Ruth Siders

Ruth Siders, 90, died March 21 in Dallas. Services were March 22 with a memorial service on March 23 at Woodhaven Presbyterian Church. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Siders was born April 24, 1914, in Omaha, Neb. Growing up in Omaha, she was an accomplished pianist from an early age, according to family members. She graduated from Central High School in 1931 and married Michael Siders in 1934. She helped him with his heating business and later in the real estate business. They moved with their only child, Sharon, to Dallas in 1953. Mrs. Siders worked at the Lawyers Title Insurance Corporation as a secretary and assistant to a closer. Later she became an underwriter in the legal department, retiring in 1979 after nearly 26 years of service. She worked part time until 1993. She was a member of the Hampton Place Baptist Church where she played piano for the Sunday School. Her hobbies, say family members, were oil painting, sewing and playing the piano.

Survivors include her daughter, Sharon Dickey and her husband, Gene, of Irving; and granddaughter, Sandy Dickey of Irving.
DIXIE SIMMONS APR. 07, 05

Dixie Simmons, age 92, a resident of Irving, Texas for thirty-one years formerly of Paris, Texas, died April 2, 2005 at Hearthstone Assisted Living Center in Irving, Texas.

Born July 10, 1912 in Lamar County, Texas to Monroe and Beulah Chance Scoggins, she married Boyd Simmons November 19, 1927 in Lamar County. He preceded her in death in 1997. Dixie was a homemaker, a self-employed drapist and a member at Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include sons, Clifford Simmons and wife Joyce of Irving, George Simmons and wife Lynda of Nevada; grandsons, Rick Simmons and wife Betty, David Simmons and wife Gail; great grandchildren, Andrew Simmons, Daniel Simmons, Julie Simmons and Jeffrey Simmons, all of Irving.

Service was Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jerry Perril officiated. Burial followed at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.
Simmons, James Aldis

Simmons, JAMES ALDIS, 81, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2005 in Irving after a brief illness. James was born April 5, 1923. He was a life long Irving resident and a charter member of The First Presbyterian Church of Irving. He was a graduate of Irving High School, Agricultural College of Arlington and Southern Methodist University. During WWII, James was a Navy Dive Bomber Pilot flying off of several aircraft carriers; "Lady Lex" was his favorite. James was a past president of The Irving Evening Lions Club and an Atlantic-Richfield Oil Company retiree. He retired as Director of Gas Accounting - Dallas Office. James is preceded in death by his father John William Simmons, mother Ruby Simmons, brother Captain John William Simmons, Jr., first wife, Maxine Bates Simmons. He is survived by wife Evelyn (Eve) Simmons, stepson, Russ K. Stateham and wife Brenda Jo of Austin, Texas. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Memorial gifts may be directed to The First Presbyterian Church, 510 E. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX 75060 and/or Baylor Healthcare Foundation, 1901 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75061. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Inc. Family Owned & Operated Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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James Simmons

James Aldis Simmons, 81, of Irving died Jan. 2. Services were at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Mr. Simmons was born April 5, 1923, in Irving. He was a charter member of First Presbyterian Church of Irving, and a graduate of Irving High School, the Agricultural College of Arlington and Southern Methodist University. He was a Navy pilot in World War II, and retired as director of gas accounting from the Dallas office of the Atlantic-Richfield Oil Company. He was past president of the Irving Evening Lions Club. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn "Eve" Simmons, and stepson, Russ K. Stateham of Austin. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 510 E. Irving Blvd., Irving, Texas 75060; or Baylor Healthcare Foundation, 1901 N. MacArthur Blvd., Irving, Texas 75061.

LENA LOUISE SIMMONS

Lena Louise Simmons, 77, passed away on October 25, 2005 at Ashford Hall Nursing Home in Irving.

She was born on September 25, 1928 in Sperry, OK to Fred & Anna Gaddy. Mrs. Simmons was a longtime resident of Irving and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband: William F. Simmons, Sr. She is survived by two sons: William F. Simmons, Jr. of Dallas, and Fred Simmons of Irving, two daughters: Cynthia Louise Wainscott of Irving, and Anna Mae Leddy of Jewell, OH, seven grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren, two sisters: Freda Darlene Patterson of Turley, OK, and Carol Ann Chance of Locust Grove, OK, and brother: Robert Harold Gaddy of OK.

Funeral Services were held Oct. 27, 2005 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery. Funeral arrangements conducted under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home.
Simmons Jr., Robert Layton

SIMMONS, JR., ROBERT LAYTON went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, April 23, after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. Bob's life was a testimony of his deep faith in Christ, devotion to his family and love for his legion of friends. Bob was born in Amarillo, Texas on April 11, 1947. He graduated from Amarillo High School in 1966 and loved the years he played on his high school's football team. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1970 with a degree in international business. During his junior year, he went to the Dutch International School of Business in The Netherlands. After college, he worked for four years with Campus Crusade for Christ as assistant to the late Dr. Bill Bright, founder of Campus Crusade. Bob's primary responsibility was helping raise funds for Crusade's evangelistic film, "Jesus." He later moved to Dallas and was involved in many successful businesses in the healthcare, retail and oil and gas industries utilizing his God-given talents in marketing and working with people. He was a partner with the merchant banking firm of Trinity River Capital Ventures prior to and during his illness. But Bob's contributions were most significant in his desire to invest in the lives of people. He was very involved with the Father of the Year Awards luncheon, Wipe Out Kids' Cancer, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, and numerous ministries. This servant leader exemplified faith in action with his humility, kindness and gentleness. His life glorified God at all times. Even in the midst of great pain and suffering with cancer, his eyes were always focused on his Savior and not on his circumstances, thus inspiring beyond measure his family, medical caretakers and friends. Sweet Bob fought the good fight, he finished the race, and he kept the faith, leaving a Christ-centered legacy of joy, strength, excellence, and honor. He will be tremendously missed but there is great rejoicing in heaven that such a precious saint has come home. To God be the glory! Bob is survived by his wonderful parents Pauline and Bill Simmons of Amarillo, his devoted wife Cindy, his adorable son William, his loving sister Katina Simmons of Santa Fe, his admiring mother and father-in-law Toni and Norman Brinker, and many aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers-in-law, cousins, and a niece and nephew. A memorial service to celebrate the full joy of Bob's life will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 11:00 am at Park Cities Presbyterian Church, 4124 Oak Lawn Ave. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Robert Layton Simmons, Jr. Translational Cancer Research Fund, c/o Southwestern Medical Foundation, 2305 Cedar Springs Rd., Suite 150, Dallas, TX, 75201.

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VIRGINIA KATHRYN SIMMONS

Virginia Kathryn Simmons, of Irving, passed away November 22, 2005.

She was born April 19, 1936 in Dallas. Preceded in death by her son Joe Simmons, Jr., daughter Virginia Mae Simmons, and husband Joe Simmons; she is survived by daughters Linda Jean Buchanan of Oklahoma, Patricia Gayle Simmons of S. Carolina, Deborah Ann Simmons of Irving, son John Alton Simmons of Michigan; sisters Ellen Cates, Barbara Sherbert, and Vernelle Dial; 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Rev. Weldon Lee officiated. Interment followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dallas.
Musician, member of Doughboys dies

By JOE SIMNACHER
Staff Writer

William Freeman "Bill" Simmons' 70-year music career included a 2003 Grammy Award as a longtime keyboard player for the Light Crust Doughboys.

