ODEN, OLEN D. Born September 1, 1915 to James William and Kate Holmes Oden at Truxton, Missouri. My mother passed away when I was 17 months of age. This left dad with seven children, 4 boys and 3 girls. We moved to Kansas when I was two years old. His older sister and husband owned different farms where we raised cattle and farmed wheat. Attended schools in Kansas and graduated from the University of Kansas and began to work for Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, OK. On January 7, 1941, I joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II for 4 years. Afterwards, I went back to work for Phillips and met Jewel Blackburn, who also worked at the company. We were married November 29, 1947 and later worked for a different company in Tulsa, Oklahoma which transferred us to Fort Worth, Texas where Deanne was born May 28, 1952. In 1967, I decided to become self-employed in Tax and Accounting service. My services will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, October 9, 2004 at South MacArthur Church of Christ, 1401 S. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. Interment Restland Memorial Park. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

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Adedeji Odutola

Adedeji Ayodele Odutola, 55, of Irving died Aug. 5 at Parkland Memorial Hospital. Services are at 10 a.m. today at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Dr. Odutola was born May 18, 1949, in Lagos, Nigeria.

Survivors include his father, Sir Gabriel Gbadebo Odutola; daughter, Taiwo Adedoyin Odutola; sons, Kehinde Adedapo Odutola, Idowu Adewale Odutola and Alaba Adetola Odutola; six brothers; and four sisters.
Ruth O'Donnell

Ruth Maxine O'Donnell, 82, of Cleveland, Texas, and formerly of Irving died Friday. Services were Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cleveland and burial was Tuesday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Arrangements were by Pace-Stancil Funeral Home in Cleveland.

Mrs. O'Donnell was born April 21, 1922, in Morris, Minn. She served in the U.S. Army from March 1945 to August 1946. She retired from a nursing career after 45 years. She lived in Irving from 1965 to 1999.

Survivors include her daughters, Patricia Lovaas and husband Loren of Glendive, Mont., Colleen "Tim" Estrada and husband Francisco, of Shepherd, Texas, Kathleen "Katie" Walters and husband James of Cleveland, and Bridget Hurlbut and husband John of San Diego; sons James Michael O'Donnell and wife Jean of Caddo Mills, Texas, and John O'Donnell and wife Stephanie of The Colony; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family expresses thanks to Odyssey Health Care Hospice, Kingwood Medical Center, Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center and caregiver Judy Watson.
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Olive, Clarence Robert "Bob"

Olive, CLARENCE ROBERT "BOB" passed away Wednesday August 25, 2004 at his residence in Irving. He was born on April 13, 1927 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was a 1944 graduate of Sunset High School, 1950 graduate of SMU and a Navy veteran. Bob was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bettye Brewer Olive of Irving; sons, Jay Robert Olive of Garland; James Michael Olive of Irving and daughter-in-law Melinda Olive of Garland; grandchildren, Stacy Collins, Corey Olive, Michelle Olive, Kelli Olive; 2 great grandchildren, Trevor and Tyler Collins. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday, August 26, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Friday August 27, 2004 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow 12:00 PM at DFW National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VITAS Hospice.

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Clarence Olive

Clarence Robert "Bob" Olive, 77, of Irving died Wednesday at his home. Services were Friday at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with burial at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Mr. Olive was born April 13, 1927, in Memphis, Tenn. He was a 1944 graduate of Sunset High School, a 1950 graduate of Southern Methodist University and a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Bettye Brewer Olive of Irving; sons, Jay Robert Olive of Garland and James Michael Olive of Irving; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to VITAS Hospice.
Orgeron, Kimlyn Ann Elder

