

Edwards, Patricia Ann Splitts

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EDWARDS, PATRICIA ANN SPLITTS EDWARDS, 60, of Irving, a sewing enthusiast and loving mother, died Sunday, October 31, 2004 at her home. Born January 1, 1944 in Coryell County, Texas, she was the daughter of Erwin H. and Ruby Martin Splitts. She lived in Everman until moving to Irving in 1969. Survivors include a daughter, Patricia Gail Edwards of Austin; sisters, Belva Jean Splitts of Waxahachie and Kathryn Gillham of Mabank; two nephews and their families. Memorial services will be 6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 4, 2004 at Donnellys Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Chaplain Alan Wright will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home following the service. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089 Dallas, TX 75356. **Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com**

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Patricia Edwards

Patricia Ann Splitts Edwards, 60, of Irving died Sunday at her home. A memorial service will be at 6 tonight at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway. The family will receive friends at the funeral home after the service.



Ms. Edwards was born Jan. 1, 1944, in Coryell County, Texas. She lived in Everman, Texas, until moving to Irving in 1969.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Gail Edwards of Austin; sisters, Belva Jean Splitts of Waxahachie and Kathryn Gillham of Mabank; and two nephews and their families.

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

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William Edwards

William Leon Edwards, 79, of Irving died Wednesday at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas. A rosary will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home, 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. A funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 202 S. MacArthur Blvd., with burial at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway.

Mr. Edwards was born March 16, 1925, in Montrose, La. He served in World War II with company C 30th Infantry and received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of St. Luke's Catholic Church and helped with the building of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Quinlan, Texas. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus in Greenville, Texas. He was retired from Foremost Dairies and Winn Dixie as a plant manager.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Edwards of Irving; sons, William Gary Edwards and Dennis Gregory Edwards; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Eikenbary, Debora
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Debora Eikenbary, 45, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away Thursday, Sept. 29, 2004, at her home.

Memorial: 2 p.m. Sunday in Laurel Land Memorial Chapel of Fort Worth.

Memorials: American Heart Association.

Debora was born March 27, 1959, in Los Angeles, Calif. She married Donald Eikenbary in September 1983 in Fort Worth. Debora received her nursing degree from UTA, where she was a member of the Honor Society. She had worked as a registered nurse in case management for JPS since 1995. Debora was a Catholic. She was a very caring lady who put others before herself. She was a family lady to say the least. Debora strived to make a difference in all that she did. It has been said that she was a lady with a great sense of humor and a warm presence about her, with a gentleness in her eyes. She collected Beanie Babies and coins. She enjoyed sewing and giving of her time and money to several organizations. Debora will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her father, Everett Lewis.

Survivors: Husband, Donald Eikenbary; mother, Frances Saperstein; daughters, Kimberly Lewis and Donna Vasquez and husband, Jesse; granddaughter, Alexis Vasquez; sisters, Susan Doucette and Patricia Johnson; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Mildred Elkins

Mildred Kreager Elkins, 82, of Irving and formerly of Gainesville, Texas, died Monday at an Irving care center. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606



W. Airport Freeway.

Mrs. Elkins was born Dec. 28, 1921, in Tioga, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Harvey Elkins of Irving; sons, Mike Elkins and wife Lysa of Irving, and Scott Elkins and wife Patricia of Maryland; sister, Grace Bernard of Sweetwater, Texas; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials may go to the Boy Scouts of America, 1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75015.

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Ellis, Bobby

ELLIS, BOBBY, 48, of Wilmer, died Friday at the Medical Center of Lancaster. Born June 29, 1956 at Nacogdoches, he grew up in Irving. A pipe fitter, he is survived by his children, Randy Ellis, Tamra Ellis, Misti Lenoir, Craig Regina, Sandy Brooks and Pamela Brooks; brother, Johnny Ellis; sister, Sheila Dombchek; grandchildren, Randy Ellis, Reese Kell, Payden Kell and soon to be born, Trystan Nicole Lenoir; and special friend, Liz Taylor. Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com**

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Bobby Ellis

Bobby Ellis, 48, of Wilmer died Nov. 12 at the Medical Center of Lancaster. Graveside services were Tuesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Ellis was born June 29, 1956, in Nacogdoches. He grew up in Irving. He was a pipe fitter.

