Don Petty
July 29, 1937 - January 18, 2012

Graveside service for Donald Eugene Petty, Sr. will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Nelta Cemetery with Bro. Jeff Jenkins officiating and David Bynum assisting. There will be no formal visitation.
Mr. Petty passed away on January 18, 2012 at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas, TX at the age of 74. He was born on July 29, 1937 in Ft. Worth, TX, the son of Eugene Fields and Velma Ruth (Henderson) Petty. He married Sylvia Flippin on June 20, 1956 in Ft. Worth, TX. She survives. He was a member of the Lewisville Church of Christ. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son, Don Jr. and wife Beth Petty of Arlington, TX, daughters, Diana Trionne Smith and husband Brady Kent of Irving, Elizabeth Ruth Bynum and husband David Otto of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Robin Dawn Filbeck and husband James William of Irving, and sister, Karen Lynn Villareal and husband Jimmy of Mineral Wells, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

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**Services**

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He was a member of the Lewisville Church of Christ.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by son, Don Jr. and wife Beth Petty of Arlington, TX, daughters, Diana Trionne Smith and husband Brady Kent of Irving, Elizabeth Ruth Bynum and husband David Otto of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Robin Dawn Filbeck and husband James William of Irving, and sister, Karen Lynn Villareal and husband Jimmy of Mineral Wells, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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In loving memory of Mrs. Tina (Ernestine) Cuellar Perez (Nov. 17, 1925 – Jan. 13, 2012), beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend, preceded by her husband of 55 years Mr. Velmer Perez.

Tina was born in Kaufman to Betty and Manuel Cuellar but was a life-long Dallas area resident. As a Depression-era kid, she learned to always work hard and did that through her own hairstyling business then later with her husband in founding and managing a service business in Irving that is still operating today. An active community member throughout her life, Tina was a leader in her children’s Girl and Boy Scout troops, a Eucharistic minister at St. Luke, Irving, and St. Joseph’s, Coppell, supporter of Goodwill, PBS, the Kidney Foundation, the Salvation Army Women’s Auxiliary and through TACA worked on many fund-raising projects for arts organizations in Dallas. She did door-to-door fundraising for the first YMCA pool and swim team in Irving. She loved to dance, travel, and make new friends everywhere she went. She traveled all over the world, literally, with family and friends. She will always be remembered for her boundless spirit of adventure, hardworking nature, and high class style.

Through her love, generosity, and radiant spirit, she taught her family and all those who knew her to laugh easily, live life joyfully, and have faith in God. Survived by son Rick and wife Stefani Perez of Irving, daughter Denyc Perez, sisters Emily Chefchis and Roseann Cuellar Valdez, niece Cecilia and husband Wesley Witty, nephew Bob and wife Maggie Chefchis, and niece Liza Rozann Valdez, all of Dallas. She was “Gammy” to five grandchildren: Alicia and husband Dale Komarek of Haslet, , Julie and husband Mark Ross of Tyler, Ailea Sneller and husband Marshall Dispenza of Rockville, MD, Rico Sneller of Dallas, Gabe Sneller of New
Orleans, LA; eight great grandchildren: Avery, Tyler, Drew, Jake, Katherine, Olivia, Samantha, and Audrey, whose birth brought Tina great joy just hours before her death; great nephews Zach Esparza of Dallas, and Byron and wife Lori Witty of Wylie; great-great nieces and nephew Thomas, Caroline and Allison, and many other family members and friends who have very fond memories of the many family events hosted by Tina. Memorials in her honor to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation are welcome.

A memorial service will be held at Treemont Retirement Community, 5550 Harvest Hill Rd, Dallas, TX, on Thursday, January 26, at 6 p.m.

Submitted: 1/24/2012
Mary Elizabeth Perkins, of Irving, passed away November 17, 2012. Mary was born December 1, 1918 in Del Valle, Texas. She is survived by her sons, Charles Perkins and wife Sherry of Saratoga, California, Henry Perkins and wife Cheryl of Ennis, Texas, and John Perkins of Irving; daughter Katherine Perkins of Addison; sister Lucille Baumgartner of Dallas; brother William Baumert and Ann of Ennis; grandchildren Sarah and Jake Hudgins and Greg and Phil Perkins; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 6-8 P.M. Monday, November 19, with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 P.M. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, 3330 Cheyenne St. in Irving. Burial will follow at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, 3900 Rowlett Rd in Rowlett.

