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Palmer Thomas O'Connell

O'Connell, Palmer Thomas Palmer Thomas O'Connell, age 15, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Palmer was an angel on Earth. He was a student in Plano ISD and was ready to begin a new chapter having just completed 8th grade at Carpenter Middle School. Everyone who knew him was charmed by his smile and lifted by his spirit. He made friends wherever he went; people were attracted to his laughter and unbridled enthusiasm. Diagnosed with Angelman Syndrome at an early age, Palmer never gave up on life and always strove to meet his physical challenges. He is preceded in death by his grandmother Maureen ("Reenie") Vinson; his great grandmother Anna Niamo; and his cousin Ryan O'Connell. Palmer is survived by his parents George Vinson O'Connell and Thomas O'Connell; his brother Brendan O'Connell; his grandparents George ("Skipper") Vinson, and Daniel and Dolores O'Connell; aunts Deborah Vinson, Mary Sellars, Monique Beals, Bridget Bales and Kaz O'Connell; uncles James O'Connell, Robert Sellars, Beau Beals and Brian Bales; and cousins Francoise, Marche, Chloe, Shane, Brooke, Caitlin and Brittany.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Mass at LAKE LAWN METAIRIE FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 27, 2010. Entombment will follow at Metairie Cemetery. A Visitation will be held on Friday at the funeral home beginning at 10:00 a.m. A memorial service will be held in Plano, Texas on Tuesday, August 31, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2700 West Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to in honor of Palmer O'Connell at The Angelman Syndrome Foundation (www.angelman.org/palmeroconnell), where a memorial page has been established for him. To sign and view the Family Guestbook, please visit www.lakelawnmetairie.com Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home 504-486-6331

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John Paul O’Dell, of Irving, passed away Monday, September 27, 2010. He was born January 7, 1930 in Celina, Texas. He served as a medic in the US Army in Paris, France during the Korean War between 1951-1956. John worked for Lone Star Plywood and Door in Irving before retiring in 1997. He is preceded in death by his parents Mack and Mary Billmeier O’Dell, and sisters Hattie Shackelford and Barbara Hammonds. Survivors include his wife Margie O’Dell of Irving; daughters Laura Fazio and husband John of Dallas and Susan Williams of Keller; grandsons Garrett Williams and Hunter Williams of Keller; brother Mack O’Dell, Jr. and wife Beth of Assaria, Kansas, and Ray O’Dell and wife Bobbie of Irving; sisters Rose Lynch of Aubrey, Bertie Pursley of Carrollton, and Iva Ingram of Tioga; and many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to give heartfelt thanks to the staff of Avalon Residential Care for their compassionate care of Mr. O’Dell. Graveside services will be held at 11 AM Thursday, September 30, 2010 at Cottage Hill Cemetery in Celina, Texas with Rev. John Durham officiating. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home.
Robert Weldon Ogletree (1928 - 2010)

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Graveside service: Noon Tuesday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas.
Visitation: 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Lucas Funeral Home, Hurst.
Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cook Children's Medical Center, 801 Seventh Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76104 or The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2333, Fort Worth, Texas 76113.

Robert "Paw-Paw" Ogletree was born in Fort Worth. After serving in the Coast Guard during World War II, he joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and was a proud member for 61 years. He loved hunting deer in Colorado and fishing in Lake Whitney.
Bob was the loving father of three children, Jackie Johnson, Bob Ogletree and Steve Ogletree. He was the grandfather of six granddaughters, one grandson and several stepgrandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He attended countless athletic games, gymnastic competitions and wrestling matches. He was very proud of all his grandchildren and considered them all "All-Stars." After retirement in 1990, Bob enjoyed babysitting his youngest two granddaughters for several years and watching them grow up, as he was working when his own children were small. Special thanks to Larissa Thomas, caregiver, who ministered to us daily with her love and support.

He was preceded in death by his infant daughter, Lisa Ann; great-granddaughter, Kirstin Blockinger; parents, Lucille and Weldon Ogletree; and sister, Dortha McBride.
Survivors: Wife of 59 years, Vivian Tiroff Ogletree of Bedford; daughter, Jackie Johnson and husband, Bill, of Arlington; sons, Bob Ogletree of Bedford, Stephen Ogletree of Dearborn, Mich.; seven grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; three great-grandsons; sister, JoAnn Rush of Waco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Tamas Olah

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Olah, Tamas Tamas passed on Friday, January 7, 2010. He is survived by his mother, Anna Olah; stepfather, Steve Mallow; father, Laszlo Olah; brothers, Peter and Daniel; grand-parents and relatives in Hungary. He was born on November 16, 1984, in Budapest, Hungary. At 18 months, he moved with his family to New York City, and, shortly after, to Irving, TX. He grew up in Valley Ranch and had many close friends, even from grade school. After high school, he attended MediaTech Institute to pursue his love of music, sound engineering and recording. He was very dedicated to his passions, be it music, friends, the less fortunate, athletics pro or personal, and potentially serving in the Navy Seals. Through all of this he never forgot his homeland, visiting it regularly and speaking Hungarian with his mother and relatives. Tamas was a driven, talented and caring soul who left us far too soon. He will be dearly missed by many. The visitation is Tuesday 6 to 8 pm. The service is Wednesday 3:30 p.m. Memorial Chapel, Restland Funeral Home - 13005 Greenville Avenue.