Survivors include his children, Randy Ellis of Azle, Texas, Tamra Ellis of Marlin, Texas, Misti Lenoir and Craig Regina, both of Hurst, Sandy Brooks and Pamela Brooks, both of Havre de Grace, Md.; brother, Johnny Ellis of Irving; sister, Sheila Dombchek of Wilmer; three grandchildren; and special friend, Liz Taylor.

Ethel Ellis

Ethel Ellis, 87, of Prescott, Ark., died Thursday in Hope, Ark. Services were Saturday at Bluff Springs Baptist Church in Bodcaw, Ark. Burial followed at Harmony Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellis was born Sept. 26, 1916. She was a lifelong resident of the Prescott area and a member of the Bluff Springs Baptist Church in Bodcaw, Ark. She retired from Firestone and spent many of her retirement years as a caregiver.

Survivors include her son, Al Hart of Irving, Texas; stepsons Deral Ellis of Laneburg, Ark., and Charlie Ellis of Sutton, Ark.; stepdaughter Bonnie Langston of Bodcaw, Ark.; two grandchildren, one great grandchild; 10 step-grandchildren; 20 great-step-grandchildren; and 10 great great-grandchildren.

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Lola Ellis

Lola Ellis, 84, of Georgetown, Texas, and formerly of Irving, died Monday at the Sagebrook Nursing Home after a long illness. Services were held Saturday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Ellis was born Aug. 16, 1919, in Dallas. She worked as an assembler for Texas Instruments until her retirement.

Survivors include niece Mona Turner of Georgetown; three nephews: Roy Saddler of Fort Worth, Donald Saddler of League City, Texas, and William Saddler of Lewisburg, Tenn.

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Elms, Mary Jo [View/Sign Guest Book](#)

Elms, MARY JO Born February 23, 1911, in Mabank, Texas, passed away to her long-awaited heavenly home May 3, 2004. Mary Jo was one of four children of Joseph and Ara Lee Shaw. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 67 years, Tommy N. Elms. Mary Jo is survived by her five children: daughter Patsy Cramer and husband Joe Cramer of Boerne, Texas; son Tommy Elms, Jr. and wife Shirley, of Canton, Texas; daughter Peggy Lambert of Irving, Texas; son Danny Elms and wife Judy of Irving, Texas; and daughter Sally Elms of Irving, Texas. Mary Jos enduring legacy includes 17 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mary Jo was a homemaker, a gardener, a painter, a musician, a singer, a chef, a carpenter and an avid reader. She loved life, her family, her church and her husband Tommy. Tommy and Mary Jo moved back to Texas in 1944 and together built their dream home in rural Irving. Mary Jo was active in Lady Lions Club, PTA, Garden Club, Organ Club and many First United Methodist Church groups and activities. She and Tommy traveled extensively, from the Caribbean to Europe to Hawaii. Mary Jo loved all Gods creatures and never, ever met a stranger. She was a woman of passion, strength and character with a razor sharp wit and a keen sense of humor. She never stopped taking care of her children and will be sorely missed by them all. She is with God in His heaven making sure He is running things, as He should. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, May 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Browns Memorial Funeral Home, 707 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. Services will be held Thursday May 6, 10:00 a.m., at First United Methodist Church, 211 W. Third St., Irving. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, 1413 E. Irving Blvd., Irving. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund, First United Methodist Church, Irving, Texas. **Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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Emmons, Nona Mae

EMMONS, NONA MAE of Irving born January 27, 1923 passed away January 18, 2004 at her home. Preceded in death by husband Calvin in 1998; survivors include sons Calvin O. Emmons of Eules; Gary Emmons of Flower Mound; Carey Emmons of Irving; sisters Vivian Dickson and Elizabeth Merritt both of Irving; brothers J. W. Dossett of Grand Saline; Leon Dossett of Wills Point; John Dossett of Arlington; Dick Dossett of Austin; 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 20th at Browns Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. **Brown's Memorial Funeral Home 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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Nona Mae Emmons

Nona Mae Emmons, 80, of North Richland Hills died Sunday at her home. Services were Tuesday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Ms. Emmons was born Jan. 27, 1923, in Dallas.

