BAILEY, ROBERT EARL, Robert Earl Bailey, devoted husband and father, died of liver cancer on Sunday, February 04, 2007. He was born in Hanson, KY in 1942 to Richard E. and Kathleen Lee Bailey. He graduated from Henderson County High school in 1959. In 1961 he moved to Washington, D.C., where he met the love of his life, Clarice, and they were married in 1963. He worked for Kroger's from 1961 to 1970. He went to work for the Southland Corporation (7-11 Stores) in 1970. He held many positions with Southland and retired in 1998 as a Vice President. After retirement, he continued to pursue his passions for traveling, hunting & fishing. He will be forever remembered as a wonderful husband, father, sportsman, and friend. He is survived by his wife, Clarice Bailey, of Mabank, TX; daughter Sandra K. Bailey of St. Peters, MO; daughter Ann Lee Bailey Stroud of Petersburg, VA; son Richard E. Bailey of Carrollton, TX, many loving family members and supportive friends including Clyde Tinsley, Tom Funk, and others too numerous to mention. The family would like to deeply thank his doctors, the nurses and staff of the Athens Hematology Clinic, and the Genesis Hospice Care for the skillful and humane care he received. We would also like to thank all of those who have offered loving support over the past months. A memorial to celebrate his life will be scheduled at a later date. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the ASPCA or Genesis Hospice Care of Athens TX. To leave a personal tribute, please visit http://bobbailey.wordpress.com. Cooper Funeral Home Athens, TX 75751 (903) 675-2275

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Bobby Roy Baker Passes Away in Waco
Bobby Roy Baker, passed away in Waco Friday, April 6, 2007. He was the son of the late Orval and Mary Baker. He was 64 years old. He was born in the Fairview Community near Kosse. He had a twin brother, Billy Troy who passed away at birth. They were born August 1, 1942.
Bobby attended schools at Kosse, then later graduated from Thornton High School. He joined the Methodist church at an early age and loved the Lord with all his heart. He married Linda Lowery and they had two sons, Bobby and Rodney. They reside in Houston. He later married Vivian Johnson and had a daughter, Rhonda who died at birth, and a son Ronald Dean. He resides in Hewitt.
Bobby served two years in the Army in Germany and upon his return to the states he went into the Heating and Refrigeration business in Irving. He later moved to Waco, and worked for Culligan Water Facilities and continued to do heating and refrigeration work until his health failed him and he had to go into a nursing facility. He was in the nursing facility five and a half years.
He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his daughter, Rhonda; his brothers: John, Charles and Billy.
Surviving him are his brother, Edgar Baker of Mont Alba, Texas; sons: Bobby, Rodney and Ronald Dean; sisters: Patsy Amason of Groesbeck, Mary Krumnow of Riesel, Carolyn Alewine of Groesbeck and Dorothy Anderson of Calvert; his beloved four grandsons in Hewitt and a grandson in Cleburne; two granddaughters in Houston and a host of nieces and nephews.
Many thanks to the workers at Quality Care, and Crestview Nursing Homes and for all the prayers of everyone who knew Bobby.
The family of Bobby Roy Baker.
Wilkerson-Hatch was in charge of arrangements.
Baker, Brian Richard

BAKER, BRIAN RICHARD Born June 7, 1963 in Dallas. Brian died on December 2, 2007, as a result of an accident in Colorado just south of Great Sand Dunes National Park. He had been working in the area as Project Construction Manager for Morgan Building Systems of Dallas, TX. He is survived by his parents, Guy & Sally Morgan of Dallas & Bill Baker of Murchison; daughter Kali Ann Baker; son John James Baker; their mother, and wife of many years, Diana Baker of Arlington; brothers James "Rusty" Baker of Irving, John Baker of Eureka Springs, Ark; half-siblings William "Robin" Barnes, Cody Morgan of McKinney, Colleen Morgan of New Orleans, & Ann Marie Baker Hornsby of Murchison; and step-siblings Linda Morgan Sheffer of Austin & Billy Michael Baker of Dallas. Visitation will be from 2:00pm until 6:00pm on Sunday, December 9 at the Hughes Funeral Home, North Chapel. The Celebration of Life will be from 6:00pm to 9:00pm on Monday, December 10 at the Hughes Funeral Home, North Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial & Committal will be celebrated at 10am on Tuesday, December 11, 2007 at Calvary Hill Mausoleum Chapel. Hughes Funeral Home North Chapel 9700 Webb Chapel Rd. Dallas Texas 75220 214-350-9951

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BEVERLY ANN BANISTER
1950 - 2007

BEVERLY ANN BANISTER, age 57, a resident of Carrollton, Texas for 12 years, formerly of Irving, Texas, died Monday, September 17, 2007 at a Plano hospital. Born July 31, 1950 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Buddy and Peggy Harvey Banister, Beverly was a systems analyst at PepsiCo in Frisco in the I.T. department for 8 years and a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ in Irving. Preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Peggy Sue Cummins and Abigail Rose, her dog, she is survived by her daughter, Serena Rose Marin of Dallas; sister, Charlotte "Kay" Davis and husband Darrell of Roseville, California; nephews, Shawn Davis of Lincoln, California, Andy Davis of Roseville, California and Shannon Lee Cummins of Manhattan, New York; Serena's father, Cruz Garcia Marin of Terrell; and Serena's grandpa, Gordon Scruggs of Grapevine. A Memorial Service will be held 12 noon, Saturday, September 22, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, with Tim Lewis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Habitat for Humanity of South Collin County, Attention: Jill Smola, donation in honor of Beverly Banister, P.O. Box 868117, Plano, Texas 75086-8117.

Banister, Beverly Ann
BANISTER, BEVERLY ANN 57, of Carrollton, died Monday, Sept 17, 2007. A Memorial Service will be 12 noon, Saturday, Sept 22nd at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. For full obituary, please go to www.donnellyscolonial.com, Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com

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Norma J. Bankemper
BANKEMPER, NORMA J., 53, of Memphis, Tenn passed away on Friday, February 23, 2007. She was a loving mother. She was a flight attendant for Braniff and Northwest Airlines for over 20 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, George and Sarah Stanford of Irving, Texas. She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea Bankemper of Lexington, Ky; two brothers, William Clyde Stanford of Irving, Tx and Larry Stanford of Savannah, Tx; nephews Mathew Stanford, Jordan Stanford; nieces Melissa Stanford Drew, Laura Stanford Veno, Candace Stanford Wiley, Jennifer Stanford, Karen Stanford and many dear friends and family. Pallbearers are Jordan Stanford, Barrett Drew, Phillip Veno, Jeremy Wiley, Mathew Stanford and James Stanford. Visitation will be Monday, February 26 from 6-8 pm at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be on Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 am at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to Baddour Memorial Center, 662-562-9666, 3297 Hwy 51 South, Senatobia, Miss., 38668 Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

Bannon, Kathy

BANNON, KATHY, Born March 5, 1947 in New York City to Rudolph and Mary Hillebrenner, Kathy passed from this life at the age of 60 on Monday, August 20, 2007. She was a financial advisor for the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System for several years. A member of the Dallas Democratic Party, she was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention. Survivors include her son, Joseph Bannon and wife Susan of Dallas; sisters, Jo-Ann Bresowar and husband Allan of Irving, Geraldine Weems of Austin, Mary Ann Guritz and husband Duane of Azle, Barbara McCready and husband Richard of Payne Springs and Virginia Johnson and husband Larry of Rowlett; brother, William Hillebrenner and wife Rhonda of Van Alstyne; as well as many nieces and nephews. A rosary will be recited 7 p.m., Wednesday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Deacon Roger Gette officiating. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m., Thursday, August 23, 2007 at St. Lukes Catholic Church in Irving. Rev. Aidan O’Donovan, celebrant. Interment to follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

Barron, Destini Lorene
BARRON, DESTINI LORENNE Age 18, of Dallas, TX, passed away on Tues., May 1, 2007. She was born on Feb. 15, 1989 in Dallas to Yolanda Barron Lara and Ermin DeLeon. A Rosary will be 7:00 p.m., Thurs., May 3rd at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 4th also at Our Lady of Lourdes in Dallas. Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644

RUBY BEATRICE BARTHOLOD

92 years old passed away September 23, 2007. Services were held Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment at Valley View Cemetery, Valley View, Tx.
Bashara, George
BASHARA, GEORGE F., 84, passed away on April 7, 2007. Visitation will be Monday from 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. Funeral services Tues. April 10, 2007 @ 10:00a.m. The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 2700 Warren Cr., Irving, TX. 75062. Interment at Rosemound Cemetery in Waco, TX. Irving Calvary Funeral Home 624 East Second Street Irving Texas 75060 (972) 579-7356

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Bass, Lucille M.

