born June 28, 1927, in Dallas to John Henry and Catherine J Ruwaldt Schmitz, he attended Highland Park High School and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He married Delores Jean Kelly Sept. 15, 1951, in Hugo, Okla. He was retired carpenter. Previously, he was a test-flight engineer and inspector for Bell Helicopter. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his father and sister, Junlindous Smith.

Survivors include: wife, Delores Jean Schmitz; mother, Catherine J Schmitz; daughter, Shedaira Ann Williams of Hickory Creek; sons, John LaValle Schmitz of Lancaster, Karl Kelly Schmitz of Corinth, and William Eric Schmitz of Corinth; daughter-in-law, Connie Schmitz of Corinth; son-in-law, Rick Williams of Hickory Creek; sister, LaVerne Brinley of Ivanhoe; mother-in-law, Lorene Thompson of Irving; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors with the Rev. Millard Thomas and Father Gene Sweeney officiating. Burial was at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas.
Herman Schoendienst

Herman Schoendienst, 57, of Irving died on Wednesday, June 30. Born Dec. 22, 1941, in Breese, Ill., he was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Irving. He was preceded in death by his son James E. Schoendienst in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Schoendienst, of Irving; his sons Steven P. Schoendienst of Austin and John S. Schoendienst of Denver; his daughter, Susan Decker of Aubrey; his brother, Robert J. Schoendienst of DeSoto; and his sisters, Evelyn Lampe of Carlyle, Ill., Bernice Ebl of Fort Meyers, Fla., Mildred Holtmann of Germantown, Ill., Delores Hoff of St. Louis, Alice Arentsen of St. Louis, Mary Wobbe of Belleville, Ill., Rosemary Webb of Springfield, Mo. and Lucille Albers of Washington, Mo.

A funeral Mass took place on Friday, July 2, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with Father Doug Deshotel officiating.
Flora A. Schroeder

Flora A. Zamudio Schroeder, 83, of Irving died Saturday, Nov. 27, at an Irving hospital.

Born April 15, 1916, in Womack to the late Joe E. Anz and Marie Kind Anz, she was a member of Memorial Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Annette Schroeder of Palmer and Gaylan and Cherry Schroeder of Boerne; her daughters and son-in-law,

Roma and Jimmy Cline of Irving, Emielie Ann Driver of Irving and Kay Schroeder of Aliso Viejo, Calif.; her brother, Jessee Anz of Houston; her sister, Mack Schroeder of Cypress; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services took place Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. William Few officiating. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Baptist Church, c/o William A. Few, 1424 Abbott, Irving, TX.
Deanna Williamson Scott

Deanna Williamson Scott, 57, died Tuesday, July 20.
She was born Feb. 6, 1942.
Survivors include her son, Eddie "Scotty" Scott Jr. and his wife, Gayle; her daughter, Shannon Scott Bell and her husband, Larry; her mother, Sue Mangum; her sisters, Margaret Mangum Murray and Dorothy Mangum DeStefano; and seven grandchildren.
Memorial services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Irving.

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Pearline D. Scott

Pearline D. Scott, 49, of Irving died Friday, Jan. 15, at Baylor Medical Center at Irving.

...Born Oct. 2, 1949, in Zacata, Va., to Lynwood Jones and Laurel Tolson Hill, she married Willie J. Scott on June 19, 1971, in Washington D.C. She was the owner of Pearline's Day Care in Irving since 1987 and was a member of the Plymouth Park Congregation of the Jehovah's Witnesses, in Irving.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Eric Carlo Scott of Arlington, and Brad Lamar Scott of Irving; daughter, Vanessa Laurel Scott of Irving; mother, Laurel Jane Hill of Zacata, Va.; and sisters, Clara Ann Jones of Supply, Va., Odessa Virginia Sanders of Montross, Va., Valice Tolson Jones of Montross, Va., and Annette Cannady of Montross, Va.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses, in Irving, with James H. Barnes officiating. Memorial services will be conducted 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses, in Montross, Va., with Lester Roswell officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Colonial Funeral Home.
Blanche Scroggins

Blanche Scroggins, 75, of Denver, Colo., died Friday, March 30, in Denver.

Born April 30, 1923, in Plumberville, Ark., she lived in Irving for a number of years and lived in Chandler for 16 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leon J. Scroggins.

Survivors include: son, Michael Scroggins of Denver, Colo.; daughter Dorothy Henry of Euless; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 3, at the Burks-Walker-Tippett Funeral Home Chapel in Tyler. Burial was in Chandler City Cemetery.
David Glenn Self Sr.

David Glenn Self Sr., 43, of Plano died Monday, June 7, at a Grand Prairie hospital.

Born July 29, 1955, in McKinney, he was the singles leader at Calvary Temple in Irving and the cameraman for the church's TV/audio ministry. A member of the Branch Volunteer Fire Department, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy Carl Self.

Survivors include his children, David Glenn Self Jr. of Campbell, and Sheila Sherwood of Foreman, Ark.; his fiancee, Laurie Cruz of Grand Prairie; his parents, Ed and Rosa Lee Self of Plano; and his sisters, Patricia Ann Busch of Plano, Linda McDonald of St. Charles, Mo., and Donna Self of Plano.

Services were conducted Saturday, June 12, at the First Baptist Church Chapel in Plano. Burial is in Ridgeview Memorial Park in Allen.
Claire Marie Servillo

Claire Marie Servillo, 74, of Irving died Wednesday, Dec. 1.
Born May 27, 1925 in Braddock, Pa., she was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.
Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Donnie Jackson of Irving; her daughter, Sandra Newberry of Irving; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.
Rosary took place Friday, Dec. 3, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services took place Saturday, Dec. 4, at Jackson Cemetery in Bennington, Okla.