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Brandon Leroy Petty

March 19, 1986 - October 31, 2012

Brandon Leroy Petty, 26, of Duncanville was called home by the Lord on Wednesday, October, 31, 2012. Celebration of life: Saturday November 3, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. Deeper Life Christian Fellowship, 104 S. Robinson, Cleburne, TX 76031. Brandon was born in Galveston on March 19, 1986, to Abby Petty and Larry Petty. Brandon graduated from Haltom High School in 2004 and married Cheri Petty on November 4, 2004. He and his wife have 3 wonderful children, Morgan 7, Brenden 6, and Brooklynn 1. He loved spending time with family. He loved anything outdoors, especially fishing, hunting, and shooting. Survivors: wife, Cheri Petty; children: Morgan, Brenden, and Brooklynn, dog "Spanky"; parents: Abby Petty and Larry Petty, brothers: Dalton Petty and wife Magen, Michael Petty, and Nicholas Petty; dear friends; Critter, Cory, D.J., and Ryan; In-laws, Casey and Bryttani Mitchell and Cassi and Craig Purvis; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, all of whom he adored.

www.chismsmithfh.com
Reta Baldree Pfolsgroff

March 15, 1955 - June 13, 2012

Reta Baldree Pfolsgroff, age 57, of Corsicana, Texas passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2012. She was born on March 15, 1955 in Dallas, Texas to Melvin and Hazel Baldree. Her parents preceded her in death. Reta was a loving mother and friend. She was one of the kindest people, helping anyone that crossed her path. Reta is survived by her 3 sons, Doug Pfolsgroff, Dylan Forbes, and Kevin Forbes; nephew, Jason Lockridge; among numerous other family and friends. A Memorial service will be held in the Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 12:00 PM. Reta will forever be loved and missed.
Gilbert Phillips Jr.

Phillips Jr, Gilbert L. of Las Colinas, formerly of Syosset NY, died March 20th at age 84. For 62 years, Gil was the loving husband of Anne C. Graham who survives him. He was a wonderful father to his sons, G. Lawrence III of Englewood, CO, Christopher of Bellingham WA, and Andrew of New York and to his daughter Lauren Ready of Richardson. His daughter, Kelly pre-deceased him. He was also the adoring grandfather of Christopher and Caitlyn Pepe of Richardson and of Ben and Liana Phillips of Bellingham. Gil lived a long and successful life and he will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered by his family and many friends. A Memorial Service will be held 11 o’clock a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the funeral home chapel.

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Gilbert Lawrence Phillips, Jr.
(July 30, 1927 - March 20, 2012)

Gilbert Lawrence Phillips Jr. of Las Colinas, formerly of Syosset NY, died March 20th at age 84. For 62 years, Gil was the loving husband of Anne C. Graham who survives him. He was a wonderful father to his sons, G. Lawrence III of Englewood, CO, Christopher of Bellingham WA, and Andrew of New York and to his daughter Lauren Ready of Richardson. His daughter, Kelly pre-deceased him. He was also the adoring grandfather of Christopher and Caitlyn Pepe of Richardson and of Ben and Liana Phillips of Bellingham. Gil lived a long and successful life and he will be sorely missed and lovingly remembered by his family and many friends. A Memorial Service will be held 11 o’clock a.m. on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the funeral home chapel.

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Surrounded by her family, Kathy Glyn Hann Phillips died Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2012. Kathy, suffering from early onset Alzheimer's, resided at Isle of Watercrest in Mansfield at the time of her death. Service: Pending. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any Alzheimer's Association. Kathy was born in Center on Oct. 15, 1949, to Warren "Buddy" and Nelwyn Carriker Hann. She was an honor graduate of Sulphur High School in Sulphur, La. Kathy graduated in 1972 from the University of Louisiana in Monroe with a bachelor's degree in pharmacology. After graduation, Kathy worked as a pharmacist for over 35 years in Louisiana, California and Texas. Kathy was married to Sherman "Rip" Phillips from 1973 to 1998. She worked for almost 20 years at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock before retiring in 2007. Kathy dearly loved animals and for many years. When not at work, she volunteered at South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock. Kathy was an outdoor enthusiast and especially enjoyed tennis, cycling and golf. Kathy was preceded in death by her parents. The family would like to thank all the very special people with Envoy Hospice and Comfort Keepers for the excellent care and love they provided for Kathy. Your support and compassion were a blessing for Kathy and her family. Survivors: Brother, Kim Hann of Forest Hill; aunt, Cynthia Carriker Williams and husband, Sonny, of Mansfield; cousins, Lori Tipton of Denton, Kirby Williams and wife, Julie, of Flower Mound, Warren Ward of San Antonio and Ronnie Ward of Iraan; and dear friend, Connie Lawrence of Lubbock.