BASS, LUCILLE M. May 23, 1916 - August 15, 2007. Our precious "Fireball Lucy" has finally flamed out. "Grannie" to 7 grandchildren ages 44 to 12: Brian Bass, Barry Bass, Tammy Evans, Terri McManus, Beverly Powell, Andrea Bass, and Nathan Bass-Roberts; 13 great-grandchildren: Jana, Julie, Jessica & Bailey Bass; Dylan Hall; Preston Schmidt; Charles Don, Sarah, Katy, Rebecca, Christopher, Hannah & Haley Evans; "Momma" to 4 children: Elias Edward "Ed" Bass, Jr., Ronald (deceased), Donald, and Suzanne Bass; beloved wife of 57 years to the late Elias Edward Sam Bass, Sr., founder of Safety Brake Service in Oak Cliff (whod be 101 next month if still with us). Grannie-Momma lived only to love others all the days of her 91 years of a well-lived life. Until she could scarcely draw breath or lift her hands, she was reaching out to all who came near her to hug, kiss, and tell them "I love you." Truly, no words can describe this beautiful spirit who has now gone home to God. "What joy shall fill my heart!" But Lucy was not "just" a wife, mother, & grandmother. She had dreams and ambitions. She sang like a bird and loved music of many kinds, which love she passed on to her children. She sang on the radio as a teenager and won a contest. Ron, Don & Ed played local night spots for years as "The Jokers," a rock & roll band. Suzanne sang in the church choir and in other venues. While Lucy chose not to pursue her own career (running off at 16 to marry our dad), that didn't stop her from encouraging her children to do their best and follow their dreams. After the kids grew up, Lucy worked in retail at Sangers and E.M. Kahn; later as receptionist at the law firm Saner, Jack, Sallinger & Nichols, which she loved. She was a tireless PTA and church volunteer through the years at Hogg Elementary, Reagan Elementary, and Adamson High School, Trinity Presbyterian Church (Oak Cliff), where we all grew up; and later at First Presbyterian-Mabank after she and Dad retired. A lifetime Presbyterian, she was originally a member of First Presbyterian-McKinney where her father worked. After Elias died she joined First Presbyterian-Dallas where Suzanne was a member. While living at Grace Presbyterian Village since 2005, Lucy enjoyed the ministry led there by Rev. Tom Tickner. The day her last grandchild was born, August 15, 1995, Grannie was at Suzanne's front door at 5 AM ready to go to the hospital; and she took care of Nathan every day until peripheral vascular disease and Alzheimers deprived her of the ability to do so. She died on Nathans 12th birthday, within 2 minutes of the time he was born. A strong, brave, and strong-willed woman who loved life, her family, and God to the end, she was an inspiration to us all. Lucy and "Sam" were also members of Cedar Creek Country Club, where they enjoyed dancing and partying. They loved traveling, and took us on many wonderful vacations growing up. One of their favorite spots was Las Vegas, where we went them for their 50th anniversary. They also traveled with the Scottish Rite groups and to Dads annual Independent Garage Owners Association conventions and had tons of fun. Lucy loved amusement park rides. Her favorites were the carousels, the spinning/flying swings, and the "Merry Mix-Up" as she called it or "The Scrambler." When you ride them, think of her laughing beside you. Faith Hospice arranged for Lucy to have a last carousel ride on the indoor carousel at Stonebriar Center in Frisco as part of Faith Hospices "Faithful Wish" program when she was first put on hospice care in early 2005. It was a magical day that those of us who participated in will never forget. Lucys warm heart and easy smile brought cheer to all who encountered her, even these last years in dementia care units, first at Monticello West and then Grace Presbyterian Village. The family extends its sincere thanks to all the staff members of Monticello West and Grace Presbyterian who have lovingly cared for Momma since 2002. We also give our sincere appreciation to Faith Hospice and the gentle folks there who have helped Momma and us through two very difficult times, and the Pastors Aides and other volunteers of FPC-Dallas for their prayers and cheery visits. In addition to her grandchildren

BILLIE DON BATES

Loving husband, father, and best friend, Billie Don Bates, 72, resident of Irving, Texas 40 years, went to be with our Lord, Tuesday, September 4, 2007. He was born September 3, 1935 in Buffalo Gap, Texas to James Barney Bates and Lottie Dale who preceded him in death.

He was a retired postmaster currently employed at Inter Corp.

Bill is survived by wife, Peggy Lou Bates; three children, Angela Louise Davenport, Lori Marie Strickland, and John Christopher Mitchell; five grandchildren, Britanie Warren, Holly Elrod, Booker Davenport, Brigitte Davenport and Corbin Mitchell; four great grandchildren, Jacob Simon, Ryan and Jordan Elrod and Kadence Warren; sister, Sandra Gale Miller; also long-time family friend, Mark Cantu of Southlake.

Bill was a sergeant in the Marine Corps, serving in the Korean conflict.

Bill loved fishing and geology studies. He was a lover of animals and was a black belt in Tae Kwan Do.

Bill will be missed for his wonderful sense of humor, good heart and kindness.

A visitation will be held 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the funeral home. Services will be 12:30 p.m., Friday, September 7, 2007 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment 2:30 p.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Lane B.

Bates, Billie Don


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Beaver, Karen Lynn

BEAVER, KAREN LYNN Born May 26, 1947 in Dallas, TX and passed away October 1, 2007 in Irving, TX. She is survived by her husband, Roy W. Beaver; daughters, Sheryl Pettigrew, Staci Land, Ryane Dobbins and husband, Roger; son, Jeremy Beaver and wife, Vicki; 2 grandchildren, Jayden Land and Tyler Beaver; 2 sisters, Donna and Cindy; 1 brother, Gary and families. She was a graduate of Bryan Adams High School in 1965. Memorial service will be 10:00AM, Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Restland Wildwood Chapel with Dr. Michael Waco officiating. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 10/5/2007.
Beckham, Dorothy Mae

BECKHAM, DOROTHY MAE (WOLFE) Age 83 of Rockwall, TX, passed away December 19, 2007. She was born on May 10, 1924, in Ft. Worth, TX, to James T. & Artie Maebelle (Wigley) Wolfe. Mrs. Beckham will always be remembered as a picture of elegance with her glamorous style. She was a well respected Interior Designer, and past President of I.D.G., (Interior Designers Guild), from 1976 to 1977. Mrs. Beckham had her own design studio in Dallas, TX, and was President of Adonnas of Texas, a ladies specialty store in Las Colinas, Irving, TX, from 1981 to 1991. She also taught an Interior Design course at the University of Dallas, in the early eighties. Mrs. Beckham is survived by her husband: Henry W. Beckham Jr. of Rockwall, TX; sons: Jay Lamar Beckham & wife Cathy of Rockwall, TX, and Henry W. Beckham III of Flower Mound, TX; daughter: Adonna Beckham Walters of Dallas, TX; grandchildren: Caroline Leslie, Amber Stauffer, Wendy Bremer, Henry W. Beckham IV, and Victoria Beckham; four great-grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one sister, Doris West Funeral services will be held 2:00pm Saturday, December 22, 2007, at Rest Haven Funeral Home-Rockwall Chapel with Pastor Leslie Joslin officiating. Interment will take place 1:00pm, Wednesday, December 26, 2007, in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00pm. For more information please visit www.resthavenfuneral.com Rest Haven Rockwall Chapel 972-771-8641 Funeral Homes - Cemetery - Crematory - Florist Owned by the Cain Family

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Beckner, James

BECKNER, JAMES Age 72, of Irving, died Saturday in a Plano hospital. Funeral service 2:00 p.m. Monday 7/30/07 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church 1714 N. Story in Irving. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. For full obituary, please go to donellyscolonial.com. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donellyscolonial.com

Obit Obituaries Notices
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Bekkum, Tomsy