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Gerald Sebek Jr.


He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Lee Sebek Sr.
Survivors include his mother, Patricia Sebek of Kent, Ohio; his sister, Connie Laye of Dallas; and several other relatives, including his aunt and uncle Linda and Dave Talladino of Irving and his niece, Trina Laye of Irving.

Memorial services will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Fundamental Baptist Church in Irving. Arrangements were directed by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

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Johnnie Pershing Shafer

Johnnie Pershing Shafer of Kemp died Saturday, Nov. 27.

A 32nd-degree Mason, he was past master of the Irving Masonic Lodge No. 1218 A.F. & A.M. and the Kemp Masonic Lodge No. 528 A.F. and A.M. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Oma Shafer, his sister Marie Shafer and his brother Leslie Shafer.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Nelda Shafer of Kemp; his daughters, Ann Shafer of Irving and Sue Hart of Irving; his son, James R. Shafer of Irving; his brothers Charles Shafer of Dallas, Amos Shafer of Plano, James Shafer of Malakoff and Jack Shafer of Kemp; his sisters Agnes Gibbs of Pilot Point and Marjorie Lambert of Carrollton; one grandchild; and one great-grandchild.

Services took place Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with Tim Chapman officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the Irving Masonic Lodge Building Fund.
Major Earl Sharp

Major Earl Sharp, 82, of Irving died Monday, Oct. 11.

Born May 14, 1917, in Marysville, he was a veteran of World War II and received the Presidential Unit Citation, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with three clusters. He worked for the Hawaiian Equipment Company in Hawaii for more than 30 years. A charter member of the Ellison S. Onizuka Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9749, for which he was chaplain for five years, he was a lifetime member of the VFW and the Reserve Officers Association.

His wife of 57 years, Naomi Sharp, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn Ann and Harold Satterwhite of Irving; his brother and sister-in-law, C.E. and Wilma Sharp of Tyler; and one grandson.

Services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
**Naomi Sharp**

Naomi "Na" Sharp, 77, of Irving died Monday, May 31. She was a member of the Hilo Board of Realtors and the VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, Major Sharp of Irving; her daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn Ann and Harold Satterwhite of Irving; her brother and sister-in-law, Roy and Phyllis Eagan of Bethany, Okla.; and her grandson, Jeffrey Satterwhite of Waco.

Services were conducted Wednesday, June 2, at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Lion Hospice, 421 W. Harwood, Hurst, TX 76054.

6-3-99

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Shepard Shear

Shepard Shear, 80, of Irving died Oct. 14.

He was born Jan. 12, 1919, in Calgary.

Private services will take place in the future. Local arrangements were directed by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.
William Arthur Sheffield


Born Sept. 1, 1925, in Durant, Okla., he graduated in 1943 from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas. He graduated from Southern Methodist University Class of 1950 after serving in the U.S. Naval Air Corp 1943-1946. He was a salesman, home builder, nursing home builder, nursing home operator and administrator. He was a member of the Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators from 1975 to 1981 where he was elected vice-chairman, and then chairman.

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Sam Barfield; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Dottie Sheffield; daughter, Elizabeth Sheffield; and seven grandchildren.

He willed his body to Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Memorial Services were conducted Friday, April 16, at the Plymouth Park Methodist Church in Irving.

Virginia Evelyn Sheridan

Virginia Evelyn Sheridan, 71, of Irving died Sunday, Sept. 19.
She was born March 8, 1928, in Akron, Ohio.
Survivors include her husband, William Sheridan of Irving; her children, Michael D. Sheridan of Irving; and Karl A. Brown of Irving; her brother, Carl Etter of Monrovia, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

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George Flama Sherman

The Hon. George Flama Sherman of Irving, 85, died July 15 in Irving.

Born Aug. 28, 1913, in Liberia, he was an ambassador to England, Ghana, Congo, Togo and the United Nations from his native country, which he also served as minister of education. He was a member of Liberia's royal family.

Survivors include his children, Nefertiti Louiza Meyer of Irving, Corina Flama Hill of London, Vicki Lang of Atlanta, Marvea George Lewis of California and George Flama Sherman Jr.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services took place July 24 at Christ Episcopal Church of Middletown, N.J. Burial is in Bayview Cemetery in Middletown.
Wilma J. Shook

Wilma J. Shook, 69, of Lima, Ohio, died Thursday, Aug. 26, in Lima.

Born Oct. 15, 1929, in Lima, she retired from Airfoil-Textron, where she worked as an inspector. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Shook, in 1993; her son Richard L. Shook and her sister Virginia Logan.

Survivors include her son an daughter-in-law, Steven and Angie Shook of Irving; her son Barry Shook of Lima; her daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Gary Waddle of Lima and Shirlee and Douglas Graham of Findlay, Ohio; her sister Patty Edwards of Lima; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. (EDT) Monday, Aug. 30, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Lima, with Rev. Dottie Kayser officiating. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, at Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home in Lima.

Memorials may be made to St. Rita's Hospice, the St. Vincent DePaul Society or the charity of the donor's choice.
Robert Wesley Shoop

Robert Wesley Shoop, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 24, in Plano.

Born Nov. 16, 1932, in Fort Worth, he worked at Lone Star Life Insurance Company for 25 years, much of that as vice president. He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Shoop, and his mother, Margaret Endsley.

Survivors include: daughters, Sharon Shoop of Keller, and Karen White of Mabank and her children, John, Kristen, James and Kelley; sister, Nancy Donley, and her husband, Roney, of Mabank; former wife, Peggy Moseley, of Richardson; sister-in-law, Merlene Sudduth of Mesquite; nephews, Jim Donley of Albuquerque, N.M., and David Sudduth of Mesquite; and nieces Shirley Rippy and Donna Brasher of Mesquite.

