Bobby Joe Southwood

Southwood, Bobby Joe Bobby Joe Southwood of Irving, retired educator, departed this life January 23, 2012 in his 80th year. Born August 25, 1931 in Plano he was the only child of Wayne and Bertie Toler Southwood. A graduate of Plano High School, he earned his Bachelor’s degree from East Texas State University (Texas A&M Commerce. He received his Master’s degree from Southern Methodist University. He began his teaching career in the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas where he taught the children of migrant farm workers. A teacher and administrator for 40 years in Harlingen, Arlington, and Irving he retired in 1991. Active in community, political and educational activities. He is a past president of The Irving Retired Teachers Association, The Irving Education Association, and The Retired School Personnel of Dallas. He worshipped at Oak View Baptist Church where he was an active member and servant of the Lord for nearly forty years. "Rise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Isaiah 60:1. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Oak View Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Kurtz officiating. Visitation will begin one hour prior to the service at the church. Entombment will follow the service at Abbey Mausoleum at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Pallbearers will be members of the King’s Men Bible Class of Oak View Baptist Church. If desired, memorial may be made to the charity of your choice.

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Ross Spicer

Spicer, Ross H. Ross Hugh Spicer was born in Patalka, Florida on January 11, 1926. He passed away peacefully on February 3rd in Temple, Texas. He will be sorely missed, but the family rejoices he is with God and so many loved ones in Heaven. Ross’s brother, Captain Hugh J. Spicer and his sister, Elizabeth Brown predeceased him. Ross was a graduate of Union College in Schenectady, NY, in the V-12 program during World War II. After serving as a commissioned officer in the Navy, Ross joined Western Electric in New Jersey. He was then transferred to Southwestern Bell Telephone in 1949. There he met and married a native Dallasite, Nancy Ann Crump that year. They had two sons, Ross H. Spicer, Jr. and John Crump Spicer. They then had two daughters: Suzanne Spicer deLarios and Cheryl Spicer Hutchinson. Sadly, son John predeceased his father in 2008. Ross enjoyed 43 years with Southwestern Bell, serving 18 of those years as an officer. Prior to his retirement he was honored to serve as founder and President of Southwestern Bell’s new subsidiary, SBC Technology Resources, Inc., now AT&T Labs. Ross and Nancy retired to Irving, Texas in 1991. There they enjoyed family and friends for many years. He was active in civic life: Rotary Club, Irving Symphony, Lyric Stage and Irving Baylor Healthcare Foundation. Ross loved gardening, golf and antiquing. He had a great and mischievous nature, always surprising his family with his timely sense of humor. Ross is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Nancy Crump Spicer of Temple, TX; son Ross Spicer Jr., daughter Suzanne Spicer deLarios and husband Patrick; Cheryl Spicer Hutchinson and husband Lewis. Two loving daughter-in-laws; Donna Tish and Kathy Spicer also survive him. He adored his seven grandchildren: Emily deLarios, Kelly Spicer Bennet, Kimberly Spicer, Alicia deLarios, Grace Hutchinson, Paul Spicer Hutchinson and Abigail Spicer. The newest addition, Ian Patrick deLarios is their first great grandchild, welcomed in March 2011. His loving sister-in-laws, and many loving nieces, nephews and friends throughout the country also survive him. Ross will be lovingly remembered as a wonderful husband and father, a responsible and generous member of his Church and Community, as well as a patriotic American. Memorial Services will be held on Friday, February 10th at 1 pm, First United Methodist Church Irving, in the Chapel, 211 West 3rd Street, Irving 75060. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Scott & White Development Fund, 2401 S. 31st Street, Temple TX 76508. Reference the Ross H. Spicer Research Fund.

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Gerladine Spoonts

Spoonts, Gerladine Born April 29, 1934 in Dallas, TX and passed away February 21, 2012 in Irving, TX. Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Bonnie Kline, and brother, Bill Kline Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Terry Spoonts; granddaughter, Heather Hardcastle; son, Robert Spoonts and wife, Debbie; sister, Barbara Crowley; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Kline. Family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at Restland Funeral Home. Services will be held at 12:00pm on Friday, February 24, 2012 at Restland Abbey Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Dallas SPCA.