BEKKUM, TOMSY, Tomsy Bekkum, 82, of Grand Prairie, TX., left this earthly home to join her heavenly Father, mother Lilly Hill, brother Mack Hill and niece Betty Grantham in their heavenly home Thursday, June 14, 2007. She fought a valiant battle at Irving Baylor Hospital, Baylor Specialty Hospital and Vitas Hospice since May 15th. She was born January 17, 1925 in Spencer, North Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Marvin Bekkum; sister, Barbara Duke of Grand Prairie; brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Pat Hill of El Paso, TX.; niece and nephew Brenda and Wayne Gerold Williams of Grand Prairie; 17 great and great great nieces and nephews and numerous extended family and church family members. She was known to them as mama and granny. She was a member of Living Waters Church and a volunteer at the Juvenile Justice Center with Gospel Lighthouse Church. The family will receive friends Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home. Services will be 1:00 p.m. Monday at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Chapel. Interment will be 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers donations are to be made to Living Waters Church, 1301 E. Jefferson, Grand Prairie, TX. 75051. Dignity Bean Massey Burge 733 Dalworth St. Grand Prairie (972) 263-7200

Obituaries, Notices
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Bell, Clarice Rae

BELL, CLARICE RAE Age 80, of DeSoto, TX, passed away on Dec. 30, 2006. She was born on Sept. 12, 1926 in Fairlie, TX to John and Ruby Rowe. Mrs. Bell married Dan Bell Jr. on November 12, 1946 in Dallas, Texas, he preceded her in death on June 19, 2006. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Survivors include, Daughter, Cynthia Bogard of Sugar Land, TX; Son, Steven Bell and wife Andrea of Wausau, WI; grandchildren, Adam, Sarah, Benjamin Bogard and Alyssa, Ethan, Collin Bell; great-granddaughters, Madeline and Olivia Bogard. Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Thurs., Jan. 4th at the Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 12:30 p.m. on Fri., Jan 5th also at the Funeral Home with interment at DFW National Cemetery., Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644


Bell, Dorothy

DOROTHY, Age 84, of Irving, TX, passed away on Wed., Jan. 17, 2007. She was born on June 12, 1922 in Dallas. Dottie married Roy Bell on Feb. 28, 1948. She is preceded in death by a son Michael and her husband Roy Wyvert Bell. Survivors include, Daughter, Brigette Hinte and husband Scott; sister, Doris Dilord; grandsons, Michael and Nathan Hinte. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 21st at the Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 12:30 p.m. on Mon., Jan 22nd at the Funeral Home Chapel with interment at Oak Grove Cemetery. May peace be with you, beautiful Mother, as you enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644

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Bell, Gilbert

BELL, GILBERT MORGAN, 83, of Irving died June 12, 2007, after an extended illness. He was born in Jamaica Plains, Ma. But lived in West Roxbury, Ma. He graduated from Boston Latin High School, the oldest High School in America, and was a student in the Naval Academy and Boston University, until he entered the Navy during World War II. At discharge, he joined his family now living in Ca. As a Borden's employee, he was asked to serve in a Scout Program for the Boy Scouts of America. He became "hooked" on Scouting, joined the program as an executive, and served in Ca and NY for more than 25 years. He eventually became Public Relations Director for the 10 Western states of the United States. The Oct 1970 Reader's Digest told of a new Scouting Explorer Program, and listed Bell as one of three who created the program that allowed Scouters to actually work with organizations such as police, or business as a part of Scouting. He was an active member of the Rotary, wherever he lived, and served as President of the Colusa County, Ca. chapter. He moved to Texas in 1982, and joined the United Way of Tarrant County acting as liaison to volunteer programs in surrounding counties. Following United Way retirement, he became a Realtor in Irving. He is survived by his wife, Nada Bell of Irving, son, James Bell, Yuba City, CA., daughters Sue Bell and husband Russell Yee, Portland Or., and Lorraine "Rainey" Kalfsbeek and husband Ross Kalfsbeek of Grimes, CA., Amy Wilson and Kevin Wilson of Irving, 4 grandchildren & 3 step grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Ruth Moeller, Folsom, CA., and four nephews and 2 nieces. His only brother, Alwyn Bell is deceased. Visitation will be Sat. 6-8 p.m. at Ben Brown Memorial Funeral Home in Irving, and a Memorial Service will be at the Episcopal Redeemer Church located on 2700 Warren Circle at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17th in Irving with the Reverend Gail N. Gateley. Burial will follow cremation. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

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Bell, Maribelle Hancock

BELL,, MARIBELLE HANCOCK Born on October 23, 1923 in Dallas, TX and passed away July 8, 2007 in Irving, TX. Mary is survived by her children, Kenna Sue Green and husband Joe; Dan McCoy and wife Kumi, Don Bell, and Christy Riley and husband Rick; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild, as well as other relatives and numerous friends. Family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at Restland Funeral Home. Service will be 12:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2007 in the Restland Wildwood Chapel. Interment to follow in Memorial Park. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

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JO ANN BELLAH
1932 - 2007

JO ANN BELLAH, age 74, of Irving, died Monday, February 5, 2007 at C. C. Young Methodist Center in Dallas. Born August 19, 1932 in Dallas, she was the daughter of Monte Oma Lynn and Edith Marie Tiller. A retired department store and grocery cashier and clerk, she was a member of Kirkwood United Methodist Church. Preceded in death by her husband, Orville C. Bellah, February 21, 2006, she is survived by sons, Quinton Bellah, and his wife, Lisa and Christopher Bellah, all of Irving; grandsons, Orville C. Bellah, III (Trey), Sean Bellah, Caleb Bellah, Anthony Austin Carr, Jr., Dallas Michael Bellah, and Houston Lynn Bellah; a great-granddaughter, Trinity Carr; and two sisters, Shirley Day of Grand Prairie and Marie Nell Frisby of Oklahoma. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 9, 2007 at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 2232 West Fifth Street in Irving. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 p.m. Friday until service time. Inurnment will be at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Banner Fund of Kirkwood United Methodist Church.

Bellah, Jo Ann

BELLAH, JO ANN Age 74, of Irving, died Mon., 2/5/07. Visitation 1-2p.m. Friday at Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 2232 W. 5th. Service 2:00 p.m. Friday at the church. Interment at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. For full obituary, please go to donnellyscolonial.com., Donnelly's
Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com

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Michael Anthony Benavidez of Irving passed away August 26, 2007 in Dallas. He was born on August 17, 1960 in Waco, Texas. He is survived by wife Angie Cantu of Irving; parents Garland Benavidez and Gloria Romo; sons Michael Benavidez, Jr. of Plano; Justin Benavidez of Irving; daughter Misty Hulet of Irving; step-daughter Rita Gloria Jerry of Plano; brothers Eugene Benavidez of England; Donald Benavidez of Irving; Ralph Romo of Dallas; Garland Benavidez, Jr. of Dallas; sister Lisa Hulet of Waxahachie and 5 grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M. Thursday, August 30th at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Russell and Robert Romo officiating. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

Benavidez, Michael Anthony
BENAVIDEZ, , MICHAEL ANTHONY Of Irving passed away August 26, 2007. He was born on August 17, 1960 in Waco, Texas. Visitation tonight from 6 to 9 P.M. at the funeral home. Funeral services Thursday, August 30th at Browns Memorial Chapel. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Ben F. Brown’s Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

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Bennett, Belinda Sharon

BENNETT, BELINDA SHARON Born to Bellena & Miller Prince on June 19, 1949 in Chicago, IL. She graduated from Bloom Town H. S. 10th in her class. Belinda worked for Western Union as a Supervisor in the Telegraph Dept, then became a Spokesmodel for them. Belinda was a County Clerk in Nashville, AR then she was blessed to become the First Black Female Engineer for SWEPCO. Belinda worked for GTE Southwest as an Accounts Payable Manager then she relocated to Irving, while working on a Verizon Supplier Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce in 1997 she met the man of her dreams Clayton Bennett. In 2003 Belinda retired from Verizon Directories after 23 years of service to work full time with her husband Clayton Bennett in the Real Estate Business. She is the owner of Bennett/Majestic Realty in Desoto, Tx. Wake Today 7-7:45pm at Evergreen. Services: Tuesday January 23, 2007 11am Anitoch Fellowship MBC 7550 S. Hampton Rd. Dallas, TX. Clifton W. Maxfield, F.D.I.C. Allen Gene Madison's Evergreen Memorial Chapel 6449 S. Houston School Road (214) 376-1500 acetreeinc@aol.com For Floral Designs & Green Plant 214-376-1521