There was a memorial service Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home with Dr. Randy Carroll officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 8750 N. Central, Dallas, TX 75231.
Harry Shults

Harry Shults of Irving died Monday, Aug. 23.
A 46-year resident of Irving, he worked 38 years for Southwestern Bell. He was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II, fighting in 17 major battles in the Pacific, many of them while serving on the USS New Orleans. His wife, Helen Shults, and his brother Jim Shults precede him in death.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Richard Fenger; his son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Veronica Shults; his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Elaine Shults; his sister, Dorthy Bostic; his sister-in-law Rene Shults; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several other relatives.

A memorial service took place Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Scottish Rite Hospital or the charity of the donor's choice.
Mary S. Sicora

Mary S. Sicora, 84, died Thursday, Jan 21, at an Irving nursing home.

Born Aug. 3, 1914, in Cokeburg, Penn., to George and Anna Halajchek Swanik, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters, Marlene S. Engel of Irving and Maria S. Patterson of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 23, at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless with the Rev. Robert Engel officiating.

The family requests memorials be made to World Impact — Fresno Ministry, for: Nick and Mary’s Kid Fund, in care of Marlene Engel, 309 Red River Trail, Irving, TX 75063.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
Jean Singleton

Jean Singleton, 77, of Irving died Wednesday, Nov. 17, at an Irving hospital.

Born June 15, 1922, in Sulphur Springs to Samuel M. and Martha Hettich, she was a 47-year Irving resident. A member of Kirkwood United Methodist Church, she was a supervisor for TOCOM Electronics in Irving for six years.

Survivors include her husband, M.W. “Buck” Singleton of Irving; her sons, Dwayne Blackwell of Fort Worth and Roger Dale Singleton of Irving; her daughter, Lou Ann Fennema of Irving; her brother, Phillip Hettich of Farmers Branch; her sisters, Patsy Gailbreath of Athens; and three grandchildren.

Services took place Friday, Nov. 19, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mike Walker officiating. Burial is in Gafford Chapel Cemetery in Sulphur Springs.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8440 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 260, Dallas, TX 75231.

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John Sirett

John Sirett, 43, of Irving died Wednesday, Nov. 10, in Irving.

Born March 23, 1956, in Canada, he worked for Analyst International Corp. in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Sirett of Irving; his mother, Mary Sirett of Canada; his brothers, Robert Sirett of Canada, Francis Sirett of Spain and James Sirett of California; and several other relatives.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Sula "Nanny" Skelton

Sula "Nanny" Skelton of Irving died May 23 in Irving. She was 79.

Born June 6, 1919, in Austin, she retired in 1992 after 10 years as a bookkeeper at North Lake College in Irving. She was a member of Webbs Chapel Baptist Church in Dallas.

Survivors include her daughters, Diana Broadhurst of Grapevine and Madeleine Guthrie of Garland; sons, Jim Skelton of Humble and Gary Skelton of Garland; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted May 25 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Webb officiating. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park.
Notice of Death

SKUZA WANDA G. Born May 22, 1922. Passed away on December 5, 1999. Preceded in death by husband Matthew Skuza. Survived by children Alan Skuza, Richard Skuza, Frances Yelton, JoAnne Boni, Michael Skuza, and Barbara Georgakis; 15 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. The family wishes to thank the doctors and nursing staff of Baylor Hospital, Irving, TX. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 AM, Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Esters Rd @ Hwy 183, Irving, TX, Monsignor Jerry Duesman Celebrant. Interment to follow in Restland Memorial Park. Rosary will be 8:00 PM, Tuesday, December 7, 1999 at Restland Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Restland Funeral Home & Cemetery located on Greenville Avenue 1/2 mile North of L.B.J. 972-238-7111

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Joe Slayden

Joe Slayden, 67, of Irving died Thursday, June 3.

He was born June 1, 1932, in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Vickie, of Irving; his son, Anthony M. Slayden of Irving; his sisters, Patricia Lancaster of Alvarado, and Evelyn Miller of Fidonia; his brother, Dan Slayden of Euless; and his grandson, Tony Lee Slayden.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, June 5, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Chapel.

6-6-99
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Walter Clifton Slayton, 93, died Sunday, June 13, at an Irving Hospital.

Born on May 1, 1906, in Brynce Mills, Texas, he was an Irving resident since the mid-1930s. Known as “The Bubblegum Man,” he was a volunteer for more than 40 years for the Irving Boys Baseball Association, which honored him in 1997 by naming Field No. 7 after him. The city of Irving presented him with a proclamation recognizing his work with the baseball group.

Slayton was a retired janitor for the Irving Independent School District and a member of the First Baptist Church of Irving for more than 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in World War II.

Survivors include his nephew and care-giver, Charles “Tiny” Taylor of Irving and several other relatives.

Services took place on Wednesday, June 16, at the First Baptist Church sanctuary, with Rev. Charles B. Stevenson officiating. Burial is in Sowers Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Irving or the Irving Boys Baseball Association.

Arrangements were directed by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Former Irving pastor, 11-year-old daughter drowned in Mexico

By STEPHEN TERRY
News Staff Writer

Church officials said they were stunned to learn that a former Irving mission pastor and his 11-year-old daughter died last week in a swimming accident on Mexico's southern coast.

Gary Sloan, 37, his daughter Carla and missionaries John Weems, 21, and Joy Murphy, 19, drowned in the ocean near Tapachula, Mexico, where they had gone with Sloan's family to celebrate his daughter Alysia's 10th birthday.

Sloan and the others were caught in a strong undertow, according to Joyce White of the International Mission Board.

