EATON, REV. JOE SID, 87 Died March 25 at his Irving home. He was a resident of Irving since 1966. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp serving in World War II. He was the longtime minister of First Baptist Church of Las Colinas serving from 1964 to 1981. He was survived by his wife, Mildred Eaton of Irving; son & daughter-in-law, Bill & Jan Eaton of Palmer Lake, CO; three daughters & sons-in-law, Jeanne & Doyle Gatlin of Trophy Club, TX., Delores & Eddy Greene of Argyle, TX, Di & Dakota Burgess of Irving, TX; 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one sister, Bessie Henderson of Mineral Wells, TX., and numerous nieces & nephews. Family will receive friends for visitation on Sunday evening from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Calvary Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be Monday, March 28, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Las Colinas. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Irving Calvary Funeral Home 624 East Second Street Irving Texas 75060 (972) 579-7356

Edith Ebey

Edith Faye Ebey, 63, died Feb. 25. Services were Feb. 28 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Rosehill Cemetery in Terrell.

She was born March 11, 1941, in Crockett, Texas.

Survivors include husband, Leon Ebey; son, Ronny Ebey and his wife, Linda, of Irving; son, Johnny Ebey and his wife, Donna, of Mesquite; son, Dwayne Ebey of Irving; daughter, Barbara Martin and her husband, T.J., of Terrell; daughter, Mary Cotton and her husband, Trey, of Dallas; brother, Bennie and Cathy Johnson of Boligee, Ala.; brother, Ray and his wife, Bonnie, of Sulphur Springs; sister, Lorene Corbitt of Grand Prairie; sister Dorothy Buchanan of Forney; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.
D. Maurice Edwards

D. Maurice Edwards of Ovilla died April 15 in Arlington. Burial was at Ovilla Cemetery. He was born May 8, 1944, in Dallas and grew up in Irving. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington, worked at LTV and Bombardier, served in the Navy during Vietnam and served as a Boy Scout leader in Grand Prairie. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Edwards; daughter, Renee Davis of Charlotte Hall; brothers Jerry Edwards of Irving and Robert Edwards of Colo.; and five grandchildren.
Edwards, Von

EDWARDS, VON, Von Edwards, was born July 9, 1931 in Cooper, Tx., and passed away July 29 in Ventura, Ca. Loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked and retired as an optician in the Dallas area. A big bowling, golf and Dallas Cowboys fan. He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn Edwards of Irving. Survivors include daughter Tracy Lang and husband Ted; grandchildren Heather and Jordan Kirby all of Ventura; twin brother Don Edwards of Arlington and many loving family and friends. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug 4, at Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving. The services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Brown's Funeral Home; burial will follow. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Vons memory to the American Cancer Society. **Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242**

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**Von Edwards**

Von Edwards, 74, formerly of Irving died Friday, July 29, 2005, in Ventura, Calif.

He was born July 9, 1931, in Cooper.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked and retired as an optician in the Dallas area.

A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

He is survived by a daughter, Tracy Lang of California; a twin brother, Don Edwards of Arlington; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Edwards.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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**VON EDWARDS**

Von Edwards was born July 9, 1931 in Cooper, Texas and passed away July 29, 2005 in Ventura, California. He was formerly of Irving.

He served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked and retired as an optician in the Dallas area.

Preceded in death by wife Evelyn Edwards of Irving. Survivors include daughter Tracy Lang and husband Ted of California; twin brother Don Edwards of Arlington and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 5th at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family request donation in Von's memory to the American Cancer Society.
ARMENIA J. EHRKE

Armenia J. Ehrke, 90, was born in Bandera County, Texas Feb 17, 1915 to Sam and Eve Mae Jones. She passed away in Irving on April 6, 2005 after moving from San Antonio in December.

Her husband B. Edward Ehrke preceded her in death. Survived by son, daughter-in-law and grandson, Bill, Debbie and Bruce Ehrke of Irving, as well as her "special angels" in San Antonio, Rosalee Royal and Rose Marie Bonenberger. She was an adopted grandmother for her extended family, the Moores and Lamberts.

Mrs. Ehrke had a long teaching career at Ivanhoe Elementary. Late in life she became a world traveler, visiting almost every country open to Americans until she outlived her traveling companions. Her heritage as a Christian woman lives on not only in her family, but also in the many ladies who call her "Mrs. E" and who were her surrogate daughters, members of the Girls Auxiliary at Central Baptist Church in San Antonio from the late 1940's through the 1960's. Her wonderful "girls" have continued to love her through the years.