Lloyd Berkley, of Irving passed away February 11, 2008. He was born May 20, 1942 in Muskegon, MI. Preceded in death by father Arthur I. Berkley and sister Judy Berkley Barton. Survived by wife Ann Berkley of Irving and children, Deborah Gonzales and husband Mike of Wichita Falls, Iva J. Cross of Irving, Daniel Smith and wife Sarah of Ft. Worth, Jerry Smith and wife Donna of Alvarado, Christopher Smith of Wichita Falls; Lloyd’s children Patricia Ledbetter and husband Randall of Pittsburg, Teresa Swiney and husband Paul of Longview, John W. Berkley and wife Rebecca of Athens, Timothy Berkley of Gun Barrell City, Daniel Berkley of Kemp; mother Alice Blair and husband Leroy of Bowling Green, KY; brothers John D. Berkley of Irving, Bill Berkley, Mickey Berkley, Hal Blair, sister Pam Wolfe, all of Bowling Green; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Friday, February 15, 2008 at Story Rd. Baptist Church, 801 S. Story Rd. in Irving. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Visitation: 6-9 PM Thursday at the funeral home.
Berry, Pamela

BERRY, PAMELA (PAM), Born in 1951, died late July 2007. She was predeceased by her parents and is survived by a sister, a god-daughter and other family members. She is remembered by her many friends as a very bright and attractive young lady. She spent several years in real estate sales and management and was known for her vivacious personality. In later years she developed several health problems and the family wishes to thank those who helped her. Private interment followed her death. A celebration of her life will be held later this year. Metrocrest 972-242-3646 metrocresthilltop.com

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Bezner, Dane Samuel

BEZNER, DANE SAMUEL. Services for Dane Samuel Bezner, 16, of Walnut Bend Community, are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church of Gainesville with Rev. Dennis Perry of Walnut Bend Community Church officiating. Burial will follow in Sharrock Cemetery under the direction of Geo J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Dane went home to heaven November 5, 2007. He battled health issues during the last six months of life while hospitalized at Baylor Medical Center and Our Children's House at Baylor in Dallas. Dane was born in Oxfordshire, England December 10, 1990. He is the son of Paul and Donna Magers-Bezner. Dane was a special Olympics athlete. Dane never allowed his physical and health struggles define his tremendous abilities. He had a gift of nurturing others. He always had a smile and a happy attitude. Dane was most recently a Jr. at Bryan Adams High School in Dallas. He previously attended Muenster High School, Walnut Bend Elementary School, and Gainesville ECI program. Survivors include his parents Paul and Donna Magers-Bezner, sister Anna Bezner, Shelby Burt, and brother Ezekiel Burt, sister-in-law Michelle Burt and nephews Nick, Chris, Riley, and Jace. Also surviving is grandmother Patricia Bezner of Gainesville, aunt and uncle's Jerry and Donna Sconce, Carl and Karen Endres, Tommy and Cathy Bezner, Shelly Bezner-Hodges and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents Donald Bezner, Dr. Morris Magers, and Margaret Magers. He was also preceded in death by sister BreeAnn and brother Joey. Pallbearers are Jerry, Chad, and Cody Sconce, Mike Davis, and Frank Pinto. Visitation will be at Geo J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home from 6 to 7:30 pm Friday. If you wish to make memorial contributions consider directing those to Baylor Healthcare Systems for Our Children's House of Dallas, 3600 Gaston Ave Suite 100, Dallas, Texas 75246 or Hugworks, 752 Mary Drive, Hurst, TX 76053. You may sign the on-line registry at www.geojcarroll.com, Geo J. Carroll & Son Gainesville, TX 940-665-3455

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 11/8/2007.
Patsy Lee Woolsey Bielss

BIELSS, PATSY LEE WOOLSEY Born June 29, 1939 in Galveston, TX. Resident of Irving since August 1965. Charter member of Northgate United Methodist Church of Irving since August 1965. A business owner of Eagle Sound Productions. Lifetime member of United Methodist Women and active in several business professional organizations including Association of Wedding Professionals. Survived by spouse Otto William Bielss Jr. of 48 years. Other survivors include sons, Otto William Bielss III and Paul Lee Bielss; grandchildren, Otto Bielss IV, Heather Nichole Bielss-Lane, Patrick Lee Bielss, and Pamela Marie Bielss; sister, Beverly J. Woolsey Bielss; and many nieces and nephews. Viewing will be from 7-9 PM Friday at the church. Services will be held at 9:30 AM, Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Northgate United Methodist Church of Irving, 3700 Northgate Drive. Graveside services will be held at approximately 12:00 PM in Bethel, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity, to the American Cancer Society, or to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Patsy Lee Bielss' name. Dallas Laurel Land 214-371-1336 laurellandfuneralhome.com

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Bilbrey, Bettye Lynn Ellis

BILBREY, , BETTYE LYNN ELLIS Encircled by her family, Bettye Lynn Ellis Bilbrey entered heaven on Saturday, September 15, 2007. Born November 27, 1942, Bettye lived in Grand Prairie as a homemaker and family genealogist. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Wayne, her daughter Stacey Huber and husband Scott of Irving, and her daughter Kimberly Perry and husband Todd of Lubbock. She cherished her role as Nana to Kennedy and Kade Perry. Bettye is also survived by her mother, Kathryn Barnes, brother Billy Ellis and wife Brenda and extended family. Her father, William H. Ellis, precedes her in death. Visitation Tuesday, September 18, from 6 to 8pm at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home in Grand Prairie. Services Wednesday, September 19 at 1 pm in their chapel with interment at Southland Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

OBTs Obituaries, Notice
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 9/18/2007.
Birchman, Patricia Sigler
BIRCHMAN, PATRICIA SIGLER 73, of Irving for more than 40 years, died Saturday, Aug 11, 2007 in Irving. A graveside service will be held 10 am, Thurs, Aug 16th at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. For full obituary, please go to www.donnelyscolonial.com. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 8/14/2007.
Black, Anna Belle

Home 3121 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, Texas 78705 (512) 423-8811 Obituary and funeral home information on line at wish.com

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Austin at the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Wecd-Coy-Fish-Funeal

Methodist Church, located at 2140 Allendale Road, with a reception immediately following at the church. In lieu of flowers,

A memorial service celebrating the life of will be held on Monday, October 1, at 2:00 pm at St. John's United

First Lutheran Community Service Project and Leadership Award. Thirman was in charge of this work

and the Real Estate Council of Austin. As both a member and board member, he was recently honored by RECA with the

and led the council into a position of influence. The Austin Board of Realtors, the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin,

meaningful and leading, while involved with the Austin Board of Realtors, the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin,

and real estate. His years from his early days of selling homes for Waller Construction and Nash Phillips Company
to business communities for 17 years. From his early days of selling homes for Waller Construction and Nash Phillips Company

becoming an Eagle Scout, Thirman was a well known and respected member of the Austin real estate, political, and

positive outlook propelled him to numerous accomplishments throughout his youth. His professional achievements

thought directed with pride at the age of 18 months. Thirman never considered himself handicapped. His determination

and of course, we will forever remember his kind words and

He is also survived by his brother, Will and wife, Beth and

Thirman was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Kay Blackham. Thirman is survived

by his wife of 39 years. He is also survived by his son, Chris, and grandchildren, Alex and Zachary Blackham, and his

and Zackary Blackham, Chris Metzger, and by his Grandchildren Alex and Zachary Blackham, Chris Metzger, and

by his parents and his sister, Kay Blackham. Thirman is survived

his home. Blackham was born January 11, 1945 in Dallas, Texas. He was the son of Sidney and Lois

Blackham III. Thirman
Blount, Deborah Marie Ayers

BLOUNT, , DEBORAH MARIE AYERS Our beloved wife and mother went home to be with our Lord on Christmas Day, 2007. Debbie died suddenly at age 41 with no warning from a brain aneurysm that struck her just before she was to serve the Lord at our church on Christmas Eve. Debbie was a devout Christian and served the Lord at The Church of the Apostles in Coppell, Texas. She loved ice-skating both as a competitor and as a skating mom with our daughter Gabbie and was a Marcus Band Mom until our son Vincent graduated in the spring of 07. She loved life but had her priorities right with God first, family second and everything else a distant third. She will be missed dearly by the many lives that she has touched in her short time on this earth.

A memorial service celebrating Debbie's life was held on Saturday, December 30th with a standing room only crowd of family and friends from many parts of the country. It was a glorious service that was presided over by Father Rob Smith of the Church of the Apostles Episcopal Church and our children's godfather, Father Ron Pogue of the Galveston Episcopal Church. We want to thank everyone at the Church of the Apostles for their love and support that has been so important in Debbie's and our lives over the past seven years. Deborah Marie was born in Kingsville, TX on May 20, 1966, and is survived by husband Gregory Thomas Blount and children Vincent Andrew, 19, and Gabriella Marie, 10; mother Deanna Marie Stubbs and husband Jay of Houston; father Keith Karl Ayers and wife Becky of Houston; brother Kevin Karl Ayers and wife Audrey from League City; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Donations honoring Debbie may be made to the Deborah Marie Blount Memorial Fund at The Church of the Apostles, 322 S. MacArthur Blvd., Coppell, Texas 75019, (972) 462-0234.