Published in Star-Telegram on September 2, 2012
Walter Phillips Sr.

Phillips, Sr., Walter Leon Born December 7, 1923 and passed away July 1, 2012 in Dallas, Texas. Retired as a U.S. Postal Services Postmaster after 31 years of employment. Preceded in death by daughter, Loyce J. Cervantes; parents, Hosea & Amanda Phillips; sister, Eva Roderick; brothers, Durwood Phillips, William "Bill" Phillips; and mother of his children, Willeta Phillips. Walter is survived by son, Walter L. Phillips Jr. and wife Rhonda of Irving; daughter, Eva G. Lynch and husband Jack Lynch of Ft. Worth; daughter, Dorleeta A. Wheelington and husband Mark of Seguin; daughter of the heart, Gena Jordan of Ft. Worth; 6 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; beloved sister, Grace Thomas; and brother, Jim R. Phillips and wife Nita. His favorite thing was being with his family. He was an avid gardener, master craftsman, loved his western movies and books. He always had a book in his hands. Services will be held at 12:30pm, Saturday, July 7th at Restland Memorial Chapel with visitation one hour prior to the service at the chapel, followed by burial at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Odyssey Hospice, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76102.

Condolences may be offered at
www.RestlandFuneralHome.com

Published in Dallas Morning News from July 5 to July 6, 2012
Aleen Philpot

Philpot, Aileen Age 75, of Grapevine, TX, died on October 26, 2012. Funeral: 10 AM Monday, October 29, 2012 at Oak View Baptist Church in Irving.

Published in Dallas Morning News on October 27, 2012
Aleen Philpot

Philpot, Aileen Aleen Mae Philpot, of Grapevine, and formerly a longtime Irving resident, passed away Friday, October 26, 2012. She was born April 10, 1937 in San Rafael, California. Aleen was a public school educator for over 50 years, and a preacher’s wife for over 52 years. She is survived by her husband Rev. Wallace Philpot of Grapevine; son Wayne Philpot and wife Wendy of Santa Anna, Texas; daughter Lisa Jones and husband Steve of Haslet; and grandchildren Cassie Philpot, Rylie Philpot, Luke Pinkston, Dawson Jones, and Sawyer Jones. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Monday, October 29, 2012 at Oak View Baptist Church in Irving. Graveside Services will be held at 9:15 AM Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. The family will receive friends 2-4 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

Published in Dallas Morning News from October 27 to October 28, 2012
Aleen Mae Philpot, of Grapevine, and formerly a longtime Irving resident, passed away Friday, October 26, 2012. She was born April 10, 1937 in San Rafael, California. Aleen was a public school educator for over 50 years, and a preacher’s wife for over 52 years. She is survived by her husband Rev. Wallace Philpot of Grapevine; son Wayne Philpot and wife Wendy of Santa Anna, Texas; daughter Lisa Jones and husband Steve of Haslet; and grandchildren Cassie Philpot, Rylie Philpot, Luke Pinkston, Dawson Jones, and Sawyer Jones. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Monday, October 29, 2012 at Oak View Baptist Church in Irving. Graveside Services will be held at 9:15 AM Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. The family will receive friends 2-4 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

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James Dean Pinkerton, of Irving, passed away Thursday, July 5, 2012. He was born November 25, 1952 in Dallas. He is survived by his wife Maria Chavez Pinkerton of Irving; sons Candelario Chavez, Jr., and Jonathan Chavez, both of Irving; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brother Gary Armor of Hugo Oklahoma; sister Georgia Kelly of Mesquite; Jessie and Ryan Ennis; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Monday, July 9, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitations will be 10 AM-5 PM Saturday, and 1 PM-5 PM Sunday at the funeral home.
Margaret Pinson

