McBride, Mary Magdalene

McCloskey, William Peter "Bill"

McCLOSKEY, WILLIAM "BILL" PETER, 64, of Irving for 25 years, died Saturday, Oct 27, 2007 at home. Born March 8, 1943 in Jacksonville, Illinois. Preceded in death by his parents, Bill is survived by his wife Elaine McCloskey; son, Will McCloskey and wife Therese of Irving; daughter, Kristin McCloskey of Dallas; granddaughter, Violet McCloskey of Irving; and grandpets. Memorial service 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Children's Medical Center Foundation. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Fwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnelyscolonial.com

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McClurkan, Leigh Pettigrew

McCLURKAN, LEIGH PETTIGREW (MRS. BURNEY B.) Leigh Pettigrew McClurkan, resident of Irving, Texas since 1954, peacefully passed away on January 30, 2007. She was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on February 4, 1920 to Pernecia and Luther Pettigrew. Leigh received a scholarship to Texas Women's University in Denton after graduating from school in Bowie, Texas in 1938. While there, she met and married Burney McClurkan, a handsome student attending UNT. Leigh's focus in life was one of devotion to family and friends. She loved playing "grandmother" to the neighborhood kids. She could always be found alongside her husband enjoying the activities of her daughters, grandsons and neighborhood children. She loved her many nieces and nephews and felt great pride in the accomplishments of her family. After raising her family, Leigh studied at El Centro College graduating with honors and a degree in Applied Sciences. Leigh worried about returning to school at age 47 but soon realized that not only could she return she could lead the pack. She loved mentoring the younger students. Leigh enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading and gardening. She and her husband took part in many community activities. She chaperoned school events for her daughters, and volunteered with Young Life, Literacy Instruction, and the Irving Republican Club. She was a member of First Methodist Church in Irving and helped found Meadowbrook Methodist in Fort Worth. Her husband of 65 years, Burney; her grandson, Freddie; her parents, and her brothers; Emmett, L.C. and Raymond preceded her in death. She is survived by three daughters, their husbands, and four grandsons. They are Patti and Stephen Youngblood of Lewisville, Susan and David Patrick of Dallas, and Marguerite and Ted Anthony of College Station. Her grandsons are Brendon and Kyle Anthony and Zac and Joshua Youngblood. She is also survived by her sister, Margie; two sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews. Her family wishes to thank the Vaquera Family, Brenda Holiday and the VNA Hospice Association for their love and care. Visitation is at Brown's Funeral Home on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. A memorial service will be held at First Methodist Church in Irving on Monday, Feb.5 at 10:00 am. Leigh will be buried by her husband at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek with at 1:00 pm. Memorial donations may be made to the VNA Hospice Care at 1440 W. Mockingbird Lane #500, Dallas 75247, First Methodist Church at 211 W. 3rd, Irving, 75060, Shrine Hospitals in care of Hella Shriners, 2121 Rowlett Road, Garland, 75043, or Young Life, 11300 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, 75243. Leigh's life may have ended but she keeps her place in our hearts forever. Ben F. Brown's Memorial Family Owned For Over 50 Years 707 N. MacArthur Blvd. Irving (972) 254-4242 www.Brownmem.com

McDonald, Billie Ruth

McDONALD, BILLIE RUTH, Born September 11, 1919 in Wilson, OK, died May 19, 2007 in Lewisville. She shared a beautiful life with C. L. McDonald for 41 years until his passing in 1981. She has been a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ for over 45 years. Survivors include her children, Jerry Dale McDonald of McKinney, TX and Joyce English of Lewisville; 5 grandchildren, Tammy Whitaker, Lee English, Anthony English, Bart McDonald and Shannon Hadley; 8 great grandchildren, Ashley Whitaker, Haley Whitaker, Brandon Whitaker, Jordyn English, Alex English, Jaxon English, Luke McDonald and Lily McDonald. Funeral service 10:00 a.m. Monday at the Chapel of South MacArthur Church of Christ. Burial at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donellyscolonial.com

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McDonald, Roy L.