Mrs. Simmons, 80, died Monday of esophageal cancer at her Irving home.

Graveside services were Friday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Born in Tampa, Fla., Mr. Simmons began fiddling with the piano as soon as he could reach the keyboard as a 4-year-old. He started lessons when he was 9 and was playing professionally on the radio before classes as a high school student in Memphis, Tenn.

He first played with the Light Crust Doughboys in 1954. He performed intermittently with the group until he became a regular in 1981.

Mr. Simmons worked briefly at a post office in Memphis and a gasoline station in Irving, but his life was music.

"Music is all I've ever wanted to do," he said in 2002. "It's a good thing. I don't know how to do anything else."

In addition to the piano, Mr. Simmons played the guitar, clarinet, saxophone, bass, "a little trumpet," fiddle and mandolin.

He wrote a number of songs, said his wife, Lena "Bunny" Simmons of Irving.

He and Mrs. Simmons wrote the pop classic "M-I-S-S-I-S-S-I-P-P-I," which was recorded by Ella Fitzgerald, Red Foley and the Light Crust Doughboys. The children's jump-rope standard inspired them to write the classic.

He also played the piano for the 1963 hit "Hey Paula." He received his Grammy as a Doughboy for the group's James Blackwood Tribute album.

He was a member of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame, the Rockabilly Hall of Fame, the International Country Gospel Hall of Fame and the Texas International Music Association.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Simmons is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Louise Wain scott of Irving and Anna Mae Leddy of Jewett, Ohio; two sons, Fred Simmons of Fort Worth and William F. Simmons Jr. of Dallas; two sisters, Margaret Campbell of Daytona Beach, Fla., and June Elizabeth Wilson of Greenville, S.C.; a brother, H.G. Simmons Jr. of Newberry, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

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Skelton, Wanda

Skelton, Wanda, 73, of Cumby, TX formerly of Irving, died March 23, 2005 in Irving. Born July 22, 1931 in Brashear, Texas, she was a homemaker and owner of Skelton's Florist in Irving from 1972 to 1982. She was a former Sunday school teacher at Bear Creek Baptist Church, a supporter of Our Children's Center of Irving since 1970 and a member at Cumby United Methodist Church. Survived by her husband Robert (Bob) Skelton of Cumby; children April Pieschel and husband Frank of Irving, Robin Hubbard and husband Randy of Coppell, Cathy Little of Murphy, Kim Wildee and husband Gery of Austin, Tracy Skelton and wife Emily of North Richland Hills and Stacy Standridge and wife Suzie of Plano; two sisters Katherine Price of Commerce and Linda Buchanan and husband James of Cumby; ten grandchildren and one great grandson. Visitation 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday at the funeral home. Service 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to the Irving Healthcare Foundation for Our Children's Center of Irving, 1901 N. MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75061.

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Skelton, Wanda

Skelton, Wanda, 73, of Cumby, TX formerly of Irving, died March 23, 2005 in Irving. Survived by her husband Robert (Bob) Skelton; children April Pieschel, Robin Hubbard, Cathy Little, Kim Wildee, Tracy Skelton and Stacy Standridge; two sisters; ten grandchildren and one great grandson. Visitation 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Monday at the funeral home. Service 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com
Mona Sloan

Mona Patricia Sloan, 84, of Irving died Feb. 20 at home. Memorial services are planned at a later date at Community Bible Church in Irving. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

She was born Sept. 16, 1920, in Kenora, Ontario. She grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She was a registered nurse for 50 years. She enjoyed playing bridge and swimming at the Heritage Senior Center in Irving.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence "Ted" Sloan; daughter, Diane Bolzas and husband, Ronald, of Irving; son, Victor Sloan and wife, Marie, of Uxbridge, Mass.; sisters Kathleen Elliott, Franne Gregg, Mart Keenas and Aileen Eaton, all of Canada; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Mona Patricia Sloan

Mona Patricia Sloan, age 84, a resident of Irving, Texas for two years, formerly of Medway, Massachusetts, died February 20, 2005 at her home.

Born September 16, 1920 in Kenora, Ontario, Canada to Thomas C. and Margaret Diehl Keenas, she grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. She was a registered nurse for fifty years, a bridge player and she enjoyed swimming at Heritage Senior Center in Irving.

Survivors include her husband Clarence "Ted" Sloan of Medway, MA, they married in 1950; her daughter, Diane Bolzas and husband Ronald of Irving; son, Victor Sloan and wife Marie of Uxbridge, MA; sisters, Kathleen Elliott, Franne Gregg, Mart Keenas and Aileen Eaton, all of Canada; and, four grandchildren.

Memorial services are planned at a later date at Community Bible Church in Irving. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.
James M. Small

James M. Small, 84, of Irving died Jan. 2. Services were at Chism-Smith Funeral Home with interment at Sowers Cemetery. Mr. Small was born Jan. 7, 1920, in Irving, worked at Voight Aircraft before retiring and was a member of Pioneer Baptist Church. He is survived by a sister, Mary Whatley of Wichita Falls; and brother, Vernon Small of Wichita Falls.

January 3, 2005

JAMES M. SMALL
James M. Small, age 84, a lifelong Irving resident, passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2005.

Mr. Small was born on January 7, 1920 in Irving, TX. He retired with Voight Aircraft. Mr. Small was a dedicated Christian and a faithful member of Pioneer Baptist Church. He is survived by: sister, Mary Whatley of Wichita Falls, TX; and brother, Vernon Small of Wichita Falls, TX.
Smith, Barbara Helen Box

SMITH, BARBARA HELEN BOX SMITH. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Barbara was born August 18, 1939 and passed away peacefully February 24, 2005 after a lengthy illness. In her early years she resided in Baytown, Texas where she met and married her husband of 46 years, Garland. They moved to Irving in 1965 where they remained until relocating to the Lake Fork area in 1998. Being a loving wife and mother were her source of greatest joy. She would not have traded it for anything. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time with her family. She had a smile that could light up a room and the sweetest disposition to match it. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, Garland; son, Joseph and wife Mary Lou, of Prosper, Texas; daughter, Lorie and husband David Armstrong, of Wheaton, Illinois; five beautiful grandchildren, Dylan, Lauryn, Klein, Spencer, and Riley; sister, Jean and husband Glynn Heffner of Baytown; brother, Jerry Box and wife Stephanie of Baytown, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 1821 University Ave. W., Suite S256, St. Paul, MN 55104 or at www.myasthenia.org/donation_mailin.htm. Memorial service will be at Chism-Smith Funeral Home 129 S. O'Connor Road, Irving, Texas, Monday, February 28th, 2005 at 1:00pm.

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Barbara Smith

Barbara Helen Box Smith, 65, died Thursday. A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Chism-Smith Funeral Home, 129 S. O'Connor Road, Irving.

She was born Aug. 18, 1939, in Garland. She grew up in Baytown, Texas, where she met her husband, Garland. They were married for 46 years. They moved to Irving in 1965 until moving to the Lake Fork area in 1998. Being a wife and mother were her greatest passions, said her family members. She also enjoyed fishing and camping.