Pinson, Margaret "Peggy" Margaret "Peggy" Pinson passed from this life on Sunday, December 30, after a progressive illness. She was born October 3, 1921, in New York City, to Ernest A. and Margaret Hutson Powers. Peggy is the wife of Cloyde C. Pinson, Sr. "Father of the Dallas-Ft.Worth National Cemetery" who preceded her in death in 2006. She is a Sunset High School graduate and long-time resident of Irving. Before marriage, Peggy worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Fort Worth where she met Cloyde working in the Air Force recruitment office in the same building. Peggy was an Air Force wife as she and her family lived in many parts of the U.S. After settling back in Dallas, she worked 16 years for Sam P. Wallace Mechanical Contractors as secretary to the President and Vice President. Upon retirement, she continued her real job for which she was very highly qualified. Peggy held a PhD from the School of Loving Mothers and Grandmothers and her family was the fortunate beneficiary. Her hobbies included bridge, needlepoint, reading, and a host of wonderful friends. She and her husband were active members of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church in Irving. They were also active in many Veteran’s organizations. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Brown Wallace, granddaughter, Wendy Wallace Tiedt and husband Chad; grandson, Patrick Wallace and wife Lindsey; three beautiful great grandchildren, Margaret and Drew Tiedt, and Colt Wallace. She is also survived by her nieces, Carla Thompson and Susan Stricklin of Huntsville, Alabama, and Toni Tufo of Palm Springs, California; and her nephew, John Berry of Owasso, Oklahoma. In addition, she is survived by her loving caregivers without whom our journey would have been much more difficult. Thank you, Sandy, and mom’s guardian angels, Cerise and Emily, for the kind and gentle care you gave our mother. God bless and keep you always in the cradle of His arms, my mother and our Gammy. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home. Service is 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2013 in the funeral home chapel. Burial service will be 4:00 p.m., Friday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Texas National Cemetery Foundation. (TNCF, P.O. Box 210606, Dallas,TX 75211-0606).

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Margaret "Peggy" Pinson  
(October 3, 1921 - December 30, 2012)

Margaret “Peggy” Pinson passed from this life on Sunday, December 30, after a progressive illness. She was born October 3, 1921, in New York City, to Ernest A. and Margaret Hutson Powers. Peggy is the wife of Cloyde C. Pinson, Sr. “Father of the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery” who preceded her in death in 2006. She is a Sunset High School graduate and long-time resident of Irving. Before marriage, Peggy worked at the Federal Reserve Bank in Fort Worth where she met Cloyde working in the Air Force recruitment office in the same building. Peggy was an Air Force wife as she and her family lived in many parts of the U.S. After settling back in Dallas, she worked 16 years for Sam P. Wallace Mechanical Contractors as secretary to the President and Vice President. Upon retirement, she continued her real job for which she was very highly qualified. Peggy held a PhD from the School of Loving Mothers and Grandmothers and her family was the fortunate beneficiary. Her hobbies included bridge, needlepoint, reading, and a host of wonderful friends. She and her husband were active members of St. Stephens Presbyterian Church in Irving. They were also active in many Veteran’s organizations. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Brown Wallace; granddaughter, Wendy Wallace Tiedt and husband Chad; grandson, Patrick Wallace and wife Lindsey; three beautiful great grandchildren, Margaret and Drew Tiedt, and Colt Wallace. She is also survived by her nieces, Carla Thompson and Susan Stricklin of Huntsville, Alabama, and Toni Tufo of Palm Springs, California; and her nephew, John Berry of Owasso, Oklahoma. In addition, she is survived by her loving caregivers without whom our journey would have been much more difficult. Thank you, Sandy, and mom’s guardian angels, Cerise and Emily, for the kind and gentle care you gave our mother. God bless and keep you always in the cradle of His arms, my mother and our Gammy. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Service is 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2013 in the funeral home chapel. Burial service will be 4:00 p.m., Friday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Texas National Cemetery Foundation. (TNCF, P.O. Box 210606, Dallas, TX 75211-0606).