"They were playing in the edge of the water, and Gary noticed Carla was in trouble," White said. "(Sloan) went, got her and brought her back to shore — they believe she had already drowned. We summer missionaries there on eight-week assignments were also in the water. (Sloan) went back to help them. The undertow pulled them in the water."

Officials said none of them made it back to shore.


"It's a terrible loss for us," said Peggy Compton, a Richmond Associate for Middle America for the International Missionary Board. "This is a very young couple that felt a call to missions. They were very outgoing people who related well to other people. They had a deep love for the people of Mexico and were committed to helping them."

A Lufkin native, Sloan was pastor of Iglesia Bautista de la Comunidad (Community Baptist Church) in Crosby before his appointment to Oak View, for which he served as a mission pastor in its Jerusalem Project. He went from Oak View to Tapachula, the commercial center of a coffee-growing region in southeast Mexico.

"He was with us two years," said the Rev. Wallace Philpot, pastor of Oak View Baptist Church. "(Sloan) came to us from the seminary to do the work required before his appointment. We have a mission at Big Tex Mobile home park. He conducted services there, and, because he was bilingual, he started two works."

"He was a very warm-hearted and gracious Christian," Philpot said. "He was very committed. We are in awe of it all. We have been devastated by this. We had such hopes and dreams for them."

Sloan previously served as a Baptist Student Union semester missionary in Mexico.

Sloan and his daughter were buried Monday in Tapachula.

"My assistant pastor is there now to help assist them through this," Philpot said. "He will be coming back tonight (Tuesday)."

The bodies of the two summer missionaries, Murphy and Weems, were returned to the United States. Weems, of Nacogdoches, was a senior majoring in computer information systems at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss. Murphy, of Pelham, Ala., was a sophomore at the University of Montevallo in Alabama.

"Once in a while, we do have accidents like this," White said. "However, they do not happen very often. We have more than 4,000 (missionaries) serving in the field, and it seems like it is especially hard when (a tragedy) does happen."

Philpot said members of the Oak View church were preparing to go to Mexico to help the Sloans with their mission.

"We have a mission team that was going down and assist them," Philpot said. "That is off now, because (Sloan's wife) will be coming back to the states."

Although plans have not been made for a memorial service, Philpot said he is certain the church will do something.

"I understand there was a memorial (Monday), and then there is supposed to be a service in Crosby at his parents' home," Philpot said Tuesday. "I don't know if (Sloan's wife) wants to go through a third one. We will be doing something, but, at this time, we don't know what."
Donald Gene Sloat

Donald Gene Sloat, 35, died Wednesday, April 21, in Grand Prairie.


Survivors include his parents, Arthur and Karen Sloat of Irving; daughter, Morgan Elaine Sloat of Irving; sisters, Lorraine McBride of Irving, and Cheryl Fritsch of Denton; brother, Douglas Sloat of Lewisville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 24, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Walker officiating.
Curtis Charles Slocum

Curtis Charles Slocum, 80, of Mesquite and a former Irving resident, died Tuesday, Aug. 10.

Born Dec. 16, 1918, in Baton Rouge, La., he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lila Jean Slocum.

Survivors include his wife, Authel Slocum of Mesquite; his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Carroll Slocum of Colleyville; his daughter, Sanda Kay Slocum of Irving; his sisters, Pearl Lee Phillips of Arlington and Jewel Kiehnert of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services took place Saturday, Aug. 14, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is in Crown Hill Cemetery in Dallas.
Alfred E. Smith

Alfred E. Smith, 82, of Irving died Monday, Jan. 18, at Harris Methodist HEB Hospital in Bedford.

Born Aug. 26, 1916, in Paris to George W. and Etta Jenkins Smith, he retired in 1981 after 30 years with Manor Bakery in Dallas as a mechanic. He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include: daughters, Jean Smith of Bedford, and Zondra Sue Berlin of McKinney; son, Randy A. Smith of Fort Worth; sister, Fairy Richie of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, Jan. 20, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Bryan Morgan officiating.

The family requests memorials be made to Christ Haven Children's Home, P.O. Box 467, Keller, TX 76244.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Charles W. Smith Jr.

Charles William "Bill" Smith Jr., 71, died on Friday, June 18, at a Dallas hospital.

Born on Dec. 4, 1927, in Selina, Okla., he was a retired plant supervisor for Frito-Lay industries and a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Smith of Dallas; his daughters, Debra Elaine Atchley of Irving, Cynthia Diane Dennison of Irving, Teresa Ann Davis of Dallas and Carla Jean English of Plano; his sisters, India Peters of McAllen and Mary Francis Holman of Muskogee, Okla.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services took place on Monday, June 21, at Chism & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Clyde Boyd officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Ivena Lee Smith

Ivena Lee Smith, 67, died Sunday, July 25, in Saginaw.

Born March 22, 1932, in Irving, she was retired sanitation-management employee of Frito-Lay.

Several relatives survive her.

Graveside services took place Wednesday, July 27, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were directed by Chism & Smith Funeral Home.

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Jack Howard Smith

Jack Howard "Smitty" Smith, 75, of Hurst died Sunday, Feb. 14, at VA Hospital in Dallas.

Born March 12, 1923, in Caddo Mills, Okla., he was in the U.S. Army and was a lifelong resident of the Metroplex. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Alewel.

Survivors include: sons, Glen Smith of Dallas, and Ronnie Smith and his wife, Jamie, of Irving; daughters, Gilda Barlett of Irving, Pam Lansdell of Irving, Denise Fulgram and her husband, Ron, of Irving, and Marsha Poage of Grand Prairie; stepson, Robert Brinkley of Bedford; stepdaughters, Joyce Clowers of Bedford, and Delane Ausburn of Euless; sister, Boots Polley of Dallas; 23 grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 11 step-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas. Burial will be in Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Arrangements were coordinated by Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.
Janet Smith

Janet "Cookie" Smith, 57, of Little Elm and a former Irving resident died Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Born March 7, 1942, she was a 1960 graduate of Irving High School.