Visitation at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home was held April 10, 2005. Funeral services were held on April 12, 2005 at Porter-Loring Funeral Home, Downtown Chapel San Antonio, Texas with Rev. James E. Carey officiating. Interment was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 4425 W. Airport Fwy., Irving, TX 75062.
Ellias, Edward

ELLIAS, EDWARD, Of Irving, passed away August 22, 2005. He was born November 15, 1925 in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Edward is survived by his wife, Georgia Ellias of Irving; son, Roger D. Ellis of Denton; Daughter, Gale Hudson of Arlington; brother, Willie Ellias of Washington; 4 grandchildren; and 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Thursday, August 25, 2005 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242


Edward Ellias

Edward Ellias, 79, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away Monday, Aug. 22, 2005, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.


Memorials: Lion Hospice, 1816 Norwood Drive, Hurst, Texas 76054; or American Cancer Society, Box 102454, Atlanta, Ga. 30339-2454.

Survivors: Wife of 54 years, Georgia Ellias; son, Roger Ellis and wife, Brenda; daughter, Gale Hudson and husband, Joe; grandchildren, Shannon Ellis and wife, Tammie, Keri Griffin and husband, Lynn, Jeremy Hudson and Travis Hudson; great-grandchildren, Aaron, Morgan and Macie; and brother, Willie Ellias.

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LELIA ENGELBRECHT

Engelbrecht, born 7/ 7/1910, in Peachtree, TX, died 10/2/05. Lelia was the 2nd of 7 children born to Ab and Daisy Stott. She married Randolph Engelbrecht, in 1930, (he preceded her in death in 1970). They lived in Keystone, Iowa until 1962, raising 2 children, Carole Wilkinson who died 9/30/2002, and Jim Engelbrecht (wife: Pat), surviving. Lelia is also survived by 1 sister, Loucille Scott (husband: John), of Beaumont, TX, two granddaughters, Tracy McBee (husband: Daniel), and Robin Van Pamel (partner: Steve), and 4 great grandchildren, Jessica, Rebecca, & Rachel Van Pamel, & Noah McBee. She lived in Irving, TX in her own home from 1962 until 2004. She resided with her granddaughter, Tracy (and Daniel), in Van Alystyne, TX for the past year. She faced increasing disabilities bravely, just as she lived a life of love for her family and friends. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
Ervin, Gary Lee

ERVIN, GARY LEE, 58, of Irving, died June 10, 2005 at a Fort Worth hospice house. He was born March 1, 1947 in Pittsburgh, PA. Survived by his wife Bobbi Ervin; children, Mike Ervin of Irving, Dan Ervin and Kari Holland, both of Grand Prairie; brother, Wayne Ervin; sisters, Elaine Reid, Cathy Blosser and Susie O'Neil; mother, Ruth Ervin; and seven grandchildren. Memorial service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment 1:00 p.m., Friday, June 17th Lane B at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Gary Lee Ervin

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an Irving resident for 27 years and attended Kirkwood United Methodist Church in Irving.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Brian Loveless officiated. Burial followed at 1 p.m. Friday, June 17, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of Irving; mother, Ruth Ervin; three children, Mike Ervin of Irving; and Dan Ervin and Kari Holland, both of Grand Prairie; a brother, Wayne Ervin; three sisters, Elaine Reid, Cathy Blosser and Susie O'Neil; and seven grandchildren.

Evans, John W.

EVANS, JOHN W., Born Jan. 1, 1922, and passed Sept. 19, 2005. John survived the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor. Despite humble beginnings, John earned an M.S. degree from Texas A&M and became a successful businessman as owner of the Aggie Feed Store in Dallas. He devoted many years to public service, including terms on the Dallas City Council where he served as mayor pro tem, Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America, North Texas COG, Gold Cross Foundation of Methodist Hospital, and numerous committees and other organizations. John was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Dallas. Survived by wife Ruth Evans; son Danny Neill; son John D. Evans and wife Robbie of Millsap, Tx.; daughter Mary Tooley of Rowlett, Tx.; daughter Debbie Gallimore and husband Doug of Carrollton, Tx.; daughter Janet McCalip and husband Wes of Bacliff, Tx.; daughter Becky Nanny and husband Rob of Dallas. Grandchildren John Alan, Jennifer, and Jamie Evans; Vivian Tooley; Douglas, Heath, Clinton, Rachel, and Aaron Gallimore; Joy Davis, Jessica Salas, and Christopher McCalip; Kristin and RJ Nanny. Great grandchildren: Zoe and John Grayson Evans; Megan, Alex, and Luke Gallimore; Austin, Jacob, and Cooper Gallimore; Sebastian Gallimore. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 P.M. on Thursday, September 22 at Donnellys Colonial Funeral Home. Burial will be at DFW National Cemetery in a private family ceremony on Friday, September 23. A celebration of Johns life will be held at noon on Friday, September 23, at the First Baptist Church in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America, 8605 Harry Hines Blvd, Dallas, TX 75235 or Hidden Acres, Inc. Christian Camp, 8501 Bruton Rd, Dallas, TX 75217. Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com

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