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Todd Porter,


Published in Star-Telegram on December 6, 2012

Todd Porter

Porter, Todd Harris Todd Harris Porter, Dr of Audiology, passed away on Dec 2 at his home in Irving, TX. Born in Humboldt, TN on August 4, 1946 he was a very proud graduate of the University of Tennessee - Knoxville where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He was dedicated and passionate in his field of Audiology having received numerous professional awards and was a founding member of the Texas Academy of Audiology. He was a devoted member of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer as well as a member of the Irving - Las Colinas Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane Wofford Porter, Irving, TX; daughter Cary Porter, Tanya Mathison and her daughter Morgan Speir, Bastrop, TX; sister Nan Porter, Memphis, TN; sister Janna Raney and husband Gary, Portageville, MO; nephew, Ryan Raney and wife Erica, Cape Girardeau, MO; sister-in law Martha McFerron and husband Steve, Jonesboro, AR; nephew Matt McFerron, Athens, GA A memorial service will be at 10:30am Saturday, Dec 8 at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Irving, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Church of the Redeemer Building Fund, 2700 Warren Circle, Irving, TX 75062; The Wilkinson Center, PO Box 720248 Dallas, TX 75372; or The University of Tennessee Foundation Designated Gift to Kappa Alpha House, 600 Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996.

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Published in Dallas Morning News from December 6 to December 7, 2012
Todd Harris Porter
(August 4, 1946 - December 2, 2012)

Todd Harris Porter, Dr. of Audiology, passed away on December 2, 2012 at his home in Irving, Texas. Born in Humboldt, Tennessee on August 4, 1946, he was a very proud graduate of the University of Tennessee – Knoxville where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He was dedicated and passionate in his field of Audiology having received numerous professional awards and was a founding member of the Texas Academy of Audiology. He was a devoted member of The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer as well as a member of the Irving – Las Colinas Rotary Club.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jane Wofford Porter, Irving, TX; daughter, Cary Porter, Tanya Mathison and her daughter Morgan Speir, Bastrop, TX; sister, Nan Porter, Memphis, TN; sister, Janna Raney and husband Gary, Portageville, MO; nephew, Ryan Raney and wife Erica, Cape Girardeau, MO; sister-in-law, Martha McFerron and husband Steve, Jonesboro, AR; nephew, Matt McFerron, Athens, GA.

A memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 8 at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Irving, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Church of the Redeemer Building Fund, 2700 Warren Circle, Irving, TX 75062; The Wilkinson Center, PO Box 720248, Dallas, TX 75372; or The University of Tennessee Foundation Designated Gift to Kappa Alpha House, 600 Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996.
Diana Poteete

Poteete, Diana Dee Age 68, of Irving, retiree of NTTA, died early Sunday morning. Survivors include daughter, Renee Oliver of Arlington; son, Douglas Poteete of Lewisville; granddaughter, Brittany Scovern of Irving; granddaughter, Stephanie Oliver of Arlington; sister, Elaine Carty of Austin; along with several nieces and nephews and many other loved ones. Service at 2pm, Thursday, Oct. 11, at Donnelly’s Colonial Chapel in Irving.

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Diana Dee Poteete  
(December 2, 1943 - October 7, 2012)

Diana Dee Duncan was born on December 2, 1943 to Douglas Duncan and Maxine Johnson in San Antonio, Texas. Her first Duncan ancestor was Scottish, who first came to the states to protect British colonists from the Spanish and the Indians in 1732. Since that time, the Duncan line has been in every military conflict from the American Revolution to the present. In 1830, descendants from the first Scottish Duncan came to Texas and were granted land by the Republic of Texas. The Duncan lineage also won fame as they participated in the Battle of San Jacinto in 1836. The Duncan line has been in America for over two centuries and has contributed its bit to the development of this great country.

Diana, often referred to as "Dee Dee" by family and friends, grew up in Texas with her 3 siblings, John Duncan, Charles Eaton, and Elaine Eaton. She married Herschell Poteete and had three children, Renee Poteete, Heather Poteete, and Douglas Poteete. In her early working years, Diana worked as a waitress along side her husband who was a chef. In her later years, she acquired the skills of running a printing press. Diana worked for The Drawing Board for a few years, and then, she moved on to working and printing for the state agency, North Texas Turnpike Authority, where she had over 20 years of service and retired from.