Survivors include her husband, Lee Smith of Little Elm; her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Henry Welborn of Irving; her daughters, Kelly Bunievatz of Lewisville and Nikki Salazar of Grand Prairie; her stepchildren, Kim Smith, Kristina Smith and Theron Smith of Little Elm; her sister, Dolores Story of Irving; and two grandchildren.

Services took place Saturday, Oct. 16, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial is in Crown Hill Memorial Park in Dallas.
Lowell Clinton Smith

Lowell Clinton Smith, 75, died Tuesday, April 15.

Born Nov. 5, 1923, in Allen, he worked as Dallas County Sheriff's deputy for 30 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, when he received the Purple Heart. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladyne E. Smith, and his stepson, Kenneth Hill.

Survivors include his daughters, Terri Kay Smith and Deborah D. Danish; and his grandchildren, Karis N. Danish, Monty Smith, Benny Hill and Danny Hill.

Services were conducted Saturday, April 17, at Troy Suggs Funeral Home. Burial is in Grove Hill Cemetery.
Mariel Rachel Smith

Mariel Rachel Smith, 16, of Dallas died Sunday, April 18, in Addison.
Born Aug. 13, 1982, in Fort Worth, she was a pastry chef apprentice for Occasions Catering in Addison and a member of First United Methodist Church in Arlington.

Survivors include her mother, Sherri Anne Moore of Dallas; her father, Edward Smith and wife, Marty, of Alvarado; her brothers, Taylor Beasley Smith of Arlington, Josh Essary of Alvarado, and Adam Essary of Alvarado; and her grandparents, Helen Moore of Irving, and Dr. Lamar and Doris Smith of Fort Worth.

Services were conducted Tuesday, April 20, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Don Pike officiating. Burial is in Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.
Arthur E. Snodgrass

Arthur E. "Sarge" Snodgrass, 82, a 46-year resident of Irving, died Monday, June 7, in an Irving hospital.

Born April 15, 1907, in Ottumwa, Iowa, he was a former transport driver who retired after working 20 years for the postal service and eight years for Bill Curry Buick Co. A member of Tabernacle Church, he was a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn L. Snodgrass of Irving; his daughter, Shirley Ann Lanning of Alburnett, La.; his sister, Ruth Cress of Iowa; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, June 10, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gerald Patterson officiating. Entombment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Beatrice Sobel

Beatrice Burnson Sobel of Irving died Saturday, Nov. 13, in Irving.

A founder of the first synagogue in Irving, Beth Emmunah (now Irving Havurah), the state of Israel honored her in 1996 with a plaque recognizing her for civic and cultural works. The first Matron of Asbury Park, N.J., Order of the Golden Chain, a Masonic link, she was a member of Hadassah and leader of Young Judeas of Bradley Beach, N.J. She was a volunteer for seven years in the gift shop of Baylor Medical Center at Irving and volunteered for 20 years as a hostess at Long Branch, N.J. Memorial Hospital.

Her husband, David H. Sobel preceded her in death. Together, they owned and operated West Side Drugs in Asbury Park for four decades beginning in the 1930s.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Marcia Rae and Norman Glassman of Florida, Judy I. Lees of Florida and Linda M. and Myron Zisman of Irving; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at 1718 Live Oak in Irving. Arrangements are directed by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Irving Havurah, c/o Rabbi Frank Joseph, 1825 W. Plymouth Drive, Irving, TX 75061.
Kay Dyonn Soulik

Kay Dyonn Soulik of Irving died Wednesday, Oct. 6 — the day she was born — at a Dallas hospital.

Survivors include her parents, Kim and Donna Soulik of Irving; her brother, Knighty Soulik of Irving; her sister, Kaydy Soulik of Irving; her maternal grandparents, Edwin and Mae Rudolph of Irving; and her paternal grandmother, Edelina Soulik of Micronesia.

Graveside services took place Saturday, Oct. 9, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

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Myrtle Spain

Myrtle "Juanita" Spain, 75, of Kaufman died Friday, Oct. 15, in Kaufman.

She was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Marshall, Ark.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Jack Spain of Kaufman; her son, Mike Spain of Irving; her daughters, Linda Carlin, Jackie Freeman and Dee Spain; her brothers, J.T. Johnson, Ralph Johnson and LeRoy Johnson; her sister, Thelma Milam; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services took place Monday, Oct. 18, at Anderson Clayton Brothers Funeral Home in Kaufman, with Mike Spain officiating. Burial is in Radar Cemetery in Kaufman.
Ruby Spears

Ruby Spears, 85, of Canton and a former Irving resident died Sunday Dec. 12.

Born Oct. 11, 1914, in McKinney, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Spears, and her son, Gene Spears.

Survivors include her brother, Clarence Lewis of Ben Wheeler; and her sister, Mary Reynolds of Lady Lake, Fla.

Services took place Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with Lynn Connors and Chaplain Mickey Loftus officiating. Burial is in Fitzhugh Cemetery in Forest Grove.
O. M. Spence

O. M. Spence, 77, of Grandbury died Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Arlington Villa Retirement Community in Arlington.

Born April 19, 1922, in Port Arthur, he married Naomi Story in October, 1940, in Rockwall. She preceded him in death. He was a Grandbury resident since 1979 and a longtime Irving resident. He was a contractor for an aviation company and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include: sons, Steven Spence of Grand Prairie, and Robert Spence of Grandbury; daughters, Sandra Kinkel of Grand Prairie, and Terry Heath of Mesquite; sister, Ann Barker of Sun Valley, Calif.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one nephew; and two great-nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 20, in Martin's Funeral Home Chapel in Grandbury with the Rev. Ray Rice officiating. Entombment was at Holy Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum.
Alice Ann Spencer

Alice Ann Spencer, 58, of Irving, died in Tuesday, June 22, at an Irving hospital.