Condolences may be offered at
www.RestlandFuneralHome.com

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Mac Spruce

Spruce, Mac Mac Spruce, of Irving for 61 years, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2012. He was born November 3, 1924 in Mulberry, Arkansas. He was a US Army Air Force veteran of WWII, serving in the 15th Air Force. He was Manager of Transportation for Atlantic Richfield Co. (Arco Oil & Gas), retiring in 1985 after 25 years. Mac was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Irving. He was a teacher in the Keystone Sunday School Class, volunteer for the Methodist Hospital gift Shop for 27 years, and a member of the Wednesday Work Crew at First United Methodist Church. Mac also helped establish the Travel Fellowship of First United Methodist Church in Irving, and was active in the Golden Age Fellowship. He was a Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 184. Mac was an officer for SOFTA (Shippers Oilfield Traffic Association), and an officer for ETA (Energy Traffic Association). He was a member of NITL (National Industrial Traffic Association), Oil Field Haulers Association, and Greater Dallas Transportation Club. Mac also held a leadership position in developing truck, rail, barge, and ship operations for the construction and ongoing support of the Trans Alaska Oil Pipeline. He was a member of the original SAM Group (Shell, Arco, Mobil) for the initial studies regarding the feasibility for construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. He represented ARCO during the 1970’s, developing the “Sea Lift” barge shipping service which pioneered seasonal barge service from the Pacific Northwest to Alaska’s North Slope drilling operations at Prudhoe Bay and other remote sites. This concept continues to be utilized today in the ongoing support of those operations. He was preceded in death by his parents William Everett and Fannie Mae Spruce, brothers Everett, Hubert, George, and Henry, and sister Mildred. Survivors include his wife Jackie Spruce of Irving; son Bill Spruce and wife Janet of Mansfield; daughter Karen Ivy and husband Jim of Murphy, Texas; grandchildren Kim Rodgers and husband Steve of Keller, Todd Spruce and wife Julie of Flower Mound, Justin Rivette of Waxahachie, Greg Spruce of Euless, Grant Spruce of Mansfield, Laura Blessing and husband Chad of Cedar Park, Texas, and Ashley Ivy of Cedar Park; and great grandchildren Kaitlyn Spruce, Kamryn Spruce, Katherine Spruce, Jacob Spruce, Kaci Rodgers, Tyler Rodgers, and Fincher Blessing. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Friday at First United Methodist Church in Irving. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Thursday at the funeral home.

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Lillian Spurdon

Spurdon, Lillian Genevieve "Gene" Howe Lillian Genevieve "Gene" Howe Spurdon died in her sleep at home in Irving, Texas on March 30, 2012. She was 101 years old. She lived in Irvington, NY from 1945 until she moved to Texas in 2001. Gene was born in Deadwood, South Dakota on November 9, 1910 to Frank Stewart Howe, M.D. and Margaret Lillian Hunter. Dr. Howe was a Deadwood physician, Deadwood mayor and the author of Deadwood Doctor. Her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Hunter, co-founded the Fish and Hunter Lumber Company in the 1870s Gold Rush. At age 16, Gene graduated as Valedictorian from Deadwood High School where she was elected to the National Honor Society. Gene graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Dakota with a major in French. She was the President of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Gene left for New York City where she earned her Masters Degree in French from Columbia University. She then graduated from the Sorbonne in Paris with a second Masters Degree in French. In 1976 she graduated from The New York School of Interior Design. Gene was married to Samuel Charles Spurdon IV of London, England in 1939. She was an air raid warden during WWII. In 1941 they moved to Canada to make bombs to support the Allied War Effort. Gene was elected President of the Red Cross. In 1945, they moved to Irvington, NY. Her beloved husband of 50 years, S. Charles Spurdon, was the International Director of Richard-son-Merrell. Gene was an active member of The Junior League of Westchester, NY. She was a lifelong member of the Irvington Presbyterian Church. Gene was the quintessential mother of three daughters: Pamela, Valerie and Chantal. Genevieve is survived by Pamela Margaret Lynn Spurdon of Paris, France and her daughters, Ariane and Isabelle Kosciusko-Morizet and Chantal Hilary Jeanne Spurdon, M.D. of Irving, Texas and her children, Madeleine and Travis Parker. She is preceded in death by her husband, S. Charles Spurdon; her children, Stewart Spurdon and Valerie Spurdon; her sons-in-law, Ross Purdy and Michael Parker; as well as her siblings, Elizabeth Donaldson, John Howe, M.D., Laura Newell and Margaret Clark. Genevieve’s memorial service was April 4, 2012 in Irving, Texas. A memorial fund has been established in her honor at The University of South Dakota. Contributions may be sent to the "USD Foundation" attention to the "Howe Spurdon Scholarship", PO Box 5555, Ver-million, SD 57069.

