Stevens, Marjorie Ellen

STEVENS, MARJORIE ELLEN Passed away August 21 after a sudden illness. She was 79 years old. An Irving resident of the past 47 years, she was born in Batesville, Arkansas. She loved reading and teaching others to read, playing with her bridge club of more than 30 years, and particularly enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and family. She was an avid bird watcher who favored Cardinals, reveled in nature and loved animals. She and family had four dogs and three cats at home. She attended public schools, graduated with a Bachelor's of Education from Arkansas Teachers College in Pine Bluff. She earned a Master's of English at North Texas State University. She was a school teacher and administrator for 35 years, with 27 of those in the Irving Independent School District. She was deeply devoted to the field of education and was a member of the national teachers' sorority. Marjorie retired in 1987 as an assistant principal at Crockett Middle School. She was a founding member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Irving in 1960. Marjorie was loved by all who knew her, described by one former student as "more of a mom than a teacher" in the classroom. She touched many lives and is survived by three sons, Terry of Grapevine, Van of Irving, and Scott of Austin; daughters-in-law Donna, Theresa and Jill; eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a great aunt, and several cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Bill. There will be a memorial service at 4 p.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.

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REV. CHARLES B. “CHUCK” STEVENSON

Rev. Charles B. “Chuck” Stevenson, 80, went to be with the Lord on March 04, 2007. He was born on Dec. 29, 1926 in Cisco, TX. He was a 1943 graduate of Conroe High School, 1950 graduate of Baylor University and 1956 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Chuck served in the U.S. Army during World War II with 86th Division Military Police Company. Chuck’s career in the ministry began in 1954 where he began serving the Lord at First Baptist Church of Mansfield as Minister of Education. He moved onto First Baptist Alvin serving there from 1956-58, then moved to Clarendon Drive Baptist Church in Dallas, from there he moved First Baptist Church in Irving and served as Minister of Education for 18 years. He then moved to Conroe to serve as the Director of Church Services for the Tyron Evergreen Baptist Association. Upon leaving TEBA he came back to Dallas to the same church he had served early in his career Sunnyglenn Baptist Church, which had been Clarendon Drive Baptist Church. He retired from Sunnyglenn Baptist in 1991 and moved back to Irving to join First Baptist Church. He was asked to serve as Minister of Missions for First Baptist Church and this is where he found his real love in ministry.

Chuck’s involvement in the community of Irving was great, he is a lifetime member of the PTA, the Royal Ambassadors Program where he was given the Legion of Honor Award, Kiwanis Club Past President in Irving and Conroe, received the Kiwanian of the Year twice, Kiwanis Presidential Citation Award, Key Church of the Year Award in 1994, Irving Schools Advisory Board on Home/Family Living, Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the City of Irving for 6 years, named the High Spirited Citizen of Irving in 1999, Irving Youth Council President, served on the Irving Parks and Recreation Board and Irving Community Development Corp. Chuck was instrumental in starting the latch key program CHAMPS which offered free afternoon daycare from two schools for children who would have gone home alone. Chuck retired from First Baptist Church in 2003 though continuing to serve the community of Irving and minister to those in need.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Raleigh Mae Stevenson of Irving, daughter, Amy Stevenson of Irving, son, Gary Stevenson of Irving, daughter and son-in-law: Susan and Paul House of Montgomery, TX, one grandson, Evan House of Montgomery, TX, sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Nan and M.L. Mayo of Pasedena, TX. The family received friends for visitation on Wednesday at First Baptist Church. Funeral services were held on March 8. Interment followed at the D/FW National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the DBU, Pilgrim Chapel, Attn: Mr. Adam Wright, 3000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75211. Funeral arrangements conducted under the direction of Calvary Funeral Home

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March 8, 2007
Stevenson, Rev. Chuck