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Louis Oling

Oling, Louis Of Irving, Texas. Born December 23, 1928 to Jake and Jennie Oling of Elwood Illinois. Lou left to be with his Lord on August 24, 2010. He is survived by his wife Leta, daughter Judith Fallon and husband David, son John Williams and wife Doretta; brother Norm Oling of Longmont, Colorado; 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Lou served his country as a Naval Aviator during the Korean War and left the Navy to attend the University of Illinois where he majored in Aeronautical Engineering. He worked as an aerodynamicist with Chance Vought/LTV for 30 years. His passing leaves a great void in many lives but he leaves a legacy of of strength, courage, loyalty, and faithfulness that will endure for many generations to come. Visitation will be at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, 6-8 PM, Friday, August 27. Funeral Services will be held at First United Methodist Church, 211 W. 3RD St, Irving, Texas Saturday, August 28 at 10 AM with interment to follow at Restland Cemetery at 1 PM.

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H. TED OLSON
H. Ted Olson 81, of Irving, Texas, went to be with the Lord on April 28, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 22 years Kathleen; daughter and son-in-law - Chris and Bo Stiles; grandchildren - Erin, Amanda, Melody, Lacey and Taylor; great grandchildren - Kylie, Caleb and Chace; as well as family members in Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Texas and Northern Ireland. Ted enjoyed two long and successful careers. First retiring as Director of Human Resources for Union Carbide, and then retiring a number of years later as President of Promotional Products Association International (PPAI). From an early age until his passing, Ted’s personal commitment to service guided his life. He was very proud to achieve Distinguished Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver, Silver Buffalo, the Spurgeon Award and a Baden Powell Fellow with the Boy Scouts of America. Consistently, he chose to share his time and resources with worthwhile organizations. The list is prohibitively long, but to name but a few: the Advisory Council of the Salvation Army, the International Board of the Boy Scouts of America, the Irving Rotary Club, the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce’s Sister Cities Board, the Board of the DFW Humane Society, the Irving Museum Board, the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau, and a founding member of Meeting Planners International (MPI). Ted’s kind and generous spirit will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends throughout the world. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, May 4th at Calvary Church, 4401 N. State Hwy. 161 in Irving, Texas. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until the service, which will begin at 11 a.m. The family requests memorials go to the Boy Scouts of America, the Dallas Fort Worth Humane Society of Irving (DFWHS) and the Promotional Products Association International (PPAI) Foundation. Arrangements by Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home.

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May 1, 2010
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Joyce Opp  Visit Guest Book

Opp, Joyce Marie Zapletal Jackson Born March 5, 1935 in Moulton, Tx, to Sophia and Bill Zapletal. Died October 24, 2010 in Irving, Tx, in the company of family. She graduated from Robstown, Tx, High School in 1953 and worked in Corpus Christi area before moving to Irving. She worked for several companies in the Dallas area as an administrative assistant. Survived by husband Terry, sons Donald and Timothy, daughter-in-law Candy, brother Jerome, sister Anita and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins. A celebration of life and rosary will be held at Memorial Gardens Funeral Home in Corpus Christi, Tx, at a later date.

Published in Dallas Morning News on October 31, 2010
Robert Yellis Ott

Ott, Robert Yellis Passed away Thursday, November 4, 2010. He was born on November 5, 1928 in Philadelphia, PA to Robert Joseph Ott and Harriet Cordelia Yellis Ott. He was a dedicated Boy Scout and earned the Eagle Scout Award in 1944. He graduated from Lehigh University in 1950. Two years later he graduated from U.S. Navy Officer's Candidate School, subsequently serving in the U.S. Navy until his retirement in 1970. At that time, he began his second career with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N.Y. as a Contract Administrator of parts renewal in the steam turbine division. In 1990, he retired from that career, moving to New Bern, N.C. Nine years later, he moved to Dallas, Texas where he enjoyed playing golf at Brookhaven Country Club and maintained a beautiful garden of hybrid roses. He also volunteered with the Farmer's Branch Rose Garden. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, who is survived by his wife of 55 years, Anita Ruff Ott; son, Robert William Ott of San Diego, CA; daughter, Jennifer Ott Brownlee and son-in-law, John F. Brownlee, of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Nicole Ott, Robert Spencer Ott, and Christopher Ott, of San Diego, CA and Benjamin Brownlee, Ethan Brownlee, and Heather Grace Brownlee, of Dallas, TX. A memorial service will be held at King of Glory Lutheran Church on Monday, Dec. 6 at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the King Of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240.

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Joel Victor Otwell

Birth: Dec. 31, 1960
Newport News
Newport News City
Virginia, USA

Death: Jul. 23, 2010
Texas, USA

Joel Victor Otwell, 49 of Krugerville passed away on July 23, 2010. He was born on December 31, 1960 in Newport News, VA to Robin Stanley Otwell and Carol Jean Cartwright. He married Valerie Anne DeLap on August 31, 2002. He was a fireman/paramedic for Lancaster Fire Department for 21 years.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 10:00AM at Denton Bible Church in Denton with Rev. John Theisen officiating, burial will follow at Beliew Cemetery. An open visitation will be held two hours before the service at the church.