Survivors include her sons, Calvin O. Emmons of Eules, Gary Emmons of Flower Mound and Carey Emmons of Irving; sisters, Vivian Dickson and Elizabeth Merritt, both of Irving; brothers, J.W. Dossett of Grand Saline, Texas, Leon Dossett of Wills Point, Texas, John Dossett of Arlington and Dick Dossett of Austin; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Billy Englehardt

Billy Englehardt, 45, of Irving died May 29 in Dallas. Services were Friday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home in Irving with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Englehardt was born April 1, 1959, in Evansville, Ind. He was a roofer.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie Englehardt of Irving; daughter, Misti Englehardt of Irving; sister, Judy Decker of Grand Prairie; brother, Buddy Englehardt of Poseyville, Ind.; and two grandsons.

*Open to 2004
Judy Decker*

Luis Enriquez

Luis Alberto Enriquez, 20, of Irving died Monday in a car accident in Ellsworth County, Kansas. Graveside services were Saturday at Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie. Arrangements were by Calvary Funeral Home.

Mr. Enriquez was born June 11, 1984, in Durango, Mexico. He worked in construction in Irving.

Survivors include his parents, Ernesto and Christina Enriquez of Mexico; and sisters, Maribel Enriquez of Irving, and Maria Enriquez Valenzuela and Arlet Bernice Enriquez Valenzuela, both of Mexico.

WILSON ANTONIO ESCALANTE

Wilson Antonio Escalante born November 23, 1988 in San Salvador, El Salvador passed away December 5, 2004 in Dallas. He was a student at The Academy of Irving High School.

He is survived by parents Angel S. Escalante and Angela de Escalante of San Salvador; brothers Marlon R. Hernandez of Euless; Angel Escalante and Alex Escalante both of El Salvador; sisters Karla M. Escalante and Rocio Escalante both of El Salvador and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 9, 2004 at Iglesia De Dios Manantiales De Vida Eterna Palmas De Jerico in Irving with Pastor Ciriaco Reyes officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Vivian Esslinger

Vivian Esslinger, 76, of Irving died Friday at her home. Services were Monday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Ms. Esslinger was born Dec. 31, 1927, in Jacksonville, Texas.

Survivors include her daughters Olivia Dianne Blanton and Gwen Anne Scruggs, both of Irving; sisters Dorothy Joiner of White Oak and Joyce Manning of Dallas; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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DELLA MAE ESTES



DELLA MAE ESTES

Della Mae Estes, of Irving, passed away Tuesday November 23, 2004. Mrs. Estes was born on March 7, 1927 in Quail, Texas to William Roscoe and Vera Irene White Coffee.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Estes of Irving; son Don Estes and wife Kitty of Irving; son Dale Estes and wife Karen of Irving; sister

Bertha Stiles of Reno, Nevada; sister Allie Minyard of Lubbock; grandchildren Ryan Estes, Daniel Estes, Jackie Estes, Ashley Estes, and Rachel Estes.

Visitation will be 6-8 PM Friday November 26, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday November 27, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

MONROE J. MEEKS, JR

Monroe J. Meeks, Jr, of Irving, passed away Tuesday November 23, 2004 in Denton.

Mr. Meeks was born on May 6, 1929 in Gadsden, Alabama to Monroe J. and Millie F. Hill Meeks. Preceded in death by wife Ola Louise McDaniel Meeks; mother; father: brother Frank D. Meeks; and sister Tennie C. Meeks Hooper.