Survivors include her husband, Garland; son, Joseph Smith and his wife, Mary Lou, of Prosper, Texas; daughter, Lorie Armstrong and her husband, David, of Wheaton, Ill.; five grandchildren; a brother, Jerry Box of Baytown; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 1821 University Ave. W., Suite S256, St. Paul, Minn. 55104.

Guy Smith

Guy O. Smith Jr., 77, died March 21 in Keller. Services were March 24 at Belt Line Road Church of Christ in Irving with burial following at Restland Memorial Park.

He was born April 8, 1927, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. He was a graduate of Abilene Christian College. He had a brief mission ministry in Alaska and later worked in the airline industry. He was retired from the maintenance department of the city of Dallas. He participated in numerous senior activities in Irving and Keller, according to family members. He was an avid reader of Western novels and movies; and he enjoyed traveling and his cat, Stonzie.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Dorothy Smith of Irving; daughter, Nomi Burns and her husband, Dr. Robert Burns of Keller; son, Stephen Smith and his wife, Jean-Marie, of Arlington; daughter, Deborah Teasley and her husband, Bill, of Sunnyvale, Ca.; son, David Smith and his wife, Anna, of Plano; 10 grandchildren; sister Hazel Smith Harding and her husband, Bill, of Shallowater, Texas; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to the local chapters of the Alzheimer or Parkinson Foundations; or to Special Funds of the Belt Line Road Church of Christ.
Smith-Anderson, Janie R.

TH-, ANDERSON JANIE R. beloved wife and mother passed away on January 15, 2005. Born February 21, 1947 in Muskogee, OK. Preceded in death by her parents, Mittic and Wilford Roberts, her husband of 27 years John Michael Smith, and her beloved dog Higgins. She is survived by her second husband Larry Anderson, and her children, Geoffrey (Sparky) Smith and his wife Beverley of Coppell, and Amanda (Mandy) Smith of Dallas. A woman of strong faith and Christian values, her need to make the world a better place for everyone was illustrated in her zeal for pursuing an education degree, working with and loving special needs children, and improving the lives of all children through Women of Vision. Although perpetually involved in community-based endeavors in Lake Highlands and North Richland Hills, she most recently began serving as a teacher's aide for special needs children at Irving High School. Janie also enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, decorating her house and others', watching movies, and trips to Sam Moon. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday January 19, 2005, at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dallas Chapter of Women of Vision-Mexico City Project, 214-341-4621.

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BARBARA HELEN BOX SMITH

Barbara Helen Box Smith was born August 18, 1939 and passed away Feb. 24, 2005.
She is survived by her husband, Garland; son, Joseph and wife Mary Lou, of Prosper, Texas, daughter, Lorrie and husband David Armstrong, of Wharton, Illinois, five beautiful grandchildren, Dylan, Luury, Klein, Spencer, and Riley; sister, Jenn and husband Glynn Heffner of Baytown; brother, Jerry Box and wife Stephanie of Baytown, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Please make memorials to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, 1821 University Ave W., Suite S256, St. Paul, MN 55104 or www.myasthenia.org/donation.mailin.htm.
Memorial service arranged by Chaves-Smith Funeral Home.

March 3, 2005
IVA JORDAN SMITH  Oct 4, 2005

Iva Jordan Smith, 89, passed away on September 28 in Shreveport, La. She was born on December 21, 1915 in Dallas County to James & Bessie Jordan. Mrs. Smith had been a resident of Irving most of her life until moving to Haynesville, LA three years ago.

She was preceded in death by her Husband: O.B. Smith, parents, three sisters: Mabel Crutcher, Myrtle Trigg, Nina Cordell, and two brothers: Lonnie Jordan, and Robert Jordan.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Pat & John Walker of Haynesville, LA, four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one brother: Jay Jordan of Charleston, TX and one sister: Ruby Johnson of Terrell, TX.

Funeral services were held on October 1 at Calvary Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Jordan Heights Cemetery in Grand Prairie.
Smith Sr., Larry Van

Smith, LARRY VAN, SR., 57, passed away on April 22, 2005 in his Dallas home. He was born on May 08, 1947 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Larry was a longtime resident of Dallas, attended Marsh Lane Baptist Church and was a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry from Stephen F. Austin University, and a Master's Degree in Leisure Services from the University of North Texas. He was a manager of Parks & Recreation for the City of Dallas for 34 years retiring in January 2005. Larry is survived by his Wife: Barbara Smith of Dallas, TX., One Son: Larry "Van" Smith, Jr. & Fiance': Danielle Gleason M.D. of Tarboro, NC., One Daughter: Zayne Smith of Montgomery, AL. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005 at 10:00a.m. at Marsh Lane Baptist Church, 10716 Marsh Ln., Dallas, TX. 75229. Pastor John Hadley will be officiating. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Marsh Ln. Baptist Church. Irving Calvary Funeral Home 624 East Second Street Irving Texas 75060 (972) 579-7356

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LILLIE MAE SMITH


She is survived by son and daughter-in-law John and Mary Heeron of Grand Prairie; daughter Margarett Palletti of Grand Prairie; 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Lillie Mae Smith, 72, of Irving died Tuesday, graveside services were Friday at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Mrs. Smith was born May 31, 1932, in Mount Ida, Ark. Survivors include her son, John Heeron and his wife, Mary, of Grand Prairie; daughter, Margarett Palletti of Grand Prairie; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.
Smith, Oleta Eulene Winton

SMITH, OLETHA EULENE WINTON SMITH went to be with our Lord March 23, 2005 after a courageous battle with cancer. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, she will be missed. Survived by husband Jerry Smith of Irving; children Greg Smith of Waxahachie, Sandy Parker of Sugar Land; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Whitney and Emily Parker and Sarah and Spencer Smith. Services today 10 a.m. at Plymouth Park Baptist in Irving, Ken Branam officiating. Interment at 12 noon at DFW National Cemetery. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313
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Oleta Smith

Oleta Eulene Winton Smith, 68, of Irving died March 23 of cancer. Services were Friday with burial at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

She was born April 4, 1936, in Bowie, Texas. She married Jerry F. Smith in 1955 in Bowie. She retired from American Airlines after 18 years in 1987. She was a member of the American Airlines Retirement Breakfast Group and a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving.

Survivors include husband Jerry Smith of Irving, children Greg Smith of Waxahachie and Sandy Parker of Sugar Land; five grandchildren; brother Elton Winton of Port Aransas; and sisters Valeta Viola of Austin and Elvena Shipman of Dallas.