STEVENSON, REV. CHUCK 80, passed away on March 4, 2007 in Irving, TX. Visitation will Wed. from 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. @ First Baptist Church. Funeral Services Thurs. at 1:00p.m. at First Baptist Church, 403 S. Main St., Irving, TX. Burial at D/FW National Cemetery @3:00p.m., Lane A., Irving Calvary Funeral Home 624 East Second Street Irving Texas 75060 (972) 579-7356

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Jerry Jan Stout, of Irving passed away Saturday August 18, 2007. He was born June 20, 1942 in Cedar Hill. Jerry enjoyed collecting knives, walking, watching old movies, and hunting. Survivors include his wife Mary Stout of Irving; son Jerry J. Stout, Jr. of Irving; 6 sisters; 5 brothers; 9 nieces; and 10 nephews. Graveside services: 2:30 PM Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.
Strahan, Christopher

STRAHAN, CHRISTOPHER NOLAN Born December 22, 1970 in Dallas, Texas, passed away June 12, 2007 in Irving, Texas. He was a gentle bear whose heart of gold touched many people. There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2. Survivors include: parents, Nolan and Carole Strahan; brother, Jeff Strahan and wife Carrie; grandparents, Bill and Lola Mae Strahan; uncle, Hugh Feagin and wife Terry; aunts, Judy, Joyce and Kay; nephew, Jack; cousins, Tonja, Tina, Caley, Leighanne, Bill, Kelly, Ashley and Amanda; special friend, Anya. The family will receive friends, Friday from 6:00 until 8:00 PM, at the funeral home. Funeral Services will be held, 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 16, 2007, Grove Hill Funeral Home Chapel. Dignity Memorial Grove Hill 3920 Samuell Blvd. Dallas (214) 388-8887

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DOYAL R. STRANGE
1922 - 2007

DOYAL R. STRANGE, age 84, a resident of Irving, Texas for 41 years, died Sunday, February 18, 2007 at an Irving nursing center. Born July 1, 1922 in Gilmer, Texas to the late Charlie Ross Strange and Opal Belle Stanley Strange, he was a U.S. Army veteran of WW II and a member of First Baptist Church in Irving. Doyal was employed at Mobil Oil as a geophysicist for 40 years. He was a 32 degree Mason. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lou Rene Dagnell Strange; son, Carl Strange and wife Karen of Tyler; daughter, Jan Lively and husband Rick of Dallas; four grandchildren, Anna, Warren, Ross and Rebecca. Funeral service 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 22, 2007 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Diane Presley officiating. Burial service 3:00 p.m., Thursday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.
STUART, SHARRON COFFEE 66, born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 3, 1940, joined our heavenly Father on June 9th. She passed away peacefully in her Lake McQueeney, Texas home after losing her battle with cancer. Mother, grandmother, animal lover, interior designer, professional shopper extraordinaire, and one of the "Queens" of Lake McQueeney ladies. Sharron will be missed by all. Sharron was Miss Oklahoma for the American Veterans Association of America and runner-up for Miss America. She was also Miss Cowboy Hall of Fame. She attended Oklahoma University where she was elected Independent Student Association Queen & Representative, an honor bestowed on the most beautiful girl of the year. Survived by her sons, Henry F. Coffeen, III, (Emily) of Seguin, Texas; David Clay Coffeen (Betsy) of Phoenix, Arizona; and Robert T. Stuart III of Littleton, Colorado; a sister, Connie Carreker (John Denny) of Dallas; five grandchildren and numerous other family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents Edward Earl and Syble Harriet Brook and also by her son, Christopher Brook Coffeen. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the Moonlight Fund, 120 Paseo del Rio, Seguin, Texas 78155, www.moonlightfund.org, a charitable organization for burn survivors and their families originated by her son, Henry. Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 16th at 2 o'clock at the Sparkman-Hillcrest Memorial Park, 7405 West Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75225 and afterwards for a wake.