Born April 25, 1941, in Mexia, she was a homemaker and a 30-year Irving resident.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Spencer of Irving; her daughters, Alicia Spencer of Lewisville, Chrisy Long of Flower Mound and Dixie Chalmers of Irving; and five grandchildren.

Services took place on Friday, June 25, at Chism & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jim Dean officiating. Burial is in Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.
Sarah P. Spurgin

Sarah P. Spurgin of Irving was stillborn on Tuesday, Aug. 24, at a Dallas hospital.

Survivors include her parents, John and Jennifer Spurgin of Irving; her brother, Anthony Spurgin of Irving; her grandparents, David and Patricia Spurgin of Plano and Bruce and Kathryn Walker of Beaumont; and her great-grandparents Maxine Lewis of Denver, Daniel and Mildred Walker of Nacogdoches and Johnnie Maude Tyler of Logansport, La.

Services took place Friday, Aug. 27, at the Mausoleum Chapel at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Arrangements were directed by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.
Nannie Stair

Nannie "Pet" Stair, 82, of Bedford and a former Irving resident died Wednesday, Nov. 10.

She was born Oct. 14, 1917, in Cumby. Her husband, Roy E. Stair, preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Claudette Carroll of Bedford, Elizabeth Hooper of Bedford and Virginia English of Irving; her sister, Mary Alice Shelton of Santa Maria, Calif.; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services took place Thursday, Nov. 11, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Chaplain Wilson officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Eunice McDaniel Stambaugh

Eunice McDaniel Stambaugh, 85, of Georgetown died Sunday, Jan. 31, in Georgetown.

Born Jan. 30, 1914, in Alvord to Hiram and Ida Lieu Whitaker McDaniel, she married Verroll Stambaugh on April 4, 1942, in Brownwood. She moved to Georgetown in 1997 from Irving, where she worked for Sanger Harris for 20 years before retiring in 1993. She worked as a volunteer at Irving Hospital and was member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband on Sept. 21, 1971, and brother S.T. McDaniel.

Survivors include: sister, Euna Crouch of Ashland, Tenn.; S. Thomas and his wife, Linda McDaniel, of Georgetown; two nephews; one niece; two great-nephews; and one great-niece.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, at Alvord Church of Christ in Alvord. Burial will be at Alvord City Cemetery.
Margaret Beatrice Standifer

Margaret Beatrice Standifer, 80, of Irving died Monday, Oct. 4, at an Irving hospital.

Born Oct. 5, 1918, in Bakersville, Calif., she was preceded in death by her husband, R.L. Standifer.

Survivors include her sons and daughter-in-law, Kirk and Kathy Sanders of Irving and Craig and Beth Russell of Dallas; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 at Carson Cemetery in Ector. Arrangements are directed by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.
Thomas Edison Stanford

Thomas Edison Stanford, 79, of Lampasas died Sunday, Nov. 7, at a Lampasas nursing home.

Born March 10, 1920, in Dallas, he was a salesman of recreational vehicles and mobile homes and a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Marian "Tiny" Stanford of Lampasas; his daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Butch Flanagan of Graham; his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas D. and Nancy A. Stanford of Lewisville; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Garth Darby of Keller; his brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Barbara Stanford of Irving; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services took place Tuesday, Nov. 9, at First United Methodist Church of Lometa, with Rev. Sue Abold officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Arrangements were directed by Sheppard Memorial Funeral Home of Lampasas.
Harold A. Starks

Harold A. Starks, 69, of Quinlan died May 16. He was born June 3, 1929, in Garland.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Starks of Quinlan; sisters, Eva Patterson of Ennis, Wanda Deen of Cleburne; brother, Mickey Starks of Dallas. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Debra Kay Starks.

Services were conducted Monday, May 17, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with Charlie Alexander officiating.

Arrangements were coordin...
William Lynes Steinbach

William Lynes Steinbach, 78, of Irving died Thursday, March 4.

Born May 6, 1920, in Eveleth, Minn., he was employed by Continental Airlines for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Steinbach of Irving; sons, James A. Steinbach of Irving, Patrick K. Steinbach of Irving, Michael W. and wife, Sharon, Steinbach of Irving, Thomas J. and wife, Kathy, Steinbach of Goldsboro, N.C.; daughters, Peggy and husband, Larry, Kirkland of Grapevine, Terry Darnell of Hurst, Colleen and husband, Jim, McKee of Houston; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, at St. Luke's Catholic Church with Father Douglas Deshotel officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.
Arleen E. Stembers

Arleen E. Stembers, 55, of Irving died Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Irving.

Born Feb. 1, 1944, in McKinney, she was a 40-year resident of Irving, a homemaker and a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include her son, Vance Stembers of Lewisville, Donald Ray Stember Jr. of San Marcos, and Charles Stember of San Marcos; her daughter, Latricia Sears of Irving; and six grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. today at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Frye officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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

Marie Stith, 80, of Irving died Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Born Aug. 2, 1919, in Brownsville, she was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church in Irving.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, John "Dick" Stith of Irving; her sons Ernest Stith of Longview and John Paxton of Grapevine; her daughter, Laura Anzak-Strike of Irving; her sisters Bertha Hughston of Harlingen and Elizabeth Valikonis of Harlingen; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services took place Saturday, Oct. 2, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, with Father Doug Deshotel officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Catholic Church, 200 S. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75069.
Ola Lee Strickland
died Tuesday, May 14.
She was born Sept. 5, 1917.
Survivors include her son,
Reisel Strickland of Arkansas, and
nine grandchildren.
Services will be conducted at
1 p.m. May 17 at Bear Creek
Cemetery in Euless. Arrangement
are being coordinated by Brown's
Memorial Funeral Home.
Sam L. Stephens

Sam L. Stephens, 92, of Irving died Tuesday, July 6, in Irving.