Memorials may be made to Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation in Irving.
• Park Franklin Smith- October 10, 1954- November 16th, 2005
Funeral services for Park Franklin Smith, 51, of Nacogdoches, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 19, 2005, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Brad Halle of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery. Park Franklin Smith passed away Tuesday, November 15, 2005, in Nacogdoches, Texas. Park was born October 10, 1954, in El Paso, Texas, to James E. Smith and Leta Helderman Smith. He was the owner of Party 'N Things of Nacogdoches which he operated with his wife of nine years, Maury Smith, who survives him. He is also survived by a daughter, Aja Smith of Nacogdoches; a step-son, Ryan Ihrig of Nacogdoches; brothers, Ed Smith of Kyoto, Japan, and Dave "Skip" Smith of Spokane, Wash. And he is also survived by the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega. To many people Park was known as the "Party Guy." From owning a party store to hosting the best parties, he surrounded his life with fun and friends. From Game Hunters to Party 'N Things, Park was in business for 26 years in Nacogdoches. He loved toys and would take the time to play with everyone who would come into the store. He always wanted to show people "the new toy." He loved his customers and always looked forward to Christmas, because so many people come into town and one stop they would make was by Party 'N Things. He greeted everyone with a hug and a warm smile. He knew no stranger. Park also loved his daughter. He was an outstanding, heroic and patient dad. He would sit outside a dressing room for hours or he would stay on the phone all night just to take care of his little girl. He was the father to so many. He had one step-son, two former step-daughters and countless employees who were like his children. He took care of them all and was looking forward to being a "Granddad." Friend - a person whom one knows, likes and trusts. Park was the true definition of a friend to so many people. He never had a Sunday afternoon in town that he was not with friends. Friends came first! He and his wife, Maury, were truly best friends and partners as well as being totally in love. They spent countless hours together and most of the time if you saw one you saw the other. Their love was apparent to everyone around. The last thing to remember is that he loved his life. He said that a few days before he died. He lived his life to the fullest and spent his last day he was well, on the beach. As he often said, "Slow down you move too fast, you've got to make the moments last!" He truly made every moment last. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Smith Memorial Fund; Austin Bank, 3120 North St., Nacogdoches, Texas 75965.

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PATSY JEAN SMYERS
Patsy Jean Smyers of Irving passed away March 23, 2005.
She was born March 29, 1951 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Preceded in death by her husband, Larry Stan Smyers in 1993, Patsy is survived by her sons, Chris Smyers and Craig Smyers, both of Irving; brothers, Tommy Sharb of Lake George, Colorado and Kenneth Sharb of Irving; sister, Susan Brown of Dallas; 1 grandchild and another on the way.
Funeral services were held March 26 at Meadowbrook Baptist Church with Rev. Kyle Felts officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving. Family received friends Friday at the funeral home.
SMITH, RAYMOND, Of Irving, passed away on 7/14/05. He was preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Marie Smith. He was also preceded in death by a brother Billy T. Smith. A career jeweler he worked at William R. Katz Wholesale Jewelers and was in the business of wholesale jewelry both in sales and watchmaking. He and his wife, Marie were lifelong residents of the Dallas area. His primary activity aside from work was that of "cowboyin". He spent a lifetime as calf roper, bulldogger, and team roper. A member of all of the cowboy organizations, he roped up into his seventies. Survivors include a son, Bill Etheridge and wife Lynn; granddaughter Jennifer Etheridge, and grandson Chris Etheridge. Other survivors include, brother Robert Smith and family, brother, Russell Smith and family, the family of brother, Billy T Smith; and brother-in-law, George Delbrel and family. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Monday. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellycolonial.com

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Raymond Smith

Raymond Smith, 76, of Irving died Thursday, July 14, 2005, in Austin.
He was a lifelong resident of the Dallas area. He worked at William R. Katz Wholesale Jewelers and was in the business of wholesale jewelry.
He was a member of several cowboy organizations.
A funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Sonny Smith officiated. He was buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dallas.
Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 18, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.
He is survived by a son, Bill Etheridge; two brothers, Robert Smith and Russell Smith; two grandchildren; nieces and a nephew. He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy T. Smith.
Ricky Paul Smith

Ricky Paul Smith, 51, of Irving died Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2005.

He was born Aug. 20, 1954.

A funeral service was held Oct. 8 at Brown's Memorial Chapel.

Visitation was held Oct. 7 at the funeral home.

He is survived by two sons, Randy R. Smith of Irving and Patrick Smith of Grapevine; a daughter, Rachel R. Henry of Irving; two sisters, Sherry Smith of Garland and Sharla Smith; seven grandchildren; aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky P. Smith, II.
SMITH, SHIRLEY JEAN, program director for Tarrant Area Food Bank, died Wednesday, January 5 in a weather-related automobile accident near Vernon, Texas. She was 54. She was talking warm clothes and blankets to Taos Pueblo in New Mexico, a trip she normally made each year before Christmas. She is survived by her husband, Ron Smith of Haltom City; daughters Julie Duncan of Euless and Amanda White of Haltom City; two sisters, Kay Darnell of Ponder and Debbie Edgington of Southlake; a stepson, Steve Smith of Leander, Texas; two stepdaughters, Sandra Clark Joshua and Trisha Moss of Bedford; seven grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews. There will be a memorial at Tarrant Area Food Bank on Saturday, January 15th at 2:00 PM. The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in memory Shirley Smith to Tarrant Area Food Bank, 2600 Cullen, Fort Worth, Texas 76107 or Middle Road, PO Box 871, Taos, New Mexico, 87571. Middle Road is nonprofit organization to assist in the needs of those living on Taos Pueblo.

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Smith, Sidney Rose Anderson

ITH, SIDNEY ROSE ANDERSON, 86, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on April 5, 2005, at Hearthstone Assisted Living in Irving, Texas. A long-time resident of Grand Prairie, Sidney was born March 18, 1919 in Italy, Texas to the late Rosalie and Robert Anderson. She graduated from Italy High School in 1937, and on August 29, 1946 she was united in marriage to LCDR Edwin P. Smith in Grand Prairie, Texas. Sidney was a homemaker and a loving mother to Cole and Randall, and was active in Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Women's Club of Grand Prairie, and several other civic organizations. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years Edwin, her sister Louise, and her brothers Rit and Terry. She is survived by her son Cole; her son and his wife, Randy and Josephine; her grandchildren, Paige and Zachary; and several nieces and nephews. Sidney's strength, humor and grace through good times and bad were an inspiration to all who knew her, and she will truly be missed. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Association. The family expresses its gratitude to the staff at Vitas Hospice Care and Hearthstone Assisted Living for their care and support through this difficult time. Funeral Service: 2:00 p.m., Thursday at Bean-Massey-Burge Chapel in Grand Prairie; Visitation: 6 - 8 p.m., Wednesday at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home; Burial: Southland Memorial Park in Grand Prairie. Dignity Bean Massey Burge 733 Dalworth St. Grand Prairie (972) 263-7200

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Smith, Sue Fite

SMITH, SUE FITE Funeral services for Ms. Carolyn Sue Fite Smith, 71, Garland will be held 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005 at Bartley Funeral Home in Grand Saline, Texas. Burial will be in Sand Flat Cemetery, Grand Saline. Ms. Smith passed away September 30, 2005 at her residence in Garland. She was born August 22, 1934 in Van Zandt Co. to the late William Carroll & Gladys Gandy Fite. She had lived in Garland since 1971 where she was an office manager and Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Sherry Maxvill and one brother, Jerry Fite. Survivors include her son Kevin Smith and fiancee, Verna of Mansfield; daughter, Stacy Renesto and husband, John of Lake Creek; brothers, Harold Fite of Mountain View, AR and Monte Fite of Dallas; sister, Virginia Enloe of Allen; one grandson, Clayburn Mitchell; six nephews, three nieces, and numerous other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends 12-2 p.m. Wednesday at Bartley Funeral Home prior to service time. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755-0460.