He is survived by his wife Valerie Otwell of Krugerville, brother, Steve Otwell of Corpus Christi, two nephews Austin and Connor Otwell, and father and mother-in-law Rollin and Beverly DeLap.

To light a candle in memory of Joel, please visit www.familyowned.net.

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In death, Lancaster firefighter gives life

by MONIKA DIAZ

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LANCASTER — A Lancaster firefighter who dedicated his life to saving others continues to save lives — even after his own death.

It is Joel Otwell's legacy of giving for a man who had everything to live for.

Family and friends are still mourning Otwell's recent death. He was a devoted firefighter and husband who always put others first.

His dying wish didn't stray from that philosophy; he wanted to keep saving lives.

"He was just an incredible husband and soulmate; very, very sweet," said Valerie Otwell, his wife of almost 10 years. "I will miss him dearly. He gave unconditional love."

She said that love went beyond their home. Joel Otwell gave 21 years to the Lancaster Fire Department; it was his passion.

"Everywhere I go, people stop me and say he was such a good man, and he was. He just cared about people and being a fireman was perfect for him, because he loved helping people," Valerie Otwell said.

Nearly two months ago, Joel Otwell told his wife that he wanted to be an organ donor.

"I told him, 'I don't know, I don't know,' but he said, 'You can save lives.' And then it ended there," Valerie Otwell recalled.

It was a decision she never expected to face so soon.

Three weeks ago, the 49-year-old died after falling at his church.

In death, he saved five lives.

His heart went to West Texas; his kidneys saved two North Texans; and his organs saved two lives out of state.

Otwell’s wife is proud of her husband's final gift — a legacy that lives on within the recipients. And Valerie Otwell has a message for them:

"It came at a great cost, so please take care of your gift."

Donations to a special trust fund can be made in memory of Joel Otwell at any Chase bank branch.

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by CYNTHIA VEGA

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LANCASTER - It was with heavy hearts on Monday that Lancaster first responders gathered to remember one of their own.

Funeral services took place for Joel Otwell, a devoted firefighter for the last 21 years, at the Denton Bible Church.

It was the second time in a month that Lancaster is saying goodbye to one of its finest first responders.

Otwell, 49, died of a head injury suffered last week while off duty at church.

Today, he was remembered as the firefighter, paramedic, driver and engineer everyone wanted to be.

As his partner on the force told us, you could always count on Otwell to save lives and to be mischievous. He loved to make everyone laugh.

He never hesitated for a moment to say whom he was devoted to most - Valerie, his wife.

He was equally committed to his family at home, and on the job.

"He was a leader. He set the example, everyone looked up to him, and he's going to be sorely missed," said battalion chief William Rhodes.

"We worked together and he would come out on calls with us, medical calls, and accidents, and you kind of get to know these guys a bit and talk to them, as you go through the department and such, and he was a good man," said Lt. Kelly Hooten, from the Lancaster police department.

Donations can be made in memory of Joel Otwell at any Chase bank; a special trust fund has been set up.

It was just a month ago, that Lancaster lost their first police officer killed in the line of duty, Craig Shaw. One of the first to respond was Otwell.
Billie Kelly Owens

Owens, Billie Kelly age 78, a lifetime resident of Irving, Texas, died Monday, March 15, 2010 in Irving. She was born December 5, 1931 in Fort Worth, Texas to Earl James and Opal Hill Robinson. Survivors include her son, Jim Kelly and wife Tracy of Flower Mound, daughter, Tonya and husband Kevin Rhule of Virginia, grandchild, Brennan, Derek, Ryan, Rhiana, Terezia, and sister, Joanne Wood. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Funeral Service will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2010 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ron Osborne officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

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Oleta Owen

Owen, Oleta Ruth Neilson Passed away at age 91 in peace at her home in Irving on Sunday, June 6. She was born January 17, 1919, in Pittsburg TX, and moved to Dallas at a young age, where she married Samuel Neilson in 1937. They moved to Irving in 1946, where she continued to provide a loving home to all her family for over 64 years. Widowed in 1978, she remarried Lester Owen in 1980, and survived him in 2009. She is survived by her sons, John A. Neilson and Samuel L. Neilson III; step-daughter, Debra Blakeman and husband Jim; grandchildren Eric C. Neilson, Marc C. Neilson, Mary R. Richburg, Justin S. Neilson, Angela F. Neilson, Kristin Blakeman, Ryan Blakeman; great grandchildren, Christopher Richburg, Jaden and Lukas Hoel and Leia Neilson. Services will be at Restland in Dallas, Friday at 10AM in Wildwood Chapel, with visitation Thursday from 6 to 8PM.

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Laura Owens

Owens, Laura Age 64, of Irving, TX, died on January 27, 2010. Chisolm-Smith Funeral Home and Cremation Service 972-259-7644

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