Born Jan. 23, 1907, in Canton, he was a member of the Baptist Church and was in the trucking business.

Survivors include his wife, Geraldine Stephens of Irving; his sons, W.L. Stephens of Athens, Robert Lee Stephens of Krum, Al V. Florida of Antioch, Calif., and Cecil Ray Florida of Conroe; his daughter, Fern Campbell of Dallas; his brother, L.D. Stephens of Canton; his sister, Opal Wynn of Grand Saline; 15 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services took place in Friday, July 9, at Eubank Funeral Home Chapel in Canton. Burial is in Haven of Memories Memorial Park in Canton.

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Sidney Merle Stephens

Sidney Merle Stephens, 83, of Irving died Saturday, Aug. 7, in Irving.

Born Jan. 12, 1916, in Wise County, he was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and spent 30 years working for North American Defense/Temco/LTV, retiring as a supervisor in the sheet-metal department. A 58-year resident of Irving, he was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his brother Ray Elliott Stephens.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Elmo McNeely Stephens; his daughter, Janis Marie Han; his son and daughter-in-law, Donald Ray and Annette Craze Stephens; his brothers and sisters-in-law Cecil Edward and Maxine Stephens and Tom Young and Melba Stephens; two grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Services took place Monday, Aug. 9, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with Rev. Randy Carroll officiating. Burial is in Sycamore Cemetery in Wise County.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.
Mearl W. Striplin

Mearl W. Striplin, 86, of Melissa, died Sunday, Aug. 1 in a McKinney hospital.

Born March 11, 1913, in Durham, Ark., she was a homemaker and a member of Hillcrest Christian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Allen Striplin, and her brothers Roy Wise, Earl Wise, Basil Wise and Bob Wise.

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Johnny and Shirley Striplin of Irving and Rodric and Betty Striplin of Melissa; her sisters, Gladys Biggs of Lucas and Jean Spurgin of Lucas; her brother Jack Wise of California; six grandchildren, including Michael Dean Prather of Irving; and five great-grandchildren.


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Gerald J. Stroud Sr.

Gerald J. Stroud Sr., 71, of Irving died on Wednesday, June 23, in Irving.

Born Nov. 4, 1927, in Mineola, he retired in 1989 after 25 years as owner of Railroad Maintenance and Construction in Irving. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a member of the Texas Date Nail Collectors Association.

Survivors include his wife, Lynda Stroud of Irving; his son and daughter-in-law, Gerald “Jay” and Deedy Stroud of Irving; his son, Jim Stroud of Hurst; his brother and sister-in-law, David V. and Hallie Stroud of Houston; his sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Billy Cole of Fort Worth; four grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Graveside services took place on Friday, June 25, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Rev. Dan Hoke officiating. Arrangements were directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.
Yolanda Stroud

Yolanda "Yoly" Stroud, 37, died Saturday, March 27, in Dallas.

Born Feb. 3, 1962, in Congregacion, Mexico, she was member of St Luke's Catholic Church in Irving. She was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Botello.

Survivors include her husband, Paul D. Stroud of Irving; daughter, Tracy Marquez of Irving; mother, Petra Botello of Irving; brothers, Andres Botello of Irving, and Jose Botello of Irving; sisters, Susana Smith of Irving, and Linda Botello of Irving; nine nephews and five nieces.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, March 30, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Mary Jo Stubblefield

Mary Jo Stubblefield, 77, of Austin and a former Irving resident died Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Austin.

Born Aug. 12, 1922, in Granite, Okla., she was a retired nurse in Irving. Her husband, Lloyd Stubblefield, precedes her in death.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Fletcher of Austin and Janet Bibbs of San Antonio; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Rev. Chris Allen officiating. Arrangements are directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Trench cave-in kills worker at construction site

Victim buried for four hours; co-worker is slightly injured

By Stephen Terry
News Staff Writer

A 30-year-old Fort Worth construction worker was killed Thursday at a north Irving construction site when a trench collapsed and buried him under dirt for more than four hours, police said.

Authorities said Carlos Suarez was working about 8:30 a.m. at the northwest intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Interstate 635 for Pate Brothers Construction Company when the tragedy occurred.

"They were digging up a trench for a water or sewage line," said David Tull, Irving police public information officer. "Indications are that they stopped digging, cut off the machinery and two men went into the trench area. Then, there was a collapse of dirt that buried one of them. The other guy was able to get out."

Emergency personnel needed several hours to remove the body from underneath the dirt. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said the other construction worker escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

"We had to put pre-retaining walls in place," Tull said. "It was a major concern that the ground would collapse in (on emergency crews). It all appeared very unstable. Initially, he was completely buried in the dirt. However, he was partially uncovered when the rescue workers got there."

Michael Evitts, an Irving assistant fire chief, said a safety box usually is erected to prevent dirt from collapsing on workers in construction areas where digging is taking place. He said the safety devices are used to prevent such incidents from occurring.

"A lot of people don't understand the weight of dirt," Evitts said. "If it gets up to your knees, it can be overwhelming. But if it gets to your abdomen area, it starts crushing the air out of a person."

Although there was a retaining wall at the construction site, police said it was not in the area of the accident.

"They were standing in the retaining wall area while the digging was going on with the machinery," Tull said. "There was not a retaining wall area at the place of the collapse."