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 1/6/2008.
Boatwright, Richard Daniel born July 1, 1952 passed away December 2, 2007. Danny will be remembered for his kind-hearted soul. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Joan Boatwright, brother Tommy and nephew Craig. Survived by sister Linda and husband Larry Redden of Coppell, brother Jerry and wife Shannon of Ft. Worth, sister Karen of Irving, nieces Renee’, Amanda and Brittany, nephew Preston, great-niece Kirsten and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Danny loved his family, the Texas Rangers, and his faithful dog Spot. Memorial Mass will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday, December 7, 2007 at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Irving Reverend Thomas Cloherty officiating. Donations can be made to your local SPCA.

Boatwright, Richard Daniel

BOATRIGHT, RICHARD DANIEL Born July 1, 1952 passed away December 2, 2007. Danny will be remembered for his kind-hearted soul. Danny was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Joan Boatwright, brother Tommy and nephew Craig. Survived by sister Linda and husband Larry Redden of Coppell, brother Jerry and wife Shannon of Ft. Worth, sister Karen of Irving, nieces Renee’, Amanda and Brittany, nephew Preston, great-niece Kirsten and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Danny loved his family, the Texas Rangers, and his faithful dog Spot. Memorial Mass will be held at 3:00 P.M. Friday, December 7, 2007 at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in Irving Reverend Thomas Cloherty officiating. Donations can be made to your local SPCA. Ben F. Brown’s Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

Obituaries Notices
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 12/6/2007.
Boatwright Sr., Troy Dean

JOHN TROY BOATWRIGHT, TROY DEAN, SR. Of Irving, TX, beloved father, son, brother & grandfather, passed away April 27, 2007. He was born May 8, 1957 in Tularosa, New Mexico. A 1976 graduate of Duncanville High School, Troy was employed with Peterbuilt Trucks in the parts department. A gracious man, he was hard working. He loved hunting and spending time outdoors and especially enjoyed car racing. His brother, Bobby Slocum and a nephew Lonnie Boatwright, Jr. preceded him in death. Troy is survived by his children, Troy Boatwright, Jr., Tamra Boatwright & Oleta Trost; grandchildren, Brad, Alex & Eryn; parents, Bob & Joyce Slocum; brothers, Roy, Lonnie & Jerry Boatwright; sister, Linda Williams, along with in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral Service is 10:00 AM, Wed. May 2, 2007 at Jaynes Memorial Chapel in Duncanville. Burial follows at Little Bethel Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 5/1/2007.

Boccieli, James Nicholas

BOCCIERI, James NICHOLAS. Lt. Col. (Ret. Army) born on March 6, 1921 in Youngstown, OH, joined his wife, Grace, in Heaven on October 21, 2007. He is survived by his son, Michael; daughters, Beverly and Brenda; 6 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren. Visitation is from 6 to 8PM Wednesday October 24, 2007 at St. Mary's Anglican Church, 635 N. Story Road., Irving, TX 75061. Service will be at 11AM Thursday October 25, 2007, also at St. Mary's Anglican Church. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 10/24/2007.

Boesch, Valarie
Age 83 of Irving, TX, passed away on Sun., Mar. 25, 2007. She married Charles Boesch on Feb. 17, 1959 in Dallas, he survives. An inurnment will be Fri., Mar. 30th at 1:00 p.m. at DFW National Cemetery with a memorial service following at 2:00 p.m., at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644

Bolin, George

BOLIN, GEORGE 90, of Irving, died Saturday, February 3, 2007 at his home. Born September 9, 1916 in Mt. Vernon, TX, he is survived by his wife of 59 years, Ella; son, Mike Bolin and wife Debbie; daughter, Nancy Boroff and husband Dale. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Clarice and had retired from John Deere after 35 years. Funeral 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellyscolonial.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 2/5/2007.
William Matthew (Billy) Bond Jr.

BOND, JR., WILLIAM (BILLY) MATTHEW Was born August 1, 1950 in Kingsport, TN to his parents William Matthew Bond and Ethel Mae Leeper Bond. Both parents preceded him in death. In 1988, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Gretchen Weathers. Their daughter Tiffany Bond was born July 31, 1990. Billy graduated from East Tennessee State University with a degree in Accounting. After college, he went to work for Monsanto Corporation in St. Louis, MO. He later moved back to Tennessee to work for Mason-Dixon Trucking Company. In 1987, he relocated to the Dallas area where he worked as Manager of Pension Funds for the Internal Revenue Service. On December 20, 2007 at the age of 57, Billy was prematurely taken from his family by a tragic car accident. Billy is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Gretchen Weathers-Bond; a beloved daughter, Tiffany Bond; three brothers, Darwin Bond, Marvin Bond and Tony Bond; two sisters, Kathy Evans and Susan Bond; three caring sisters-in-law, Jean, Thelma and Hazel; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Billy loved Tennessee and he will be laid to rest in Historic Bond-Pierce Family Cemetery in Kingsport, TN. The family requests either flowers or donations be made to the International Myeloma Foundation. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, December 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m at Restland Memorial Chapel, 13005 Greenville Ave, Dallas, TX 75243. , Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

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BORCHARDT, ALICE ALLEN O'BRIEN

Alice Allen O'Brien Borchardt, born on the 6th of October 1939 and raised in New Orleans, LA., died on Tuesday, the 24th of July 2007 in Houston, TX. She was the beloved wife of Clifford Borchardt for 38 years. Daughter of the late Howard and Katherine O'Brien. Survived by her sisters, Anne O'Brien Rice, Rancho Mirage, CA; Tamara O'Brien Tinker, Daly City, CA; Karen O'Brien, Dallas, TX and Micki O'Brien Jenkins, Dallas, TX. Also survived by nephews Christopher T. Rice, Los Angeles, CA and Daniel Tinker, Oakland, CA. She lived for many years in Houston, TX and was a licensed vocational nurse. She fulfilled her dream of becoming a successful novelist with the publication of her first novel Devoted. It was published in 1995. She was also the author of six other books including The Silver Wolf and The Raven Warrior. Alice was, from an early childhood, a voracious reader. Largely self-educated, she took great pleasure in the historical background and details of her novels. She loved to write battle scenes. Her hobbies included raising orchids, and she loved her pet cats. A memorial service will be held at two o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 4th of August 2007 in the Jasek Chapel of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive, Houston, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the American Cancer Society. Eternal rest grant unto them, 0 Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Geo. H. Lewis & Sons Funeral Directors Since 1936 Dignity 1010 bering Drive Houston TX 77057 713-789-3005

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 7/29/2007.
Borrego, Arthur
BORREGO, ARTHUR G., Of Grand Prairie, passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2007. He was born April 5, 1925 in Lumberton, New Mexico. Memorial services will be held at 4 PM Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Calvary Church, 4401 N. Hwy 161, Irving. Memorial donations: American Cancer Society, PO Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

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Published in the Dallas Morning News on 6/15/2007.