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Published in the Dallas Morning News on 10/2/2005.
SMITH, SYBLE LUCILLE of Farmers Branch TX, formally of New Boston, TX went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2005 at the age of 84. She was a long time member of Webb Chapel Baptist Church and the owner of Tiny Tots Daycare in Farmers Branch. She is preceded in death by her husband James E. "Kie" Smith and a sister Dorothy Moore. She is survived by her son Eddie Smith of Red Oak, TX. Four daughters Virginia Banks Haynes and husband Terry of Carrollton, TX. Patsy Irvin of Arlington, TX. Margorie Tefeller of Jefferson TX. Sandra Sullivan and husband LD of Soper, OK. Numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. 5 brothers Leon Collins and wife Carol of Nash TX. Alton Collins and wife Bonnie of Palestine TX. Aubrey Collins and wife Eurlene of Santa Maria CA. Otis Collins, and wife Lorraine of Southlake, TX. Jackie Collins and wife JoAnn of Weatherford, TX. Sisters Minnie Morrison of Texarkana, TX. Audrey Stevens and husband Ben of Oakwood TX, Pearl Turner and husband Roy of Irving TX and Numerous nieces and nephews. Family will receive friends Tuesday January 11, 2005 at the funeral home from 6:00-8:00 PM. Services will be held Wednesday January 12, 2005 at 9:00 AM at Rhoton Funeral Chapel. Bro. Morgan Officiating. Interment will follow at Hilltop Memorial Park, Carrollton, TX. Dignity Memorial Rhoton Funeral Home 135 at Crosby Rd. Carrollton (972) 242-5261

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Smyers, Patsy Jean

Smyers, PATSY JEAN of Irving, passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2005. She was born March 29, 1951 in Nacogdoches, Texas. Preceded in death by her husband, Larry Stan Smyers in 1993, Patsy is survived by her sons, Chris Smyers and Craig Smyers, both of Irving; brothers, Tommy Sharb of Lake George, Colorado and Kenneth Sharb of Irving; sister, Susan Brown of Dallas; 1 grandchild and another on the way. Funeral services will be held 10:00 AM Saturday, March 26, 2005 at Meadowbrook Baptist Church, 1705 N. Irving Ht. Dr., Irving with Rev. Kyle Felts officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, Irving. Family will receive friends 6-8 PM, Friday at the funeral home. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Inc. Family Owned & Operated Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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Spain, Acie Doyle

SPAIN, ACIE DOYLE, Age 83, of Irving for most of his life, died Sunday, September 18, 2005 in Irving. Born June 20, 1922 in Dallas, he married Earleen Anderson on June 23, 1942. She preceded him in death in April, 2005 after 63 years of marriage. Survived by son, Michael Spain of Irving; daughter, Diane Trimmier and husband Gary of Garland; sister, Barbara Rowland and husband David of Pensacola, FL; grandchildren, Michael Todd Spain, Alison Bennett and Lisa Trimmier; seven great grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Betty Cullum of Austin. Visitation 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Graveside Service 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2005 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 9/20/2005.
Spain, Earleen

SPAIN, EARLEEN, 82, an Irving resident for most of her life, died April 11, 2005 at Las Colinas Medical Center in Irving. Born January 27, 1923 in Irving to Earl and Cletis Lewis Anderson, she married Acie D. Spain June 23, 1942 in Dallas. A homemaker, she is survived by her husband, Acie; son, Michael Spain of Irving; daughter, Diane Trimmier and husband, Gary, of Garland; sister, Betty Cullum of Austin; three grandchildren, Michael Todd Spain, Alison Bennett, Lisa Trimmier; and seven great grandchildren.

Graveside service 11:00 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2005 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

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Sparks, Gene

SPARKS, GENE Born 8/23/24 in Princeton, TX. to Bill and Pearl Sparks; resided in Irving, TX for 45 years; passed away 7/26/05. Preceded by wife of 52 years, Nita; survived by wife, Lillian and her family; daughter, Beverly; sons, Gary, Larry, and David; 7 grandchildren; and 1 great-grandson. He was a pioneer in the dry cleaning business for 42 years and was a former member of the Irving City Council. A veteran of WWII, he was involved throughout his life in countless church, civic, and state activities. His family will receive visitors at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home in Irving from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, 7/31/05. Services will be held at noon at the First United Methodist Church in Irving on Monday, 8/1/05., Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

Gene Sparks

Gene Sparks, 80, of Irving died Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in Red River, N.M.

He was born Aug. 23, 1924, to William Grover and Pearl Hathaway Sparks. On March 1, 2003, he married Lillian Polakovich Sparks in Las Vegas.

He enlisted in the Army Air Forces when he heard the U.S. entered World War II. He worked for Airlawn Cleaners and Laundry in Dallas before establishing Sparks Laundry and Cleaners, at one time owning 10 stores across the Dallas area.

He served on the Irving City Council and the historical preservation board that established The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, and he was vice president of the board of regents of Texas Woman’s University in Denton. He was an Irving resident for 55 years and a supporter of the arts, serving on the Irving Arts Board, the Irving and Las Colinas symphony boards and the Irving Entertainment Series board. He was named an Irving High Spirited Citizen in 1992.

He was an elder and youth leader for the Irving Berean Church and attended First United Methodist Church in Irving.

A funeral service was held at noon Monday, Aug. 1, at First United Methodist Church. Rev. Rusty Hedges and Rev. David Sparks officiated. Burial followed at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Gary Sparks of Carrollton, Larry Sparks of Paris and David Sparks of Carrollton; a daughter, Beverly Roberts of Paris; two step-sons, Owen DeWitt of Irving and Michael Lyles of Dallas; a step-daughter, Angela Scarlett of Wolfe City; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 52 years, Nita Sparks, in 2002.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 211 West Third St., Irving, TX 75060.

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Neighbors p.17
Spurlock, Mary Lou

SPURLOCK, MARY LOU 78, of Irving, TX, died May 15th in New Port Richey, FL. She was an insurance underwriter. She was a member of the Longhorn L.O.W. R.V. Club, of Texas. She is survived by a daughter, Kat Hutson-Vincent, Port Richey, FL; son-in-law, Gary Buza; step-son, Robert Deaguerio, Trinidad, Tx; one granddaughter, Windi Adams & one grandson, Korbin Adams. Arrangements by Michels & Lundquist Funeral Home, New Port Richey, Florida.

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 5/17/2005.
Stackhouse, Tracy "Trey."