Diana was a loving and caring soul that nurtured many in a motherly way. All of her siblings regarded her as not only a big sister, but also a mother. She held a wealth of wisdom which she shared with her simple advice. After the passing of her mother, Maxine, Diana become the matriarch for her family. She enjoyed cooking great southern food that was enjoyed and remembered by all. She cooked up the best dressing for Thanksgiving, which was sought after by anyone who ever had the chance to taste it. Diana held a unique knack for cooking some of the tastiest dishes for her family and friends. She cooked from her heart with love and joy.
Diana was enthusiastic about her crafts and spent much of her spare time working with her hands and creating things. She had a love affair with cross-stitching, which she gifted to many people over the years. Most of all, Diana was an avid reader. Anyone who knew her well knew she could never read enough romance novels, but she could often been persuaded to read other genres of literature. Also, Diana was captivated and entertained by reality TV, and her favorites included Survivor, Big Brother, and The Amazing Race. She treasured watching films of all kinds with her granddaughters and family. In addition, Diana adored her football games. The Dallas Cowboys remained her favorite team, and she never missed watching one of their games. She was set with a Diet Coke, a basket of fried catfish, and the Cowboys playing on the TV. She enjoyed the simple things in life and cherished them everyday.

Diana also enjoyed traveling with her family. Over the years, she visited Austin several times where her baby sister resides. She had the opportunity to vacation in Hawaii with her daughter and considered it one of the greatest times of her life. She even experienced the beautiful state of Utah with its majestic mountains when her daughter lived there. And of course, she enjoyed any destination that had slot machines, so she vacationed in Las Vegas, Biloxi, Shreveport, Saint Louis, and New Orleans. She was delighted by the beauties of this country and loved sharing these memories and moments with her family.

Diana left us early Sunday morning due to heart complications and is now resting and rejoicing with the Lord. Even though this would typically be a somber occasion, she would rather us celebrate her life with our memories of her and her unconditional love. Diana’s survivors include daughter, Renee Oliver of Arlington; son, Douglas Poteete of Lewisville; granddaughter, Brittany Scoven of Irving; granddaughter, Stephanie Oliver of Arlington; sister, Elaine Carty of Austin; stepsister, Peggy Johnson of Grand Prairie; stepbrother, Robert Richards Jr. of Cedar Hill; along with several nieces and nephews and many other loved family members. Please join her family on October 11 at 2 p.m. at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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Diana Poteete

Poteete, Diana Dee Age 68, of Irving, retiree of NTTA, died early Sunday morning. Survivors include daughter, Renee Oliver of Arlington; son, Douglas Poteete of Lewisville; granddaughter, Brittany Scovern of Irving; granddaughter, Stephanie Oliver of Arlington; sister, Elaine Carty of Austin; along with several nieces and nephews and many other loved ones. Service at 2pm, Thursday, Oct. 11, at Donnelly's Colonial Chapel in Irving.

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Published in Dallas Morning News on October 10, 2012
Walter Wesley Prater Sr.

Prater, Sr., Walter Wesley Walter Wesley Prater, Sr., a resident of Irving for 57 years, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012. He was born November 16, 1926 in Meadow, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Kathryn Prater; son Walter Wesley Prater, Jr.; daughters Sherry Jones and husband Gene, and Sandra Fong and husband Bobby; son Bryant Prater and wife Pat; step-daughter Pamala Morse; step-son Randy Morse; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

Published in Dallas Morning News on May 22, 2012

Walter Wesley Prater, Sr., a resident of Irving for 57 years, passed away Sunday, May 20, 2012. He was born November 16, 1926 in Meadow, Texas. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Kathryn Prater; son Walter Wesley Prater, Jr.; daughters Sherry Jones and husband Gene, and Sandra Fong and husband Bobby; son Bryant Prater and wife Pat; step-daughter Pamala Morse; step-son Randy Morse; grandchildren Angel Prater, Shawn Terry, Amy Prater, Aaron Prater, and Julia Jewett; and great grandchildren Alexis Prater, Jayce Jewett, Nate Paxton, Austin Terry, and Alex Terry. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Andrew Quin Pray, age 30, of Dallas, GA passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. He was born on November 26, 1981 in New Orleans, LA. Andrew was preceded in death by his fraternal grandfather Hubert Pray.

Andrew was the Worship Pastor at West Ridge Church in metropolitan Atlanta, GA. He grew up in Springdale, AR, the son of a pastor. At an early age, he began following his father around in the ministry, going to music rehearsals and activities. He married his high school sweetheart, Courtney, and they have served faithfully in ministry together since. He was a loyal Christ follower, wonderful husband to Courtney, daddy to his three children, trusted friend and gifted Worship Pastor.