Police said there are no indications why the men left the area with the retaining wall and returned to the unprotected site.

Calls to Pate Brothers Construction Company were not returned as of Friday evening.

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Carlos Suarez

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Accident aftermath: Irving firefighter Don Neale helps remove the body of Carlos Suarez, a 30-year-old construction worker from Fort Worth who was killed when the trench in which he was working caved in on him.
Man Killed:

Collapse:

Highway 114. The scene in the 3900 block of State. A man, working on the roof at a construction site about 50 feet to the left, was killed. Thursday's death was the second in three weeks. On Oct. 30, a 40-year-old man was killed in a trench accident at a construction site in Irving. Police said about five construction workers were killed in Thursday's death. The investigation is under way. The cause is under investigation.

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Julia G. Sulllenberger

Julia G. Sulllenberger, 87, of Irving died Thursday, Sept. 9.

Born July 30, 1912, in Palestine, she was preceded in death by her husband, Asher N. Sulllenberger.

Survivors include her sister, Mary Aline Robertson-Keith of Irving; her brother, Henry Eugene Robertson of Wichita Falls; and several other relatives.

Graveside services took place Saturday, Sept. 11, at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, with Chaplain Robert Scott officiating. Arrangements were directed by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Orlin Keith Summerill

Orlin Keith "G-Dad" Summerill, 77, died Monday, Feb. 8.

Born Aug. 31, 1921, in Ogden, Utah, he was member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-Day Saints. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred H. Summerill and Chloe B. Farr; brother, Loren Summerill; and sister, Myrtle Frost.

Survivors include: daughter, Lisa Hamilton of Irving; daughters and sons-in laws, Pat and Mike Ross of Irving, Sue and Bob Phoenix of Longview, Christine and Buddy Barnfield of Oklahoma, Jenny and Bob McElroy of Irving, and Dorothy and Tommy Gossett of Irving; brother, Lear Summerill of Ogden, Utah; sisters, Rhea Rawson, Erma Pratt and Laverne Murdock, all of Ogden, Utah; 14 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandchild.

A celebration of his life will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church with the Rev. Mark Moore officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of the VA Hospital Auxiliary.

Arrangements are being coordinated by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.
Jettie Lou Sumner

Jettie Lou Sumner, 65, of Irving died Saturday, Sept. 25, at an Irving hospital.
She was born June 6, 1934, in Elmer, Okla.
Survivors include her brothers, Dudley Sumner of Midland, Melton Sumner of Sachsem and Max Sumner of Carrollton; her sisters Linda Grady of San Antonio and Uneda Gorence of Kentucky; and several other relatives, including her nephew Jimmy Wheelock of Irving.

No formal services have been planned. Arrangements are directed by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
Carol Schutt Swindell

Carol Schutt Swindell, 64, of Irving died Thursday, Jan. 21. She was born Jan. 11, 1935, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Survivors include: children, Margaret Licatovich of Dallas, Denise Burel of The Colony, Michael Licatovich of Irving, Chris Licatovich of Garland, and Eric Licatovich of Dallas; brother, Kenneth G. Schutt of Euclid, Ohio; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 23, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens with Father Doug Deshotel officiating.
Harriett Elizabeth Henson Swingley

Harriett Elizabeth Henson Swingley, 90, of Irving died Thursday, March 4, at her home.

Born June 22, 1908, in Wichita, Kan., to James I. and Cecelia McQuillian Henson, she was a docket clerk for Boeing Aircraft in Wichita for 17 years. She was of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include: sons, Jim Swingley and wife, Lilly, of Florida, and Asa Swingley and wife, Carol, of California; daughters, Evaleen Buhl and husband Tom, of California, Mitty Mohon and husband Rodney of Irving, Elizabeth Carr of Kansas, Margaret Clark of Kansas, Mary Dewing of Kansas, and Julia Riggle and husband, Pat, of Kansas; sister, Lorena Trojo of Colorado; 21 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral mass was conducted Saturday, March 6, at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving with Monsignor Jerome Duesman officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery in Edmond, Okla., with the Rev. John Petuskey officiating.

Arrangements were coordinated by Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.
John Olen Swinney Jr.

John Olen Swinney Jr., 58, of Irving died Sunday, Dec. 5.

Born April 7, 1941, in Goldthwaite, he was a sergeant with the Irving police department for 15 years.

Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Carol Swinney of Irving; his daughter, Sherri Mitchell of Irving; his son, Steve Swinney of Irving; his sisters, Barbara Watson of Canton, Gayla Bates of Houston and Nelda Bell of Grand Prairie; his brothers, Al Swinney of Durham, N.C., and Dan Donihoo of San Antonio; and his grandchildren, Michael Brau of Irving, Amy Swinney of Irving, Samantha Swinney of Irving, Angela Swinney of Irving and Kayla Mitchell of Irving.

Services took place Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, with Grayson Holland and Roy Holland officiating. Burial is in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Beecher Sykes

Beecher Sykes, 80, of Lindale died Sunday, Aug. 29.

Born July 3, 1919, in Saltville, Va., he was a mechanic and a member of the North Dallas Church of the Nazarene. He served in World War II as a staff sergeant in the 32nd Tank Battalion and was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Coeta May Piersall Sykes of Lindale; his daughter Peggy Brown of Irving; his son Ron Sykes of Irving; his sons and daughters-in-law, Ken and Valerie Sykes of Boise, Idaho and Bob and Stacey Sykes of Saginaw; his daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Tony Mitchell of Arlington and Linda and James Horne of Lewisville; his sister Mahala Horger of Newport News, Va.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several other relatives.

Services will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. M.D. Methan and Rev. Jim Henvy officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.