STACKHOUSE, TRACY, "TREY" 33, born Jan. 21, 1972 in Seminole, Oklahoma. Died Aug. 31, 2005 in an auto accident in Irving, TX. He is survived by his mother and father: Shirley & Earl Tucker, grandmother: Dorothy Johnson, aunt: Linda Shesler, uncle: Jerry Johnson, aunt & uncle Rocky and Tami Johnson all of Irving, and his long time roommate and close friend Tim McGlothlin and their cat Starr of Irving, TX. He is also survived by his biological father: Joe Clyde Stackhouse, siblings: Edward and Candise Stackhouse, grandparents Donald and Faye Stackhouse and several aunts, uncles and cousins all of Oklahoma. He was a 1990 graduate of Irving High School and worked at UPS at the DFW airport for the last 4 years. Visitation will be Tuesday Sept. 6th 9 to 11 with graveside services at Skyvue Funeral Home, 7220 FM 1187 Mansfield, TX 76063. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tracy Stackhouse Memorial Fund: 614 N. Story Rd. #1, Irving, TX 75061

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 9/7/2005.
STALEY, KIRSTEN "Ciji" RUUD STALEY, loving mother, precious daughter, wonderful sister and trusted friend, returned to the Lord January 21, 2005 after an inspiring battle with sarcoma cancer. Born May 28, 1969, Kirsten graduated from Ursuline Academy in 1987, where she made a close circle of lifelong friends who called her Ciji. She earned her BA in Art History from the University of North Texas in 1992. Relentlessly courted by the dashing Doug Staley, they married in 1995. In 1997 they welcomed their daughter Alexandra into this world. After husband Doug unexpectedly passed away in 1998, Kirsten remained strong and devoted her life to parenting their precious daughter Alexandra. She and Alexandra enjoyed the arts, travel, literature, and faithful worship together. Kirsten spent much time volunteering at Alexandras school, St. Ritas Catholic School. She was a member of RCIA and a St. Gerard sponsor for new Catholics. Kirsten also volunteered for the Amschwand Sarcoma Cancer Foundation. Kirsten enjoyed her wonderful life, as a valued member of the Dallas Womens Investment Network, season ticket holder of the Dallas Summer Musicals, an avid runner, but above all, an excellent mother. Despite any tragedy that occurred in her life, she always inspired others with her strength, unwavering faith and peace that surpasses understanding. Kirsten is survived by her daughter Alexandra, her mother Eithne McLoughlin, sister and brother-in-law Kelley and Ted Nitka, father Clayton Ruud and his wife Paula, and countless friends who are grateful to have had Kirsten bless their lives. An all night vigil will begin at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2005 at St. Ritas Catholic Church, 12521 Inwood Rd., Dallas 75244. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, January 25, 2005 10:30 a.m. St. Ritas Catholic Church. Rev. Msgr. Mark Seitz, presiding. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Dallas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to one of the following: MD Anderson Cancer Sarcoma Center (mdanderson.org); Amschwand Foundation (sarcomacancer.org); St. Ritas Catholic Church (strita.net); Wonders and Worries (wondersandworries.org). **Dignity Memorial Sparkman Dickey Dallas N. Tollway at Trinity Mills (972) 407-6070**

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Stallcup, Vance Williams

STALLCUP, , DR. VANCE WILLIAMS Age 87, of Celina, Texas passed away June 11, 2005 in Celina. He was born July 2, 1917 in Celina, Texas to Dr. Walter Hubbard Stallcup and Rosa Mae (Francis) Stallcup. He married Alice James May 5, 1946 in Rockwall, Texas. Dr. Stallcup attended North Texas State College, Northwestern University, University of California, and Baylor University College of Dentistry. He practiced dentistry in Celina for 33 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church since Easter of 1929. Dr. Stallcup served his country in the Navy during World War II and achieved the rank of Lt. Commander. He is survived by his wife, Alice Stallcup of Celina, Texas; son David Stallcup and wife Peggy of Irving, Texas; daughter, Nancy Kenley and husband Ray of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Mark Stallcup, Rebecca Wood, David Kenley, Jennifer Stallcup, Heather Plummer, Stan Taber and Jennifer Bell; 11 great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Francis Reeves of McKinney, Texas Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Celina, Texas with Reverend Doug Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Cottage Hill Cemetery. To convey condolences and sign online registry visit www.tjmfuneral.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 6/13/2005.
Stanglin, Julius

STANGLIN, JULIUS, JR., 80, of Irving, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from Alzheimers and complications from a stroke. He was born May 13, 1924 in Dallas, Texas. Julius graduated from Crozier Tech High School in 1942. During his adult career, he was employed by Western Electric, Luscombe Airplane Corp., Ling-Temco Vought, and was the owner of Mechtronic Products. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Lone Star Treasure Hunters Club, Dallas Camera Club, Luscombe Flying Club, First Mens Garden Club of America, American Society of Tool and Machinery, and American Society of Value Engineering. Preceded in death by his parents, Julius Stanglin, Sr. and Bennie Frances Riddle Stanglin; and daughter, Dora Sue Townsend Terry; he is survived by wife, Colleen Stanglin of Irving; son, Paul Stanglin and wife, Debra; daughters, Matilda "Tillie" Gallegos Hamilton Gaddy, Virginia "Virgie" Gallegos Lyons Jones, Judy Gallegos Gafford and husband Richard, Christina "Christie" Gallegos Rowe Hardin Williams and husband Eddie, Julie Stanglin Weeks and husband Floyd; brother, Maurice Stanglin and wife Merrily; 26 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren, 2 nephews; 1 great niece; and numerous cousins and friends. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Browns Memorial Funeral Home. Family will receive friends 7-9 PM Friday, March 18, 2005 at the funeral home. A graveside service will be 2 PM Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at Fielding Memorial Cemetery, Idaho Falls, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, his family requests memorial donations be made in his name at City of Irving Employees Credit Union, 1408 W. Pioneer Dr., Irving, TX 75061. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Inc. Family Owned & Operated Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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STANGLIN, MARY 96, of Dallas, born May 15, 1908 in Knoxville, TN, passed away March 8, 2005 in Dallas, TX. Lifetime member of the Assembly of God Church. Preceded in death by her husband, August W. Stanglin and son, William L. Stanglin. Survived by her daughters, Maxine Patrick and Margie Tarno; 8 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren. Services at 3:30 PM, Thursday, March 10, 2005 at Restland Wildwood Chapel. Interment Restland Memorial Park. Restland 972-238-7111
restlandfuneralhome.com
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 3/10/2005.
FRANCES ELOISE STANTON

Frances Eloise Stanton of Irving passed away August 12, 2005. She was born in Grayson County, Texas on September 18, 1919. She was a teacher at Forest Park Private School, Chatterbox School and The Rainbow Academy in Irving. She was a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving.

Preceded in death by her husband Harold Everett Stanton in 1975, she is survived by daughter Kathryn Stanton of Irving and a host of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army. Private family services will be held at a later date. Local arrangements by Brown's Memorial Funeral Home.

Frances Eloise Stanton

Frances Eloise Stanton, 85, of Irving died Friday, Aug. 12, 2005. She was born Sept. 18, 1919, in Grayson County.