ORGERON, KIMLYN ANN ELDER 53, was born November 17, 1950 in Louisville, KY and passed away on February 21, 2004 in Irving, TX. Kim moved to Kansas City as a child with her family, attended the former Sunset Hills Girls' School and graduated from Shawnee Mission East High School in 1968. She graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1972, and later served as a commissioned officer in the United States Marine Corps attaining the rank of Major. Kim received her Masters Degree in Special Education from the University of New Orleans, and after a number of military moves, settled in Coppell, TX where she taught in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. Kim was active in her church and Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Elizabeth Elder, and her sister, Wendelyn Jane Elder. She is survived by her son, Christopher Orgeron, of New Orleans, LA, and her father, William Elder, of Louisville, KY. A memorial service will be held at the Presbyterian Church at Hackberry Creek, Coppell, TX at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 6, 2004. Interment will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Cemetery in Overland Park, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Presbyterian Church at Hackberry Creek, 2000 Kinwest Parkway, Irving, TX 75063 or to Baylor Healthcare Systems Fund (Our Children's House), 3600 Gaston Ave., Suite 100, Dallas TX 75246.

Yvonna Rae Osborn
1951 - 2004

YVONNA RAE OSBORN, age 52, a resident of Irving, Texas, formerly of Waco, Texas, died June 8, 2004 in Oklahoma. Born July 23, 1951 in Waco, she was owner of D & D Express in Irving.

Survivors include her husband Darren Osborn of Irving; sons Sean Medlin of Waco, Jeremy Medlin of Sachse, Joshua Medlin of Arlington; parents Mr. and Mrs. S. L. King of Waco; sister Patricia Hooper of Waco; brothers Randall King and David King, both of Waxahachie, Larry King of Red Oak, Mark King of Waco; and three grandchildren.

Memorial service 5:00 p.m., Saturday, June 12, 2004 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jerry Slye officiating.

Yvonna Osborn

Yvonna Rae Osborn, 52, of Irving and formerly of Waco died Tuesday in Oklahoma. Services were Saturday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

Ms. Osborn was born July 23, 1951, in Waco. She owned D&D Express in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, Darren Osborn of Irving; sons Sean Medlin of Waco, Jeremy Medlin of Sachse and Joshua Medlin of Arlington; parents Mr. and Mrs. S. L. King of Waco; sister, Patricia Hooper of Waco; brothers Randall King and David King, both of Waxahachie, Larry King of Red Oak and Mark King of Waco; and three grandchildren.
Death on I-35
called freak accident

Woman killed by falling debris is remembered as a caring mother

BY RUSSELL RIAN
Staff Writer

The owner of an Irving shipping business died outside Oklahoma City last week when a chunk of concrete fell off a bridge over Interstate 35, smashed through her windshield and struck her in the head, authorities said.

Yvonna Osborn, 52, died Tuesday from massive head injuries about 4:18 p.m. at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center, where she was flown by helicopter after the accident at 1:40 p.m. near Paoli, Okla., in Garvin County, about 50 miles south of Oklahoma City.

Ms. Osborn was the owner of D&D Express, a family-run air freight business the family launched four years ago, and was on her way back from a business trip to Kansas City, Mo., when the accident occurred, said one of her three grown sons, Joshua Medlin of Arlington.

"She was a very busy woman," he said. "She was one of those people who never liked to sit down. Even though she was the owner, she never thought anything was beneath her."

Authorities determined that the piece fell from the bridge because of "normal surface deterioration," but engineers determined the bridge to be structurally sound. The four-lane, divided highway was closed several times during the accident investigation and afterward for some additional bridgework — but has since reopened.

The football-shaped concrete chunk, about a foot-and-a-half long and weighing 10 to 15 pounds, came off from underneath the State Highway 145 bridge and fell 18 to 20 feet, said Lt. Chris West, a spokesman for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, which investigated the accident. After crashing through the windshield, it struck her in the head, causing her 1998 Mercury four-door to careen off the southbound lanes before hitting a fence in the rural area. There were no other passengers or vehicles involved, he said.

"It's pretty much a freak accident," Lt. West said. "What are the odds it's going to hit her in the head?"

Transportation officials said they were shocked because the bridge was not considered one of the worst bridges. It was built in 1969 as the highway was being constructed, transportation officials said.