McDONALD, ROY L., 67, died Monday, October 22, 2007 in Dallas. Roy Leon McDonald was born February 10, 1940 in Point, Texas to Robert and Eula Mae Duncan McDonald. He is survived by a son, Randy Craker; daughter, Cheryl Kain and her husband Ron; grandchildren, Gentry and Chantel Pierce; sister, Shirley Schnaiderman and her husband Sidney. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, David and Joe McDonald and a sister, Dorothy Velasquez. Visitation: 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. Funeral: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, October 25, 2007 at Oak Grove Memorial Park in Irving. Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home Grand Prairie 972-263-5570 www.guerrerodean.com

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DEBORAH KAY MCELRATH-CICEK
1955 - 2007

DEBORAH KAY MCELRATH-CICEK, born on September 13, 1955 in Little Rock, Arkansas, left this world March 1, 2007, at 3:11 a.m. with angels escorting her to be with Jesus in Heaven. Deborah was baptized at age 13 and lived her life as a Christian who was devoted to her family, friends and church. She had a love for art and poetry, and she could paint a picture from words in her mind. She was a strong and beautiful person. Her generosity will always be remembered. She is survived by her husband, Arman Cicek; three daughters: Tyranie Smith, Dorothy Smith, Valley Williams; eight grandchildren: Jeremy Smith, Cody Smith, Jake Smith, Justin Hill, Tanner Smith, Tyler Smith, Josh Williams and Luke Smith; father: M. R. McElrath; brother: M. R. McElrath, Jr. A Memorial Service will take place at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home in Irving, Texas on March 5, 2007 at 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Graveside service will be held at Old Liberty Cemetery in Conway, Arkansas on March 6, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. God has blessed us with memories of our blue eyed angel. Like sand on a seashore, our love for Deborah will always be countless. She will be in our thoughts and our hearts forever.
McElhaney, Mimi Pauline Shepherd

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Martha McGraw

McGRAW, MARTHA "JO" Born June 24, 1927, passed into eternal life March 18, 2007. Jo was active in her church, First Christian Church in Irving for 32 years and was also a very active member of PTA within the city, state and national levels. She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings: Mary Tate, Sybil Tinsley, Milam LaRue, Hermoline Hedrick, Henry LaRue, and Nell Foster. Jo is survived by and will be missed by her loving husband of 51 years Rudolph W. McGraw, daughters Cecile Brownlee & husband Harry, and Pat Gibson; grandchildren Kimberly Wright, Jim Brownlee & wife Wendy, Shane Ray, and Tressa Ray Brann & husband Nathan; 6 great grandchildren; brother Bobby Gene Sargeant & wife Betty; many loving nieces and nephews; the most loving neighbors & friends DeLores & Dale Bucher & their family; and many other long-time friends. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at First Christian Church. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Jo's family would like to extend special gratitude to all the nurses, doctors, and staff of Baylor Irving ICU for all the love and compassion shown during Jo's illness and also to Rev. Deborah Jones of First Christian Church for all her visits and calls during this time of need. Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church, 210 E. 6th St., Irving, TX 75060.


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Melvin "Mac" McKee
1941 - 2007

MELVIN "MAC" McKEE, age 66, a resident of the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas metroplex for more than 30 years, died Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at an Irving TX hospital. Born July 15, 1941 in Hawarden, Iowa to Jesse S. McKee and Beulah Marshall McKee, he was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale and Larry; and, sister, Sherry Lynn McKee. Survivors include his children, Mary Sue Green and husband Perry, Tom McKee and special friend, Darla Jacob, Bill McKee and wife Gina, Jason Nussbaumer and wife Jenny, Jeff Nussbaumer and wife Valene, Justin 'Reno' Nussbaumer and wife Angela, and Jesse McKee and wife Diane: 18 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Jerry McKee, Millie Langel and husband Roman, Dave McKee and wife Janine, Steve McKee and wife Mary Ann, Vicki Smith and husband Lou; sister-in-law, Edith McKee; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mac was a friend of Bill W. for 33 years. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made by contacting Mary Sue Green.
McKee, Melvin
McKee, MELVIN "MAC" 66, of the metroplex, died Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at an Irving hospital. Memorial service 10 am, Saturday, August 18th 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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MELVIN "MAC" MCKEE
1941 - 2007