Andrew positively impacted the lives of everyone he met. He was genuinely concerned about adding value to their life story. He loved the Church of Jesus. He adored his family, and his legacy of faith will be felt for generations to come.

Survivors include his wife, Courtney Pray, of Dallas, GA; two sons, Noah and Carson Pray, both of Dallas, GA; a daughter, Halle Pray, of Dallas, GA; parents, Buster and Martha Pray, of Bentonville, AR; sister, Mandi, and her husband Josh Carson, of Ft. Smith, AR; maternal grandparents, Leland and Laurin Hume, of Jackson, MS; and fraternal grandmother, Dorothy Pray, of Jackson, MS.

A memorial celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at West Ridge Church, Dallas, GA with Rev. Brian Bloye and Rev. Paul Richardson officiating. Visitation will be held at West Ridge Church, Dallas, GA on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

A memorial celebration will also be held at Cross Church Pinnacle Hills, Rogers, AR on November 29, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Ronnie Floyd officiating. Visitation will be held at Cross Church Pinnacle Hills from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Andrew Pray Memorial Fund, c/o West Ridge Church, Dallas, GA (westridge.com).


**Visitation**
By Craig Schneider and Alexis Stevens

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Andrew Pray began his work in the church when he was 8 years old, following around his father, who was the worship pastor at First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark.

“He grew up going with me to music rehearsals and sound checks,” said his father, Buster Pray. “By high school, he was leading the music worship for the students’ service.”

Pray kept right on following in his father’s footsteps, serving most recently as the worship pastor presiding over the music at West Ridge Church in Dallas.

On Thursday, a day reserved for family get-togethers and celebration, the Pray family was mourning the loss of Andrew, who was killed Wednesday when he was struck by a charter bus while cycling along U.S. 41 in Bartow County.

Pray, who would have celebrated his 31st birthday Monday, was cycling near Red Top Mountain when he was struck around 12:30 p.m., according to Battalion Chief Sandy Turner with the Bartow County Fire Department.

Pray was wearing a helmet, but he was critically injured. The Dallas resident was transported by ambulance to WellStar Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, but did not survive.

Pray, a married father of three, led the West Ridge band and often sang alongside his wife, Courtney.

“I sensed that he loved people,” said his father, gathered with friends and family at the Pray home Thursday afternoon. “He could do anything he wanted to do, but God called him to the ministry.”

Courtney set the tone for the mood in the home, he said: “that we will walk through this as a family” despite “intense grief, beyond comprehension.” They know, the father said, that Andrew is now with God and that his loved ones will one day see him in heaven.

Members of the church, which draws as many as 5,000 worshippers each Sunday, were stunned, but they were rushing to help the family, said lead pastor Brian Bloye.

He said Pray loved his family deeply, often going on “dates” with his wife and catering to the individual needs of his children: Noah, 8; Halle, 6; and Carson, 2.

Bloye said he will speak from the pulpit Sunday of the loss.
“People ask the why question,” he said. “I don’t claim to have the answer. There are things about God I don’t understand. But I know I trust him.”

The church posted the news of Pray’s death on its website and Facebook page, where hundreds of people posted comments in memory of Pray.

Paul Richardson, a fellow pastor and friend, said Pray planned for church services weeks and even months in advance, while continuing to improve his musical talents.

“It’s one of those rare personalities. He was very present in whatever he was doing,” Richardson said. “Because of that, he was able to give his best to every moment.”

Pray was also athletically gifted, earning all-state honors as a high school football player in Arkansas. He later turned to cycling. The route he was on Wednesday was one he often rode, Richardson said.

Buster Pray, 56, said that in the wake of Andrew’s death, the family watched a recent video recording of him at a church service, singing a song he loved called “10,000 Reasons.” The last verse was particularly moving.

“And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forever more.”