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Surratt, Ruth

SURRATT, RUTH 81, a 34 year resident of Irving, died Friday, May 18, 2007. Born January 22, 1926 in Dallas, she was the daughter of Ernest Rhodes and Lillie Kern Rhodes. She retired from The Mailbox in Dallas. Preceded in death by her husband, Brick Surratt in 1996, she is survived by a son, Lou Johnson and wife, Sheila of Fort Worth; daughter Pat Grueneich and husband Ernie of North Dakota; grandchildren, Scotty Johnson and wife, Lori of McKinney, Bridget Gonzales and husband, John of North Dakota and Velvet Bahmiller and husband, Randy of Mansfield; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren, Matt, Tracy and Mandy and 4 step great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Shirley Murphy Foundation at the University of North Texas at Denton. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Donnellys Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313
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Surratt, Ruth

SURRATT, RUTH, Age 81, of Irving, died Friday in Dallas. Visitation 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday. Service 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Donnellys Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. For full obituary, please go to donnellyscolonial.com. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313
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Sweet, Kenneth Edgar

SWEET, KENNETH EDGAR, Owner of Sweets Lock and Key woke up with the Lord on Oct 3rd, 2007. Born 1935 in Iowa, he came to Texas after a 20 year military career. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Shirley, two sons David and Mark Sweet, and so many who called him friend. Visitation 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 10/9/07 until the funeral service 11 a.m. at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment 1 p.m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Lane B. Family requests donations to the Texas Fragile X Foundation. Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home 606 W. Airport Frwy. Irving TX (972) 579-1313 www.donnellycolonial.com

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Swenholt, Sally Ann Kidwell

SWENHOLT, SALLY ANN KIDWELL Was born in Dallas on April 14, 1959. On December 16, 2007, Sally died unexpectedly in a car accident at the young age of 48. She treasured her close-knit family and countless number of friends, who now mourn the loss of her lively soul and sparkling personality. Sally made life fun. She was kind, generous, and committed to her faith. An exceptional mother and wife, Sally was married for 29 years to her high-school sweetheart and raised three beautiful children. She was also a dearly loved youngest daughter, little sister, and favorite aunt. Sally attended St. Rita Catholic School and Ursuline Academy. She later received a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from Baylor College of Dentistry and was a hygienist at the family dental practice. For more than 24 years, Sally worked at the side of her father, her brother, and most recently her daughter. Her high-spirited personality comforted her patients the same way it enriched the lives of every person who met her. Sally, also known by some as Lolly or SalPal, is reunited with her late mother, Helen Kidwell ("MaMa"), grandmother, Mary Cernosek ("MeMo") and her father-in-law, Victor A. Swenholt Sr. ("Go-Daddy"). She now provides protection and guidance from heaven above for her loving husband, Victor Swenholt, and the children she cherished, Shauna, Hayden, and Steven Swenholt, and pseudo-daughter Adriana Tenorio. She is also survived by her father, Dr. John E. and wife Betty Kidwell; mother-in-law, Marty Swenholt; sister, Suzanna Kidwell Johnson; brother, Dr. John M. and wife Christy Kidwell; in-laws, Liz and Monty Key, Chris Swenholt, and Thomas D. Johnson, Jr.; nieces, Nikki Crosby, Cari Brasher, Annie Kincaid, and Kendall Key; nephews, Ryan Johnson, John Phil Kidwell, and Connor Key; great nieces, Addison Brasher, Lindsey Brasher and Aven Crosby. Sally, a woman who brings lives together and bonds them forever, will be fondly remembered and deeply missed. Rosary will be recited at the AAA Building of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Mass and funeral services will be held at St. Rita Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2007. A reception will follow at Jesuit. It is the family's desire that memorial donations in Sally's name be directed to Jesuit College Preparatory School at 12345 Inwood Road, Dallas, Texas 75244-8094. 

Dignity Memorial Sparkman Richardson 1029 S. Greenville Richardson (972) 238-7855

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