MELVIN "MAC" McKee, age 66, a resident of the metroplex for more than 30 years, died Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at an Irving hospital. Born July 15, 1941 in Hawarden, Iowa to Jesse S. McKee and Beaulah Marshall McKee, he was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dale and Larry; and, sister, Sherry Lynn McKee. Survivors include his children, Mary Sue Green and husband Perry, Tom McKee and special friend, Darla Jacob, Bill McKee and wife Gina, Jason Nussbaumer and wife Jenny, Jeff Nussbaumer and wife Valerie, Justin 'Reno' Nussbaumer and wife Angela, and Jesse McKee and wife, Diane; 18 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Jerry McKee, Millie Langel and husband Roman, Dave McKee and wife Janine, Steve McKee and wife Mary Ann, Vicki Smith and husband Lou; sister-in-law, Edith McKee; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mac was a friend of Bill W. for 33 years. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, August 18, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made by contacting Mary Sue Green.

Ola Faye McLemore, of Irving, passed away Thursday, December 13, 2007. She was born July 20, 1925 in St. Charles, Kentucky. Preceded in death by her parents John and Mervia Eli, brothers Winfield Eli and Lorne Eli, and sisters Bonnie Coyle Crick, Helen Franklin, Dot Camplin, and Lucille Riley; survivors include sons Jerry McLemore and wife Linda of Pace, Florida, and Owen McLemore of Josephine, Texas; daughters Violet Bennett and husband Gerald of Irving; and Ferry Weber of Josephine, Texas; 9 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Monday, November 26, 2007 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation: 2-7 PM Sunday.
McNeese, Johnny
McNEESE, JOHNNY, Age 61, of Grand Prairie, TX, passed away on Wed., Jan. 31, 2007. He was born on Aug. 29, 1945 in Franklin, TN. Johnny married Polly Mears on Dec. 22, 1970, she preceded him in death. Visitation will be held from noon until 2:00 on Monday before the Funeral Service which will be at 2:30 p.m., Mon., Feb. 5th at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Chism & Smith 129 S. O'Connor Irving (972) 259-7644

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GOLDIE ADA McPHERSON

Goldie Ada McPherson 80, passed away September 29, 2007 in San Antonio. She was born on December 14, 1926 in San Jose, CA to Cornealious and Pearl Purkheiser. She was a long time resident of Irving until moving to Selma, TX in 1995, and she was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by husband, G.B. "Mack" McPherson, parents, sisters, Alva Russo, Mary Yandell and Nita Brown and brother, Edward Purkheiser. She is survived by her children, Gary McPherson and wife Bonnie of Altus, AR, Linda Murden and husband, Butch of Irving, Bobby Braudaway and wife, Patsy of Paris, TX, Ronnie McPherson and wife, Robin of Lynchburg, VA, Linda Perez and husband, John of San Antonio, TX, and Johnny Mack McPherson and wife, Cindi of Wolfe City, TX, 16 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild and one sister, Elsie Craig. Funeral Services were held on October 2, 2007 at Chapel of Roses Funeral Home. Interment followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Rev. Jerry Perrill officiated.
McWatters, Iris Capper Strey

McWatters, Iris Capper Strey, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and sister, passed away this Tuesday, May 1, 2007 in Irving, Texas at the age of 59. Born in Seguin, Texas on March 30, 1948, Iris is survived by her loving husband of 4 years, Michael McWatters; her mother Galen Capper Carlson of Seguin, TX; her son Carter Strey and his family, wife, Kelly and children Riley and Bentley, of Flower Mound, TX; her son Reagan Strey and his family, wife, Courtenay and child Slaton of Dallas, TX; her stepdaughter Meredith McWatters Sommers and husband, Steven, of Los Angeles, CA; her stepson Mason McWatters of Austin, TX; her brother Russell Capper and his family, wife, Laura and children Katy and Carson of Houston, TX; her niece Carly Talamantes and husband, Sam, of Rosenberg, TX. Iris is preceded in death by her father H.E. Barney Capper and late husband, Donald Strey. Memorial services will be held in Dallas, Texas at 10am, Saturday, May 5, 2007 in Cox Chapel of Highland Park United Methodist Church and in Seguin, Texas at 10am, Saturday, May 12, 2007 at The First Presbyterian Church in Seguin, Texas. Memorial contributions in Iris' honor may be made to the Night OWLS program at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75205.