**Memorial Celebration for Andrew Pray:**
On Tuesday, November 27th at West Ridge Church - East Paulding, there will be a visitation from 11am-noon and the memorial celebration at 1pm.
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Church, family mourn pastor killed in cycling accident

Andrew Pray, of Dallas, was the father of three. Photo: Courtesy of West Ridge Church

Andrew Pray met his future wife, Courtney, when the two were teenagers, a fellow pastor and friend said. Photo: Courtesy of West Ridge Church

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012
November 27, 2012
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

West Ridge Church
3522 Hiram Acworth Highway
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Ronald Michael Prim (1948 - 2012) Visit Guest Book

Ronald Michael Prim passed into the arms of Jesus on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at home after a difficult battle with cancer. Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Harry Earles officiating. Interment to follow in Shannon Rose Hill Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Shannon Rose Hill Funeral Chapel. Ron was born Jan. 30, 1948, to Jesse and Louise Prim. He lived in Fort Worth most of his life and moved to Dublin with his family in 1992. He retired from Lockheed Martin and more recently from Texas Health Resources. Ron was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dublin. Ron enjoyed old music, restoring their home in Dublin, and was an avid sports fan. He was a Vietnam veteran of the United States Navy and also the Army. Ron will be missed by his loving family, but remembered always. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors: Wife of 30 years, Doris Prim; daughters, Linda Ward, Shelly Jones and Angela Prim; son, Joseph Prim; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers, Gordon Primm and James Prim; sisters, Linda Castleberry and Susan Salazar; many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

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Saturday, November 03, 2012
10:00am
Calvary Hill North Chapel
3235 Lombardy Ln
Dallas, TX 75220-3338

Mark Leo Pringle
June 18, 1923 - October 31, 2012

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A proud veteran Mark served his country in the Army Air Corp during WWII. In 1944, he married the love of his life, Thelma Collinsworth. They were big Dallas Mavericks fans, who would never miss watching a game.


Rosary will be at 6:00 pm followed by a visitation from 6:30 - 8:00 pm on Friday November 2, 2012 at Calvary Hill North Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 12:00 am on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Calvary Hill North Chapel. Interment will be at Calvary Hill Cemetery.

Crosier-Pearson Cleburne Funeral Home
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3235 Lombardy Ln
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Restland Coppell Chapel

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Michael Pruiett

Pruiett, Michael Eugene Michael Eugene Pruiett, 33, of Corinth, TX passed away of Lupus Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at Texas Health Hospital in Bedford, TX. He was born September 22, 1978 in Bedford at Texas Health Hospital to Michael J. and Sharon Garrett Pruiett. He graduated from Irving High School in 1997. Micky was loved deeply and will be greatly missed by all of his family and his many friends. His mother wants to thank all his friends who came to the hospital and comforted him so much on his last day here on earth; they gave him so much love and a wonderful send off to the arms of Jesus in Heaven. He is survived by his parents, Michael and Sharon Pruiett of Corinth, TX; sister, Merideth Laredo and her husband Fernando of Corinth; niece, Presley Kay Laredo and nephew, Fernando "Tre" Laredo. Visitation will be Sunday March 4, 2012 from 3pm to 5pm at Deberry Funeral Directors. Service will be Monday March 5, 2012 at 1pm in the Chapel of Deberry Funeral Directors. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park.

Published in Dallas Morning News on March 3, 2012
Wanda Fay Pryor, of Irving, passed away on February 4, 2012. She was born on November 17, 1945 in Wolfe City, Texas to Eddie Eli Potter and Lillian Juanita (Cotton) Potter. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Jimmy Potter. She is survived by daughters, Linda Salazar, Carol Lee, and Vickie Maska and spouse Hassan, all of Irving, and Terry Gilliam of Grand Prairie; sons, Roy Lee of Grand Prairie, and Bobby Spillar of Tyler; sisters, Lillian Sue Shipp of Duncanville, and Brenda Watson of Oklahoma; ten grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. A graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, February 10, 2012 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends at the funeral home between 6:00 and 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

www.brownmem.com
Gary N. Puckett
(May 15, 1946 - September 5, 2012)

Gary Puckett, 66, died Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at his home in Irving. A native of Oak Cliff, Gary graduated from Kimball High School and Stephen F. Austin University and owned The Puckett Corporation. He was preceded in death by his parents Harve and Ruth Miller Puckett, and is survived by Amy Lambright; daughters, Melanie of Los Angeles and Tracey of Fort Worth; and friend and cousin Sammy Maddox. Gary is also survived by his SFA Pi Kappa Alpha brothers, Chili Society Board and many, many friends. Memorial service to be held at 11:30 am Thursday, September 13, at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas 75062. Service to be followed by a celebration of Gary's life at The Midway Point, 12801 Midway Road, Dallas, TX 75244, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the Special Olympics.

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