Arthur G. Borrego, of Grand Prairie, passed away in Irving on Wednesday, June 13, 2007. He was born April 5, 1925 in Lumberton, New Mexico. He was a Boy Scout leader and an usher at Calvary Church, Irving. Survivors include his wife Joyce Borrego of Grand Prairie; sons Steve Borrego of Liberty Hill, Texas, and Raymond Borrego of Austin; daughters Kathleen McCoy of Redfield, Arkansas, Karen Morrison of Dallas, and Beth Tylock of Anchorage, Alaska; step-daughter Carla Joy Beulter of Villa Rica, Georgia; 22 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Memorial services were held at 3:30 PM Saturday, June 16, 2007 at Calvary Church, Irving, with Pastors J. Don George, Gary Page, and Jim Thomas officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.
Bosch, Meaghan Elizabeth

BOSCH, MEAGHAN ELIZABETH Age 21, of McKinney, Texas, passed away May 14, 2007. Meaghan was a senior English major and Art History minor at Southern Methodist University, and a 2003 graduate of McKinney High School. She was an avid horse enthusiast and member of the Texas Association of Hunter/Jumpers. She was the beloved daughter of Joe and Lynn Bosch; devoted sister of Ryan and Colin Bosch. She is also survived by loving grandmother, Phyllis Bosch; devoted aunts and uncles, Cathy and Nick Mandrycky, Julie and Alan Komenski, Liz and Tein Nguyen, John and Cyndi Bosch, Margaret and Sean Kavanaugh, Mary Bosch, Chris and Theresa Bosch. Meaghan was special to her cousins, Nicole, Claire, and Christian Mandrycky; Eli, Rachel and Jesse Komenski, Taylor, Olivia, and Madison Nguyen, Joshua and Ethan Bosch; Sabrina, Chris and Merrick Bosch. Preceding her in death were her grandmother, Carolyn Sapone; and grandfathers, Joseph Sapone and Ronald Bosch. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM, Saturday, May 19, 2007 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit www.tjmfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to The Family Place, PO Box 7999, Dallas, Texas 75209. Meaghan had volunteered at The Family Place, an organization that helps victims of domestic violence. Turrentine Jackson Morrow Ridgeview Memorial Park Exit 38 N Central Expwy (972) 542-2601 turrentinejacksonmorrow.com

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Box, Jimmy
Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

Published in the Dallas Morning News on 2/1/2007.
Brackett, Larry W.

BRACKETT, LARRY W., Of Irving passed away Sunday, March 25, 2007 at age 66. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on October 25, 1940. Moved to Irving in 1964 and started Larry's Sewer & Drain Cleaning business in 1969. He was preceded in death by wife, Sandy and his parents, Everett & Joy. He is survived by son, Larry A. Brackett of Irving; grandchildren Danika and Landon of Virginia; sisters, Julia and Evalena; brothers, Frank and Ron; and their families. Memorial service will be 7pm Friday, March 30th in the chapel at South MacArthur Church of Christ, 1401 S. MacArthur Blvd., Irving. Visitation/reception immediately following.

Branch, Kenneth Boyd

BRANCH, KENNETH BOYD, Of Irving, passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2007. He was born November 12, 1930 in Mt. Vernon, Texas. Survivors include his wife Peggy Branch; sons Ken Branch and wife Bobbi, and Rob Branch and wife Rhonda; daughter Regina Kenemore and husband Tim; brothers Don Branch and Glen Branch, and Ronald Branch; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services: 10 AM Monday, October 22, 2007 at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 S. Story Rd. with Dr. Jim Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation: 6-8 PM Sunday. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242

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Kenneth Boyd Branch, of Irving, passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2007. He was born November 12, 1930 in Mt. Vernon, Texas. He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church in Irving. Survivors include his wife Peggy Branch of Irving; sons Ken Branch and wife Bobbi of Irving, and Rob Branch and wife Rhonda, of Grapevine; daughter Regina Kenemore and husband Tim of Irving; brothers Don Branch and Glen Branch, both of Dallas, and Ronald Branch of Carrollton; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, October 22, 2007 at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 S. Story Rd. with Dr. Jim Gerlach officiating. Interment will follow at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation: 6-8 PM Sunday at the funeral home. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Oakview Baptist Church – Continuing the Vision, Phase II.
Braswell, Margie

BRASWELL, MARGIE ANN, Margie Ann Braswell, a longtime resident of Dallas, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2007, in Irving. Graveside Service: 11 a.m., Tuesday, at Restland Cemetery. Margie was born November 8, 1925. She met her husband of 60 years in church. She graduated from Polytechnic High School in Fort Worth in 1943 and received a B.A. degree in Spanish from Texas Christian University in 1946. Margie's father, W. T. Hobbs, was the founder of Hobbs Trailer Company in Fort Worth. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, W. T. and Myrtle Hobbs. Survivors: Sons, Ronnie, Danny, Steven, and Allan as well as a host of relatives and friends. She will be missed by all. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

Obituaries, Notices
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 5/27/2007.
Tomie Bratcher, of Irving, passed away Saturday, November 17, 2007. She was born October 6, 1914 in Cooper, Texas. Preceded in death by her son Billy Ray Pamplin; survivors include her sister Doris Nichols of Irving; grandson Shelby Pamplin; and great grandson Christian Ray Pamplin. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation 7-9 PM Monday at the funeral home.
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request, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the SPCA and Operation Kindness in Dallas.

Smith, granddaughter Amanda Wyman Smith and Ryan Weldon Smith, Priscilla Womack and Brandon, The family
Prather, son John (Jack) Arrington Prather II, and husband Dawson Brany. Billie is survived by her daughter Gayle Prather
Northwood Country Club. Preceding her in death were her parents Calvin and Wyman Allen, husband John Arrington
Park, she saw to the planning of the Azalea beds throughout. She was a past member of the Dallas Country Club and
Amston Park. Some of the owners and developers of the Highland Park Villas and developers of the Town of Highland
celebrated. Billie's passion was gardening and decorating. She was responsible for the beautification of the
between her home in Dallas and her home in Cummaquied. She had wonderful house parties and loved to
Billie was an avid world traveler, with Cummaquied, Mexico being her favorite location. She enjoyed her time
Beautiful "Gram, Graduated Stephens College in Missouri. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.
her side, she graduated from DeSoto High School where she was voted "Class Favorite" and "Most
and Wyman Allen. She passed away peacefully on July 20, 2007 in Dallas at the age of 94 with her family by
and Wyman Allen. She was born in December 6, 1922 to Calvert

 Bray, Billie Allen Prather

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Dearly Missed

SPARMAN, Hillcrest 7405 W. Northwest Hwy., Dallas (214) 363-5401

Dorothy Mercial

Hillcrest Park Memorial Park, Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Co. Historical Society.

Muriel Hill was born April 17, 1921, to Elbert and Mabel Mercial. She grew up in a small town in Texas and moved to Dallas in the 1940s.

She graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1943 and then attended the University of Texas at Austin in 1946.

On December 19, 1945, she married John Henry, and Elton Cardman while her mother passed away.

She was the mother of two children, John and Mary. She passed away peacefully on September 1, 2007, at her home in Dallas, Texas. She was 86 years old.

BRAVY, ELEN. Passed away Monday, September 10, 2007, at the age of 86.

The family held private funeral services at Hillcrest Memorial Park, and they were also attended by numerous friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, John Cardman, her parents, and her dear sister, Louise Cardman.

She is survived by her loving family, who will miss her dearly.

She is always in our hearts and will never be forgotten.

Love, always and forever, John Cardman.
Breitler, Dorothy C.

BREITLER, DOROTHY C. 83, resident of Irving for more than 60 years, died Sunday, December 2, 2007 at her home. Born May 9, 1924 in Pattonville, Texas, she married George A. Breitler on July 22, 1944 in Rockwall. She retired from General Electric in 1986. Dorothy was an avid traveler and a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church in Irving. Her family and friends brought her the most joy in life. Preceded in death by her husband, George in 1999; grandchildren, Gregory A. Breitler in 1983; three sisters and two brothers, she is survived by her children, Rita Conroy and husband Jerry of Keller, Bonnie Raddatz and husband Jerry of Irving and George Breitler and wife Ann of Lantana; grandchildren, Patty Love, Billy Conroy and wife Sedetta, all of Keller, Kim Granberry and husband Charles of Austin, Brenda Warner and husband Eric of Trenton, MO, Karen Raddatz of Lewisville, Dr. Greg Whaley of Temple, Christina Perez and husband Gabriel of Austin, John Raddatz of Lewisville and Merry Breitler of Austin; great grandchildren, Makenzie Love, Corey Love, Chandler Conroy and Courtland Conroy, all of Keller; and sister, Alifie Calton of Forney. Service 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church with Rev. Ken Branan officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Plymouth Park Baptist Church Joyful Noise Choir, 1714 N. Story Rd, Irving, TX 75061. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelycolonial.com

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Brice, James Burton
BRICE, JAMES BURTON, October 9, 1928-April 1, 2007. Survived by his wife, Pauline; Sisters Merlee Mace, Ft. Worth; Twin, Barbara Martin, Irving and Brother Donald, Texarkana Aunt, Va’ Mitchell, Sulphur Springs; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Obits Obituaries, Notices
Published in the Dallas Morning News on 4/5/2007.