Survivors include his son Ricki Meeks and wife Stacie of Corinth; their daughters Whitney and Corrie; son Keith Meeks and wife Kim of Frisco; their daughter Kaylie and expectant child; daughter Vicki Lunsford and husband Ricky of Highland Village; their son Dustin and daughter Kelli; daughter Melissa Murray and husband Ken of Irving; their son Kenny and daughter Michelle; brother Woody L. Meeks and wife Mary Sue of Marrero, Louisiana; brother Kenneth W. Meeks and wife Faye of Grandbury; sister Millie J. Meeks Johnson of Gadsden, Alabama; sister Joyce E. Meeks Headrick and husband Leon of Albertville, Alabama; 7 nieces; 6 nephews; and numerous great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 2:00 P.M. Saturday November 27, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Inummment will be at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens at a later date. If desired, memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society, 8900 Carpenter Frwy., Dallas, TX 75247, or to a local hospice.

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 [View/Sign Guest Book](#)**Della Mae Estes**

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Wilson Antonio Escalante[View/Sign Guest Book](#)

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Dorothy Evans-Downes

Dorothy Evans-Downes, 79, of Irving died Monday. Graveside services were Thursday at Salem Cemetery in Hallettsville, Texas.



Arrangements were by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Evans-Downes was born Jan. 30, 1925, in Hallettsville.

Survivors include her husband, Russell Downes of Irving; daughter, Brenda Evans of Irving; brothers, Jack Frazer and Alvin Frazer, both of Yoakum; sisters, Viola Hajek of Yoakum, Ruby Coker of Cuero, Texas, Mildred Gregory of Tucson, Ariz., and Bernice McConnell of Lubbock.

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Helen Evans

Helen O'Neall Evans, 94, of Olney, Texas, died Friday. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Lunn Funeral Home in Olney. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Baptist Church of Olney with burial at Restland Cemetery in Olney.



Ms. Evans was born Oct. 31, 1909, in Mineral Wells. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Olney for more than 60 years. Her family owned and operated Evans grocery and farms in Olney until 1975.

Survivors include her daughters, Malta Akins and her husband, Sam, of Irving and Linda Seedig and her husband, Larry, of Henderson, Nev.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Olney or the Olney Cemetery Association.

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Evans, Lurlene Eugenia Beaufford



EVANS, LURLENE EUGENIA BEAUFFORD, a member of one of Irving's oldest pioneer families, loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, devoted to her family and a dear friend to all that knew her, passed away peacefully October 18, in a Dallas hospital. Lurlene will be deeply missed by all. She was born August 16, 1916, in Irving, the daughter of Eugene and Mary Beaufford and granddaughter of Henry and Catherine deBeaufford, who settled in Irving in 1883. She grew up in the Howard-Beaufford House on O'Connor across the street from the Irving Heritage House, formerly the Schulze family home, one of the Irving founding families, where she was a frequent visitor. Her father donated the land on O'Connor and Fifth Streets to the St. Luke's Catholic Church for the building occupied by the church before it moved to its present location. She was extremely proud of her family's history, being some of the earliest Irving citizens, and her family's contributions to Irving's growth and development. Lurlene attended the Old Red Brick school at the present site of the Senior Center, and graduated from Irving High School. She married John Thomas (Tommy) Evans in 1934. They lived their married life in Irving where their six children were born and attended school. Throughout her life she actively participated in parish life in St. Luke's, belonging to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and St. Luke's Altar Society. She contributed with her heart and hands in many of the St. Luke's Altar Society's beautiful handmade items for many years. She always worked with a loving heart and a beautiful smile. Lurlene was preceded in death by her loving husband, Tommy, in 1992, and their oldest child, LaVerne Evans Smithart in 1987. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, John and Debbie Evans of Dallas, and four daughters, Carol and Nate Kingen of Arlington, Mary and Marvin Kolar of San Antonio, Margaret (Maggie) and Roy Cole of Plano, and Gayle Wright of Bedford; sixteen grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. Lurlene retired from the Dallas County Juvenile Center in 1981. Family will receive friends from 6 to 7 P.M. Wednesday, October 20th and the Rosary will follow at Browns Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass will be held at St. Luke's Catholic Church on Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at Sowers Cemetery in Irving. In lieu of flowers, please contribute memorials to either St. Luke's Catholic Daughters of Americas, or at St. Luke's Altar Society, both located at St. Lukes Catholic Church.