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Lillian Genevieve "Gene" Howe Spurdon
(November 9, 1910 - March 30, 2012)

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Lillian Genevieve "Gene" Howe Spurdon died in her sleep at home in Irving, Texas on March 30, 2012. She was 101 years old. She lived in Irvington, NY from 1945 until she moved to Texas in 2001.

Gene was born in Deadwood, South Dakota on November 9, 1910 to Frank Stewart Howe, M.D. and Margaret Lillian Hunter. Dr. Howe was a Deadwood physician, Deadwood mayor and the author of Deadwood Doctor. Her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Hunter, co-founded the Fish and Hunter Lumber Company in the 1870s Gold Rush.

At age 16, Gene graduated as Valedictorian from Deadwood High School where she was elected to the National Honor Society. Gene graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of South Dakota with a major in French. She was the President of Pi Beta Phi Sorority.
Gene left for New York City where she earned her Masters Degree in French from Columbia University. She then graduated from the Sorbonne in Paris with a second Masters Degree in French. In 1976 she graduated from The New York School of Interior Design.

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Genevieve is survived by Pamela Margaret Lynn Spurdon of Paris, France and her daughters, Ariane and Isabelle Kosciusko-Morizet and Chantal Hilary Jeanne Spurdon, M.D. of Irving, Texas and her children, Madeleine and Travis Parker.

She is preceded in death by her husband, S. Charles Spurdon; her children, Stewart Spurdon and Valerie Spurdon; her sons-in-law, Ross Purdy and Michael Parker; as well as her siblings, Elizabeth Donaldson, John Howe, M.D., Laura Newell and Margaret Clark.

Genevieve's memorial service was April 4, 2012 in Irving, Texas. A memorial fund has been established in her honor at The University of South Dakota. Contributions may be sent to the “USD Foundation” attention to the “Howe Spurdon Scholarship”, PO Box 5555, Vermillion, SD 57069.