She was a teacher at Forest Park Private School, Chatterbox School and The Rainbow Academy in Irving.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

She was a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Stanton of Irving; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Everett Stanton in 1975.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Brown's Memorial Funeral Home in Irving was in charge of arrangements.
STARR, JO ANN SPANN, 1936-2005 Jo Ann Spann Starr passed away early morning August 7, 2005. She was 69 years old. She was born in Dallas, Texas to Robert Estes and Olga Valera Spann. She graduated from Irving High School, where she met her husband Luther James Starr Jr. She attended Texas State College For Women (1956), gaining a Bachelors degree in Advertising Design and Texas A&M University (1970) where she received a Masters degree in Education Administration. Jo Ann Starr was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She worked hard in career and community service endeavors all her life. She was a member of the Texas State PTA Staff, Public Relations Director of Southwestern University, played major roles in coordinating the celebrations of the National Bicentennial and the Texas Sesquicentennial, and was the Executive Director for the Austin Artist Harvest for many years. Through her involvement in both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, she passed her tradition of service and dedication to her children and grandchildren. She was proud to have two sons and three grandsons earn the rank of Eagle Scout, with her youngest grandson well on his way. Two of her granddaughters earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. Her memory will live on in the hearts of many Scouts that she influenced. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, COL (Retired) L. James Starr Jr. of Austin; three children and their spouses, Valerie and CPT (Retired) Jerry Duffey, of College Station, COL L. James Starr III and Martha, of Pflugerville, and LTC Thomas Estes Starr and Ruby, of Pflugerville. Her eight surviving grandchildren are Robert, Kevin, Katy, and Mary Duffey, of College Station, and Luther IV, Stephanie, JoAnna, and Thomas Starr Jr., of Pflugerville. Numerous aunts and cousins also survive her. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Weed Corley-Fish Funeral Home in Austin, Texas. Services will be Thursday at LTG Thomas Bishop Chapel on Camp Mabry at 10 a.m. Internment will immediately follow at Memorial Hill Park, Pflugerville. Obituary and guestbook available online at wcfish.com. Arrangements by: Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX. 78705 - (512) 452-8811

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 8/9/2005.
STEELE, MRS. HELEN FLOW MILLER Mrs. Steele Died at her ♡ home in Irving at age 64. Sunday Feb. 27 after a short battle with cancer. Helen was born in Oklahoma to Warren & Gwen Miller Sept. 8, 1940. She is pre-deceased by her parents and brother Charles Ray Miller. She is survived by her husband Joel, Son Joe Steele, daughter Kathy Turrell, Grandsons Ryan, James & Paul Steele, Grand Daughters Mallory & Erin Turrell all of Irving. Sister and Brother-in-law Betty & Bill Barnes of Corsicana. She loved traveling with her daughter and grand children, from the mountains to the beach. Every year a new adventure, talented artist, she held many offices in Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority for 35 years. Family visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6 to 8:00 P.M. at Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana. Her funeral service will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Corley Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Bill Honea officiating. Burial will follow at Birdston Cemetery in Streetman, TX. A Video Tribute to Mrs. Steele may be viewed on the Internet by going to our website www.corleyfuneralhome.com. Select Mrs. Steele's obituary and click on the Video Memorials link. There is also an online guest book for your use. Corley Funeral Home Corsicana, TX 903-874-3755
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 3/1/2005.
STERLING, MAURICE CLIFTON Of Irving, passed away October 20, 2005. He was born October 21, 1937 in McKinney, Texas. Preceded in death by his parents, John Bruce and Ethel Rainwater Sterling, and his first wife of 30 years, Janis Crim Sterling; he is survived by his wife, Vicky Sterling of Irving; son, Michael Sterling and wife Delinda of Houston; daughter, Mindy Stanley and husband, Tom of Dallas; step-daughters, Nancy West and husband Scott of Irving, Teresa Foster and husband Kevin of Spring, Becky DeAcetis and husband Peter of Boerne; sister Ann Dieterich of Dallas; and 11 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday, October 22, 2005 at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 S. Story Rd, Irving, with Dr. Jim Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Friday at the funeral home. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned Since 1963 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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Stevens, Burnell C.

STEVENS, BURNELL C. "Bill" Bill passed away Jan. 1, surrounded by his family at home. An Irving resident for the past 45 years, he was born in St. Louis on June 26, 1918. He moved with his parents and sister, Betty, to Memphis in 1922. He attended public schools, became an Eagle Scout and attended the University of Illinois, where he played football and was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. He volunteered for the Army in 1941 and spent two years in Europe as a combat engineer. He was discharged as a Captain in 1945. He was an Episcopalian, among the first families to start the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Irving, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He served as the first full-time manager of the Irving Chamber of Commerce, beginning in 1960 until his retirement in 1983. He was deeply devoted to the community's progress and was recognized as one of the city's most influential leaders for economic development. Bill also served as president of county, regional and state chambers of commerce organizations. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marjorie Ottinger Stevens; three sons, Terry of Grapevine, Van of Irving, and Scott of Austin; daughters-in-law Donna, Theresa and Jill; his sister Betty Marks of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a cousin and several nieces and nephews. Bill donated his body for scientific research to the UT Southwestern Medical School. There will be a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 120 E. Rochelle, Irving. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 1/4/2005.
STEVENSEN, BONNIE SUE, 44, of Irving for twenty years, died Sunday, September 4, 2005 as the result of an accident in Irving. Born May 20, 1961 in Ada, Oklahoma, she was employed in human resources at Concrete Cutting by Bond in Grand Prairie for five years. Survivors include her husband, Robert "Steve" Stevenson; mother, Rose Marie Young and husband Tommy of Pontotoc, Okla.; father, Murry Lewis and wife Virginia of Payne Springs; son, Lance Mark Rogers; daughters, Mandy Michelle Upchurch, Kelli Leigh Stevenson and Kristi Marie Stevenson, all of Irving; grandchildren, Nicole, Shae-lynn and Tyler; brothers, Murry Maurice Lewis, Donald Earl Lewis and Scotty Lee Young, all of Connerville, Okla; sister, Donna Marie Swaim of Lewisville; sister-in-law, Barbara Prater; and, mother-in-law Gladys Stevenson. Visitation 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. Service 11:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Wil Mayfield officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellycolonial.com

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LOYAL BROWN STEWARD

Loyal Brown Steward, of Irving, passed away December 13, 2005. He was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Savannah, TN. He is survived by his wife, Betty Steward of Irving; son, Don Steward and wife Vickie of Irving; daughter Linda Larkin and husband Jack of Irving, sisters, Mary Schweiker and Frances Jacobs of Mineola, brothers, Cecil Steward of Ramer, TN and Irvin Steward of Kemp; and grandchildren, Christopher Loyal Steward and Michael Bryan Steward.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at Brown's Memorial Chapel with Rev. Chuck Stevenson officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family received friends Thursday.
NEVILLE GAMMON "JO" (NESBIT) STINCHFIELD
1922 - 2005