"It's just a fluke that this had to happen, but there was no indication that this kind of thing could happen," said Oklahoma Department of Transportation spokes-

woman Carrie Clear. "We are terribly saddened by it."

The department issued a statement Wednesday saying, "We sincerely regret this tragic loss of life and are doing everything we can to ensure our highways are safe. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the victim's family and loved ones."

"Yes, I am mad at them and yes, it was a terrible tragedy, but it was her time to go," said her son.

On Friday, family members were planting a flower garden in her memory.

"She loved flowers," he said.

And her husband, Darrell Osborn, had started the shipping business with a loan on their home, growing it to a $900,000 company, Mr. Medlin said.

She had previously worked on assembly lines and as a courier, while raising her three sons, Mr. Medlin said.

"She did anything to support me and my brothers," all of whom grew up in Irving, he said.

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Obituary, 2K
Osburn, Thomas Daw

OSBURN, THOMAS DAW. Sherman- A memorial service for Thomas Daw Osburn, 64, will be held at 11:00 am, Tuesday, August 10, at the First United Methodist Church in Sherman. Dr. Jim Pledger and Dr. Thomas Peel will officiate. Members of the Sherman Noon Rotary Club will serve as honorary pallbearers. A private burial in West Hill Cemetery will precede the memorial service. Mr. Osburn passed away Friday, August 6, at his home in Sherman. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Waldo Funeral Home. Tom was born on September 15, 1939 in Smackover, Arkansas, to the late Ernest and Merlene Daw Osburn. He graduated from high school in New London, Texas. He began college at Tyler Junior College, where he was a member of the 1961 National Finalist basketball team. He graduated from the University of Texas with a B.B.A. in 1963. Tom married Jo Ann McClellan on September 1, 1962, in New London. Tom worked for TXU from 1963 until his retirement in 1997. He retired as District Manager of the Texoma District, which included Grayson, Fannin, and Cooke counties. Tom was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church in Sherman. Tom was actively involved in his community and participated in many activities and organizations. He served on the Sherman City Council from 1998 to 1999 and was mayor from 1999 to 2003. Tom is survived by his wife Jo Ann; three children, Tim and his wife Laura of Cypress, TX, Chris and his wife Tabatha of Lewisville, and Beth Osburn of Lewisville; three granddaughters, Ashley, Megan, and Sarah Osburn; two grandsons, Justin Collins and Ryan Osburn; one sister, Pat Sager and her husband Tom of Tyler; two nephews, Phil Bane of Tyler and Scott Bane of Irving; and one brother-in-law, Tom McClellan and his wife Joyce of Dallas. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Monday at Waldo Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, Rotary Club International Scholarship Fund, First United Methodist Church, or the charity of the donor's choice. Waldo Funeral Home Sherman, Texas 903 893-1101

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Gabriel Osorio

Gabriel Osorio, infant son of Santos and Gabriela Osorio of Irving, died Feb. 7 in Dallas. Services were Monday at Calvary Funeral Home with burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Joel Osorio of Irving; maternal grandfather, Jose A. Garcia of Dallas; and paternal grandmother, Maria Osorio of Dallas.
Owens, Daniel H.

Owens, DANIEL H. of Euless, former news cameraman for then WBAP TV, and later retired Irving realtor, died Sunday, October 31. He served in the United States Navy and was graduated from Michigan State University. Mr. Owens was a member of an award winning team (WBAP-TV) for coverage of the JFK assassination and recipient of awards from the Dallas Press Club. He is survived by his partner of 16 years, Ms. Terry Jensen; son, Michael Owens of Portland, OR; grandchildren Patrick Owens and Lauren Owens of Irving and Ginger Lee Owens of Portland; step grandchildren Phonephem Southichack, Richard Linthakhan of Irving and Meagan Yates and Marshall Yates of Keller; brother James Owens of Gun Barrel, TX; sister Doris Todd of Incline Village, NV; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews; and an extended Jensen family. A memorial service will be held from Unity Church of Arlington, 3525 S. Bowen.

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