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Opal Morse Spurgin passed away November 26, 2012. She was born September 3, 1917 in Irving, Texas. She attended Calvary Church in Irving. She was preceded in death by husbands Hubert E. Morse in 1983 and James E. Spurgin in 2000. Opal is survived by sons Paul Morse and wife Darlene, David Morse and wife Cynthia; daughter, Darla Mills and husband Paul; grandchildren Brian Morse and wife Holly, Steven Morse and wife Yoshi, Jeremy Mills, April McQuagge and husband Jon, Shawn Morse; 13 great grandchildren. Funeral service Thursday, November 29 at 10:00 AM, Brown’s Memorial Funeral Chapel with Rev. Paul Mills and Rev. Jim Thomas officiating, with interment following at the Kit Cemetery in Irving. Visitation, Wednesday 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Family requests memorials to Faith Chapel, 510 Summit Ave. Arlington 76013.
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Dorothy Novella Stanley, of Irving, and formerly a longtime resident of Ft. Worth, passed away Sunday, October 14, 2012. She was born April 15, 1922 in Dallas to parents Robert Miller and Bertha (Carmack) Johnson. She is preceded in death by her husband Claude E. Stanley. Survivors include her daughters Dawn Durham and husband David, and Fawn Taylor and husband Larry; son Dee Stanley and wife Bendy; grandchildren Denise, Ronny, April, Keith, Brent, Tiffanie, Samantha, and Candice; 13 great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and extended family. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with Pat Garner officiating. Burial will follow at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery in Ft. Worth. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Esteele Statler, of Carrollton, passed away Friday, March 30, 2012. She was born April 27, 1918. She was a member of St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church in Irving. Esteele was preceded in death by her husband Tom Statler. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Survivors include her children Kent Statler and wife Marilyn, of Carrollton, Jane Ellen Wilson and husband Chappell, of Cadiz, Kentucky, Rebecca Armstrong and husband Clark, of Corinth, Texas, and Kirk Statler and wife Jayne, of Parker, Colorado; sister Madge Boydt, of Minnesota; 9 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends Wednesday morning before the service. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stephen’s Presbyterian Church, 1621 W. Grauwyler Rd., Irving, TX 75061.
Concetta Mignogna "Tina" Starnes, passed peacefully with family by her side in Carrollton, TX December 14th, 2012. Viewing will be held Monday December 17th at Ben F. Brown's Memorial Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. A Rosary will be held during the viewing starting at 7:00. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church at 10:00 am with interment following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving, TX. Gathering at Elaine Flourney’s immediately following. Tina was born in Naples Italy to Raffaele and Concetta Mignogna on January 25, 1928. She met her husband Wineford Starnes during WWII. They were married in Italy and she immigrated to the US to join her husband. She had 5 children. Tina was preceded in death by her husband, Wineford in April of 1987. Also preceding her were here daughters Jeanette Starnes in January of 1970 and Anna Nelson Cantrell in January of 1996. Tina is survived by her son Darrell Starnes, his wife Lynne, their 3 children and 6 grandchildren; her other son David Starnes, his wife Anne, their 10 children and 18 grandchildren; her daughter Elaine Flourney, her husband Doug, their 2 children and one grandchild. She is also survived by 4 children of her daughter Anna Nelson Cantrell.
Mary Stephens

Stephens, Mary Funeral: Saturday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. at Abudant Life Church of God in Christ, 7310 S. Hampton Road, Dallas, Texas 75232.

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Our beloved Chris "Critter" Stevens left this earth on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2012. Service: 10 a.m. Thursday at The Hills Church of Christ, North Richland Hills, 6300 Northeast Loop 820, North Richland Hills 76180. Interment will follow at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Lucas Funeral Home. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization or the SPCA of Tarrant County. Chris was an awesome young man who meant the world to his friends and family. Chris touched lives with his Wittiness, kindness and acceptance of everyone. Survivors: Chris is survived by his parents, Kathy and Scott Beavers and Ray Stevens; brother, Ches Stevens; sisters, Caitlyn Stevens, Kortnee Beavers and Keisha Gifford; girlfriend, Alyssa Smith; grandparents, Walt and Sharon Clements, Gene and Joyce Beavers, Laura and Tony Velez, Judy and Andy Mullins; two nephews; and multiple cousins.

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Juanita Grace Stevens, 101, of Irving passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Grace was born to Ruth Helen Bates-Blanchard and Jacob Eugene Blanchard in Gainesville, Texas, on July 11, 1911, then moved to Denton, Texas, where she grew up. After receiving a teaching certificate from Denton Women's College and Teachers College, Grace enjoyed a long career teaching children. Grace fell in love with the trees in Irving and moved her children there in 1944. She also had a great love of music and it was part of her life until the very end. Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Marvin Stevens, son, Billy Wayne Stevens, and beloved sister, Ruby Coker. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Alma Lou Staniford, and children Lois Jackson, Marvin Eugene Stevens, and wife Margie, and John Michael Stevens, and wife Sue; 18 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Grace had a most Godly relationship with Christ Jesus our Savior and led her family in His ways. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 26, 2012, at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Denton. The family will receive friends 2:00 - 4:00 PM Sunday, December 23, 2012, at the funeral home.