Edward Allen Bridges of Irving passed away October 22, 2007 at his home. He was born on June 2, 1926 in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by wife Dorothy Bridges of Irving; sons Boyd Fredregill and wife Audry of Grand Prairie, and Roger Keith and wife Susan of Killeen; daughters Beverly Fredregill of Ennis, Joyce Shankles and husband Thomas of Irving, Shirley Barfield and husband Danny of Arlington, and Debbie Holcomb and husband James of Terrell; brother James Bridges and wife Betty of Denver, Colorado; 16 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Friday, October 26, 2007 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, 1714 S. Story Rd, Irving, with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 1-9 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

Bridges, Edward Allen

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Published in the Dallas Morning News on 10/25/2007.
Brock, Bobby
BROCK, BOBBY RAY Of Irving born March 16, 1934 in Bryans Mill, Texas passed away January 30th. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, February 1, 2007 at Browns Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment to follow at DFW National Cemetery at 3:00 P.M. . Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

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Published in the Dallas Morning News on 2/1/2007.
**Barry Brown**, of Irving, passed away Sunday, September 30, 2007. He was born January 19, 1970 in Dallas. He is survived by his son Charles Brown of Irving; brothers Terry Brown of Mabank, and Gary Brown of Irving; and nephews Brandon, Michael, and Ryan. No services are planned.
Brown, Bea

BROWN, BEA Of Red Oak, and formerly of Irving, passed away Wednesday, January 17, 2007. She was born October 27, 1928 in Emory. She was a member of Covenant Family Fellowship in Ferris. Bea loved reading, crossword puzzles, emails, and her family. Preceded in death by her husband John W. Brown and daughter Rhonda Jean Brown; survivors include children Darlene Morse and husband Paul of Irving, Steve Brown and wife Lenora of Dallas, Sandra Aikins and husband Donald of Cedar Hill, Rick Brown and wife Sherri of Red Oak, Roger Brown and wife Lindy of Irving, Vickie Brummett and husband Gary of Cypress, Carol Green and husband Matt of Cedar Hill, Cathy Smith and husband Ross of Lubbock, and Renea Brown of Dallas; brother Gus Bowen and wife Diane of Hawaii; sister Nellie Edwards and husband Maurice of Lake of the Pines; sister-in-law Martha Sherrill and husband Wesley of Trinidad; 14 grandchildren; and 12 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Monday, January 22, 2007 at Brown's Memorial Chapel with Rev. Paul Brown, Pastor J. Don George, and Rev. Lee Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Saturday at the funeral home.


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Brown, F. Jean

BROWN, F. JEAN On Sunday morning, September 23, 2007, a vibrant and generous spirit went home. We will miss her. Jean was born in Mississippi, July 15, 1930, and passed away in Dallas on September 23, 2007. She grew up in Baker, LA and graduated Louisiana State University. She remained a loyal Tiger, supporter of both the university and her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. Her teaching career began in Baton Rouge and brought her to Dallas where she taught P.E. and was a longtime guidance counselor, retiring from W.T. White in 1990. Jean served in leadership capacities in several professional organizations, and was especially active in the Northwest Dallas Homeowners Association. She enjoyed her retirement years and remained active until recently. Her final illness was fought -as she lived- with courage and determination. Jean was preceded in death by her parents, George and Louie Brown, brothers, Rodolf, Robert and Ray, and sisters, Lonora and Helen. She is survived by her brother Ossie and his wife, Faye, of Baton Rouge, LA, sister-in-law, Caralie Brown of Raleigh, N.C. and sister-in-law, Vee Brown of Biloxi, MS. She also leaves a number of nieces and nephews. Jean will always be lovingly remembered by her long time friend, Joy Babb and her special friend, Liz Payne. Many, many friends share our sorrow at losing Jean. Funeral service will be at 10AM Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at Restland Wildwood Chapel. Graveside service will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Baker, LA at 10:30AM Thursday, September 27, 2007. A gift to your favorite organization or charity would be a good way to remember Jean. Restland 972-238-7111 restlandfuneralhome.com

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Vera Estelle Brown, of Irving, Texas, passed away Friday, November 30, 2007. She was born November 16, 1914 in Vilonia, Arkansas. She is survived by her son: James R. Brown, of Grand Prairie; 2 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM, Monday, December 3, 2007 at Beltline Road Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Brown, Vera
BROWN, VERA

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BRUCE, NORMAN

Passed away January 6, 2007, in Columbus, OH, after a brief illness. He moved there just a few months ago from Lewisville, TX, where he and his family have lived for the past 10 years. Prior to that, he grew up in Leesville, LA, and graduated from LA Tech in Ruston. After graduation, he moved to Shreveport where he resided for 11 years. Mr. Bruce was born on October 10, 1961, in Ruston, LA. He was a licensed CPA and spent most of his career working in the financial industry. Norman was born with hemophilia and in spite of the challenges with his health fought hard to live a normal life he played hard and worked hard. He was passionate about bass fishing and fished tournaments whenever possible. Norman loved the outdoors and being close to nature. He was a faithful member of Heartland Church in Irving, TX, where he was a member of the praise and worship team, until he was limited by his health. He was preceded in death by his father Mr. Russell Therrell Bruce, grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. John Lee Bryan and Mr. Alvin Ray Bruce. Surviving him is his loving wife of 22 years, Rebecca Stephenson Bruce, his two beautiful daughters Morgan (16) and Lindsey (12); mother Linda Carol Bruce and grandmother Lillie Mae Bruce, both of Leesville, LA; sisters: Renee Roberts and husband Rev. Tony Roberts of Alamosa, CO, and Jamie Bruce of Shreveport, and a wealth of extended family and friends. Special thanks to Pathways Class #193; he was a "Strong, Competent, Godly man." Please join the family in sharing memories of Norman online at www.bonefh.com Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at 2:30 P. M. at First United Pentecostal Church in Bossier City, with Revs. Dan and Jerry Dean, and Rev. M. C. Green officiating. Graveside services will follow at HillCrest Memorial Park. The family will be receiving friends at the church Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 P.M., BOONE FUNERAL HOMES BOSSIER CHAPEL 318-742-5361

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Bruce, Ramona

BRUCE, RAMONA "MONA", 66, of Irving for 37 years, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007 at home. Born June 6, 1941 in Gladstone, Michigan, she is survived by her husband of 44 years, W. W. Bruce; daughters, Tammy Sue Trevino of Irving, Christine Nesky and husband James of Fort Worth, Rebecca Lynn ODonnell and husband Thomas of Grapevine; ten grandchildren; one great grandchild; brothers and sister, James McCormick, Roy McCormick, Donna Hutchinson, Alvin Dale McCormick, all of Michigan and Bernard McCormick of The Colony. The family will receive friends before and after the Rosary to be said at 7 p.m., Wednesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007 at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving where Mona was a member of the Altar Guild. Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman, celebrant. Interment 2 p.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mary Crowley Cancer Research Center. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

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Bruce, Wallace W.

Wallace W. Bruce, 84, passed away Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007, in Irving.
Service: 2 p.m. Wednesday at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel. Burial: Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.
Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association and Meadowbrook United Methodist Church.
He was born Aug. 7, 1923, in Denton and was the second of nine children of Ernest and Fredda Bruce. He served in the USAF for 20 years and fought in World War II and the Korean War.
After retiring from the Air Force, he spent over 10 years with Bell Helicopter prior to retiring in 1988.
He was a longtime Fort Worth resident and member of Meadowbrook United Methodist Church.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Bruce; his parents; five of his brothers and sisters, Curtis Bruce, Frank Bruce, Joe Bruce, Peggy Sanford and Juanita Searfoss.
Survivors: Daughters, Janice Gomez of Friendswood, Rebecca Smith of Houston and Sharon Taulman of Irving; seven grandchildren; brother, Fred Bruce and wife, Mae of Hilltop Lakes; sisters, Carolyn Branch of Denton and Mary Painter and husband, Jerry of Nocona; many nieces and nephews; and numerous other loving family members.
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James Walter Buice was born October 12, 1930 and went to be with his maker on Wednesday, July 18, 2007. Walter was born in Wheeler County, Texas and was one of 5 children born to William Howard and Nora Mae Buice. Preceding Walter in death were his brothers Wesley and Fred, his sister Lois, his first wife Marianne, and infant daughter Lois Anita. Walter is survived by his wife Eileen; daughters Waltea Swasey and her husband Lloyd and Bequita Mileur and her husband Travis; son Howard Keith Buice and his wife Sheree; step-daughters Susie Miller and her husband Richard, and Dottie Cornett. He was blessed with 6 granddaughters, Kerri Hartmann and her husband Ray, Maleah Gasser and her husband Daniel, Michele and Valerie Swasey, Rachel Mileur and Danielle Berry; 4 grandsons Mason Mileur, Brendon Mileur and his wife Kristen, Andrew Mileur and his wife Megan, and Nathan Buice; and 3 great grandsons, Benjamin Hartmann, Elijah Gasser, and Cannon Mileur; and 1 great granddaughter Brielle Hartman. Walter also leaves behind his sister Mary Eunice Phillips and her husband Bob, and many nieces and great nieces and nephews together with his Buice cousins and a host of friends.