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LURLENE EUGENIA BEAUFFORD EVANS: 1916-2004

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Member of one of Irving's oldest pioneer families

By **DEBORAH FLECK**
Staff Writer

Lurlene Eugenia Beaufford Evans, 88, a member of one of Irving's oldest pioneer families and one of the oldest parishioners at St. Luke's Catholic Church, died Monday at a Dallas hospital. She remained active in St. Luke's Catholic Church until just a few weeks ago, said her friend and fellow parishioner Eleanor Rusnak.

"I had the privilege of taking her to Altar Society and Catholic Daughters meetings," Mrs. Rusnak said. "She was a faithful delegate to our Catholic Daughters chapter — but also a loyal and dedicated friend."

Mrs. Evans was born Aug. 16,



1916, in Irving. She was the granddaughter of Henry and Catherine deBeaufford, who settled in Irving in 1883. She grew up in the Howard-Beaufford House on O'Connor Road across the street from the Heritage House, which was the home of the Schulze family, another pioneer family. The deBeauffords were friends with the Schulzes. Her father, the late Eugene Beaufford, donated the land on O'Connor Road and Fifth Street to St. Luke's Catholic Church. The church was in that

neighborhood until it moved to MacArthur Boulevard.

She attended "Old Red" — the red brick schoolhouse on Jefferson Street — where the Heritage Senior Center now stands. A graduate of Irving High School, she married the late John Thomas "Tommy" Evans in 1934. Mr. Evans was former chief of the Irving Volunteer Fire Department. He joined the volunteer force in 1941 and became chief in the 1960s.


The couple raised their six children in Irving. The children attended Irving schools. Their oldest daughter, LaVerne Evans Smithart, died in 1987. All were active members of St. Luke's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Evans is survived by her son, John Evans, and his wife, Debbie, of Dallas; daughters, Carol Kingen and her husband, Nate, of Arlington, Mary Kolar and her husband, Marvin, of San Antonio, Margaret Cole and her husband, Roy, of Plano, and Gayle Wright of Bedford; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Brown's Memorial Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Burial was at Sowers Cemetery in Irving.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke's Catholic Daughters of Americas or St. Luke's Altar Society, both at 202 S. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, Texas 75061.

Lurlene Eugenia Beaufford Evans

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Lurlene Evans

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Carol Kingen

Sherry Evans

Sherry Elaine Evans, 51, of Irving died Sunday in Irving. Private graveside services by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home were at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Mrs. Evans was born Aug. 24, 1952, in Butler, Pa. She worked as a human resource manager for the U.S. government, was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Society of Human Resource Managers.

Survivors include her husband, John David Evans of Irving; son, Bradley DeCamp Evans of Reidsville, N.C.; daughter, Melissa Jean Evans of Irving; brothers Robert Wilson Anderson II of Texarkana, Texas, and Richard Todd Anderson of Royce City; sisters Sandra Lee Anderson of Rockwall and Susan Elizabeth Anderson-Lovell of Gainesville, Ga.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Miracle Network in care of Kiwanis of Irving, P.O. Box 166769, Irving, Texas 75016.

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Tommy Evans

Tommy Evans, 60, of Irving died Dec. 23. Chism-Smith is handling arrangements. Mr. Evans was born May 16, 1944, in Oklahoma City. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Survivors include his mother, Nita Jean Smith of Edmond, Okla.; daughter, Michelle Evans of Irving; son, Michael Evans of Irving; sisters Cindy Smith of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jana Hale of Oklahoma City; and brother, Jim Evans of Bakersfield, Calif.