OBITUARY OF NEVILLE JO NESBIT GAMMON STINCHFIELD Jo Gammon Stinchfield of Irving passed away Friday, Jan. 28, 2005 in Irving, Texas at the Northgate Plaza Nursing Home from Oat Cell Cancer in the brain, lung, liver and bones. Jo was born May 8, 1922 in Marshall, Arkansas, to Guice Wesley Nesbit and Dorothy Pearl Aday Nesbit. Raised by her maternal grandparents, Oat Cell Cancer in the brain, lung, liver and bones. Jo was never married and had no children. She attended A&M University in Magnolia, Ar. in 1959 and graduated with a degree in History. In Irving, she bought Beauty Masters Salon where she worked in and around the town for almost twenty years. She was from a political family having lived with her cousin Harry B. Colay, who was the Senior House of Representatives from Magnolia, Arkansas for over 10 years. E. C. Aday was the County Coroner in Houston, Texas, formerly from Marshall, Arkansas. Jo used many talents in Officers Wives Clubs during the years she was married to her first husband, Lt. Col. Stephen Ross Gammon. At Luke Air Force Base, Columbus, Ohio she was in the Hammetts, a group who did tap to Parisian kick dancing. She was Vice President of the Luke Air Force Base Women's Club in Topeka, Kansas and attended, danced, sang, bowled, golfed and modeled. In her daughter's Girl Scout Leader and took the troop to the Capitol as guests of Governor George Docking. She completed the American National Red Cross program called the Gray Ladies, volunteering at the hospital in helping patients, doctors and nurses. She received a special award at Kincheloe Air Force Base, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan for volunteering over 5,000 hours. The Lt. Col. John Persinger, husband of Jo, was a Ranger and had served in the Air Force. She took stained glass classes and pieces sold at the Irving Senior Center. Jo was also the "Queen of the Garage Sale." Husband of 16 years, Melvin Stinchfield passed away on January 29, 2005. Jo is survived by her father's children, Stephen Ross Gammon, and his wife Janice. Their children are Stephen Patrick Gammon and wife Marguerite, grandchildren: Christopher Michael Gammon, Rebecca Gammon, and great grandchildren: Cheryl Kay and Victoria Ann Gammon, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; great grandchildren, Hillary Rose Gammon, and great grandchildren, Stephanie Strunc Reese, and her husband Alan Reese, Ennis, Texas and Glenn Strunc and wife Melissa and great grandchildren, Aaron and twins Owen Scott and Collin Glenn, Baltimore, Maryland. Cousins, Mable Jo Colay Ray and husband Re Springdale, Arkansas, Helen Sherman, Houston, Benny Joe Aday of Portales, NM, Betty Jean Kristoffersen, Donna Magee of all of Houston. Daughter-in-law by marriage Cathy Stinchfield, two granddaughters Alison and Jackie and grandson, Avery of Dublin, Ohio. Two sisters-in-law, Joan White of Alexandria, Virginia and Janet Johnson of Marietta. Special thank you to Mamie Morgan, Pat Morgan, Donna Belknap and others who helped Jo. Family and friends vi 600 W. Dover, Irving, 7:00 to 9:00 pm Friday, February 4th. Memorial Service will be held Saturday, February 5th at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 S. Story Rd. in Irving for family and friends. Lunch will be served after the service.

This tribute was prepared for Jo, family and friends by Nevada Hudson, a friend for 46 years.


3/5/2005
Stockton, James Durward

Stockton, JAMES DURWARD "Doc" passed away Friday, April 1, 2005 at V.I.P. Living Center, Irving, after a brief illness. One of eight children, Doc was born October 15, 1914, in Chico, Wise County, Texas, to James Burton Stockton and Ivy Myrtle Parker. Before moving to the metroplex, Doc lived on the Crutch Ranch near Borger, Hutchinson County, Texas, where he worked for many years as an oil pumper. Doc served in the 74th Field Artillery Battalion of the United States Army in World War II, and was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge. Doc was preceded in death by his wife of forty years, Florence "Flossie" Vyeda, of Gilroy, California. He is survived by a daughter, Jimmy Darlene Watson, his younger sister, Sammy Ruth Pace Williams, and many nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

Irving (972) 254-4242
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 4/5/2005.
Shirley Ann Turvan Striplin
68, passed away February 11, 2005 in Irving, TX.
She was born December 23, 1936 in Dallas, TX. Shirley married Johnny Striplin on July 11, 1969, they were happily married for 36 years. She was a lifetime member of Beta Sigma Phi achieving numerous awards and accomplishments.

She is survived by husband Johnny Striplin, children Debbi & husband Jack Jeffers of Palestine, TX; Angela & husband John Davenport of Flower Mound, TX; Michael Prather of Irving, TX; Judy Sessums of McKinney, TX; Allen Striplin of McKinney, TX; Danny Rodriguez of McKinney, TX; grandchildren; Jackson Jeffers, John Jeffers, Ashley Vanderlinden, Michael Vanderlinden, Christopher Vanderlinden, Jonathan Davenport, Christopher Davenport, Beth Striplin, Christina Sessums, great-grandchild; Addison Vanderlinden, brother and sister at heart, Tom and JoAnn Dragoo.

Family visitation was 6:00-8:00 P.M. Sunday February 13, 2005 at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 11:00 A.M. Monday February 14, 2005 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Michael Prather, Jack Jeffers, Jackson Jeffers, John Jeffers, John Davenport, Tom Dragoo. Honorary Pallbearers will be Michael Vanderlinden and Christopher Vanderlinden.

February 17, 2005

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Robin S. Swann

Born: Aug 13, 1976
Deceased: Oct 14, 2005
Location: Irving, TX

Robin was born August 13th, 1976. October 14th, 2005 Robin Swann passed away in Irving, Texas at the age of 29.
Swann, Robin Susette

SWANN, ROBIN SUSETTE, DOB August 13, 1976. Robin went to be with the Lord at 4:40 pm, October 14, 2005 after a long battle with Diabetes, Gastroparesis and Renal Failure. She is survived by her Mom Pat Swann, Dad and Step-mom Lee and Sandy Swann, 1st step-mom Lila Swann. Sisters Wendy Swann, Leah Kuhn and husband Mike, Shannon Pritchard, Amanda Mayer and husband Ronnie Adcock. Nieces Rachel Pritchard, Shelby Mayer, Bailey Adcock. Nephews Jeffrey Mayer and Bradley Adcock. Life long friends Jennifer and Mike Alexander and God daughter Larissa. Also many other friends who loved her and were a big part of her life. Services at 2pm, October 17, 2005 Northgate UMC, Irving and interment at Oak Grove Memorial Garden, Irving

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Ruth Swanner

Ruth Swanner, 86, of Irving, died Thursday, June 9, 2005, at Irving Nursing Center.

She was born Feb. 8, 1919, to John Taylor and Mary Ann Maples Bell. On April 27, 1935, she married John A. Swanner. He preceded her in death.

She lived in Irving for 50 years. She retired in 1984 after 23 years at 3M in Dallas as a marketing clerk. She was a member of the Red Hat Club.

She attended Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 11 at Oak View Baptist Church. Rev. Wallace Philpot officiated. A graveside service followed at 2 p.m. at Stoney Point Cemetery in Melissa.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home.

She is survived by a daughter, Betty Jo Borden of Irving; a brother, Glen Bell of McKinney; two grandsons; two great-grandsons; and numerous nieces and nephews.
SHARON KAY SWINDLE

Sharon Kay Swindle born March 26, 1961 in Dallas passed away October 31, 2005 in Irving.

She was a member of Northview Baptist Church in Irving. She is survived by her mother Lois Swindle of Irving; grandmother Lillie Rickett of Irving; daughter Tarah Swindle of Irving; brothers James Swindle, Jr. of Tyler; Jamie Swindle of Alamo, Tennessee; sisters Connie Graham of Irving; Revonda Green of Irving; Carolyn Pierce of Seattle, WA; Ann Pate of Aberdeen, MS; Geneva Hensley of Lexington, Tennessee; Stacie Swindle of Alamo, Tennessee; cousin Farrell Wright of Irving; and Mary Tamayo of Irving.

Funeral services were held Nov. 3 at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home with interment at Skyvue Memorial Park in Mansfield.