Walter was proud of his heritage and proudly served in the U.S. Navy for four years. Walter was a retired minister of music for several Baptist churches and enjoyed reminiscing and bragging about special musicals he had directed and also for his love of choir members. He was a proud retired photographer for Provine School Pictures.

Walter’s love for the Lord, his music, and his love for children were some of his attributes. He loved his family and held special bragging rights to their accomplishments, if you would only lend an ear.

There is no doubt that Walter will be missed by all of us. Our grief is lessened only because we know that at last he is resting in the arms of the Lord. Walters’s final message to all of us is to carry on, do not be sad for him, as he is in the place of all places. To God be the Glory.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 PM Wednesday, July 25, 2007 at Calvary Baptist Church, 913 N. Nursery Rd, Irving. Interment will follow at 2:30 PM at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas. Visitation: 2:00 – 9:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.
Ralph Curtis Burch, 78, of Argyle, TX died Saturday, December 1, 2007 peacefully surrounded by his family. He was born April 10, 1929 in Walters, Oklahoma to Jess A. and Vesta M. (Milligan) Burch. He was a retired Coach and Teacher with the Irving Independent School District. He was married to Pauline Lewis on September 5, 1964 in Denton TX. He was a graduate of Denton High School, and received a Bachelor's and Masters Degree from the University of North Texas. He was a member of the Hickory Creek Baptist Church.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at the Hickory Creek Baptist Church, 5724 Teasley Lane, Denton, with Rev. Raymond Castro, officiating. Burial will follow in the Old Alton Cemetery. The family will be at Mulkey-Mason, Jack Schmitz and Son Funeral Home, 705 N. Locust, Denton TEXAS for visitation from 6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Monday, December 3, 2007.

Mr. Burch is survived by is wife, Pauline Burch, of Argyle, Daughters, Diana L. Simpson, and Sharon Kelly Howell, of Denton, and Kathy D. Kern, of Wylie, Son, David A. Burch, of Argyle, sisters, Jessie Gromatsky, of Chandler, Geneal Tibbets, of Denton, Mary F. Burns, of Houston, Billie Marie Brown, of Angleton, Peggy Spencer, and Maxine Bell, of Denton, and brothers, Ellis Burch, of Springdale, AR Wayne Burch, of Denton, R. B. Burch, of Pilot Point, and Norman Burch, of Duncanville.. Grandchildren, Tim, Amanda, Riley, Christine, Kristen, and Daniel. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Johnny Burch, and sisters, Odessa Armentrout, Jean Nicholas, and Ruth Burch.
Burcham, Frances "Judy"
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BURKS, , 2LT PETER HASKELL On November 13, 2007, while serving our great country, 2nd Lieutenant Peter "Pete" Burks was called home to eternal life. Pete was a man of great Faith, honor and courage, and is incredibly missed by everyone. He had the ability to light up any room with his glowing personality and quick sense of humor, and lived life with a passion admired by all. Born April 10, 1981, in Atlanta, GA, Pete brightened many lives in his 26 years. After graduating from Trinity Christian Academy in 1999, he attended the University of Georgia, then transferred to Texas A&M, where he completed a BA in international studies. During his time at A&M, Peter served as the president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and was also a sportswriter for The Battalion, among other activities. After graduating, he worked as a tour guide in Nice, France, and also worked for the Dallas Cowboys, the Dallas Desperadoes and FC Dallas. He loved sharing the good word of Christ, and was very active in Young Life. In April 2006, Peter proudly answered his call to service by joining the U.S. Army. He received many honors in his training courses, and his fellow soldiers considered him a fearless leader and man of integrity. He served in the Second Stryker Cavalry Regiment as a troop leader, and made a lasting, positive impression in his short time with his platoon. Pete is survived by his beloved fiancee, Melissa Haddad. Pete and Melissa truly embraced life together, and loved each other more than words can express. Pete is also survived by his mother Jackie Merck; father Alan and step mom Laura Burks; sisters Ali, Sarah and Georgia Burks; brother Zac Burks; grandmother Irene Merck; grandfather Haskell Burks; nephew Oliver Denson; aunt Brenda Brooks and her husband Jim; uncle Carlton Hays and his wife Bonnie; uncle Tim Merck; aunt Laurie Killen and her husband Ivan; uncle Mike Burks and his wife Susan; various cousins; and a host of friends.

A visitation is scheduled for November 23, 2007 at 6:00 PM at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, TX. A funeral service is scheduled for November 24 at 11:00 AM at Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, TX. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Peter Burks Unsung Hero Fund, care of Texas Star Bank, PO Box 1600, Celina, TX 75009. Donations for care packages for our troops in Iraq can also be made in Pete's memory to the LoveLife Foundation, www.lovelifefoundation.com. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home, 8520 Main Street, Frisco, Texas 75034. **Turrentine Jackson Morrow Ridgeview Memorial Park Frisco 972-335-2444**

Celina 972-382-2311 TurrentineJacksonMorrow.com

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Burleson, Jim
BURLESON, JIM SLOAN, Passed away Sunday, January 21, 2007 to join his beloved wife of 42 years. He was born December 15, 1924 in Houston. He was a POW of Stalag 17 for 12 months as well as a Purple Heart Recipient. For 32 years, he dedicated his life to the American Red Cross as a National Field Director for many hurricanes. He was in charge of shelters for Hurricanes Camille, Betsy and Andrew, the tidal wave in Guam and many tornadoes throughout the south. He was a hero in many eyes and always wanted to serve humanity. Preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Burleson, sons Gary Allen Burleson, and Jim Louis Burleson; sister Florine Reiniets and brother John A. Burleson; survivors include his daughter Becki Crowson; grandson James Daniel Crowson and wife Amy Noel; sister Lucille Below; and brother Joe Burleson. Inurnment services will be held at 2:00 PM Friday, February 23, 2007 at DFW National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas with Gen. James McPartland officiating. He has left behind a great legacy and would be honored by all who attend. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

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Burris, Robert Franklin Ames
BURRIS, ROBERT, FRANKLIN AMES (BOB) Of Arlington, TX, passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, December 8, 2007. Services will be 10 AM Thursday, December 13, 2007 at the First Untied Methodist Church in Mineral Wells. Burial will follow in Woodland Park Cemetery. Visitation is from 6-8 PM Wed. at the funeral home. Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home Mineral Wells, TX940-325-4422
Burriss, Gladys

BURRISS, GLADYS Gladys Humphries Burriss was born May 24, 1921 at Pollock, Louisiana to James and Delia Humphries. She graduated from Pioneer, Louisiana High School as valedictorian in 1940. By 1945, she had earned the degree of R.N. (registered nurse). She finished postgraduate training in the operating rooms at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md. in 1946. She came to Dallas late in 1946 to teach in the operating rooms at Methodist Hospital. June 5, 1948 she married George Banks Burriss, Sr. They had one child, Dr. George Banks Burriss II. In the late 40's/early 50's she wrote regular columns for professional magazines such as "Hospital Topics" and "The Operating Room Supervision". She retired in 1985 after 30 years in the operating rooms at Baylor Hospital and started writing her first book, The Train is Coming (story of her life as a student nurse during WWII). It was published in 1993 by Carlton Press, New York City. She was a devout Christian all her life. She served her Lord by teaching Adult Ladies' Sunday School, church training union, and Sunday School to children for more than 40 years - mostly at Cliff Temple Baptist Church. Since 1993 she has been a member at First Baptist Church Dallas. Services are at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, January 24, in the chapel at Laurel Land Funeral home. Dr. Dan Griffin and Dr. George Burriss presiding. , Dallas Laurel Land 214-371-1336 laurellandfuneralhome.com


Burris, Timothy

Burriss, TIMOTHY "TIM", 56 of Plano passed away on July 15, 2007. Survived by his wife, Sue, sons Jeff and Steve and Steve's wife Lori and grandchildren Isabelle and Melanie. A Vigil Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 18 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2700 W. Spring Creek Pkwy. in Plano and a Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 19 also at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Burial will follow at DFW National Cemetery. Allen Family Funeral Options A different concept in caring. (972) 596-8200 Plano

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