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Grace Stevens, of Irving, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2012. She was born July 11, 1911 in Gainesville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Denton. The family will receive friends 2-4 PM Sunday, December 23, 3012 at the funeral home.
Betty J. Steward, of Irving, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2012. She was born April 20, 1932 in Booneville, Mississippi. She is preceded in death by her husband Loyal "L. B." Steward in 2005, brothers Bob Hodges, Winston Hodges, and sister Hazel Woods. Survivors include her son Donny Steward and wife Vicki of Justin; daughter Linda Larkin and husband Jack of Irving; brother Billy Hodges of Irving; sisters Louise Modlin of Irving; Vivian Tennyson of Burnsville, Mississippi, Frances Smith and husband Jlue of Columbia, South Carolina, and Edith Gullett of Jackson, Mississippi; grandchildren Christopher Loyal Steward and wife Alexa, and Michael Brian Steward and Shelby; great grandchildren Lucas Benny Steward, and Summer Lynn Steward; many nieces and nephews, and other loving family members. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Friday, December 28, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to Tribute Program, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942.
Eileen Stewart, of Irving, passed away Monday, April 9, 2012. She was born February 26, 1924. She is survived by her husband Bill Stewart of Irving; and a host of loving friends. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 PM Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Restland Memorial Park in Dallas. Her family will receive friends 6-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.

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Mark Stewart, Sr. passed away peacefully on December 6, 2012 in Irving, TX. Born September 10, 1929, in Waldo Arkansas. He has been a resident of south Irving since 1972. He was preceded in death by his parents Sidney and Ida Stewart and Brother Dan Stewart. He is survived by his loving wife Ruby Stewart of 62 years and amazing son Mark and daughter in law Paulette Stewart of Irving Texas. Also survived by his brothers Kearney Stewart of Cleburne, TX and Dewey Stewart of Texarkana, AR, Sister Dorothy McBride of Texarkana, AR. Grandchildren Casey and Christy Stewart, Mitch and Grace Stewart and great grandchildren Jacob, Sydney, Kaydence, and Abigail Stewart and many nieces and nephews. Stanley enlisted in the Marine Corp in 1946 stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California and was honorably discharged in 1948 as Corporal. Stanley owned and operated his business known as Stan’s Plating in Grand Prairie for 30 years. He later went on to work for Bell Helicopter for 10 years. He was an avid fisherman and loved to play bingo. He was also the Texas Rangers #1 fan. He was the world’s best story teller. But most of all he loved his family. He was very proud of his boys and the men that they grew up to be. Not to forget his little weenie dog Chevy. He will be greatly missed but forever loved. His funeral service will be 12:30 PM Wednesday at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at 2:15 at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. Please meet at Lane B. Visitation will be Tuesday 6 – 8 PM at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Children’s Medical Foundation 2777 Stemmons, Ste. 1452, Dallas, TX 75207-2214
Patricia Dianne Stewart

October 5, 1948 - March 3, 2012

Patricia Dianne Stewart, age 63, of Irving, TX passed away Saturday, March 3, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. She was born on October 5, 1948 in Dallas, TX and was raised in Irving, TX. She was proceeded in death by parents, Ray and Patsy Goodman as well as her brother, Larry Leggett. Tricia met her loving husband while living in Las Vegas until returning to Irving, TX where they were married and have lived happily for more than 30 years to be near the family she loved. She enjoyed collecting antiques and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Charles Stewart; daughter, Tiffany Holbrook and husband David; 2 granddaughters, Tierney Holbrook, Shelby Thorn and husband, Jeff; grandson, George Holbrook; great granddaughter, Lily Moore; 2 great grandsons, Tucker Thorn, and Cooper Thorn; 2 sisters, Dawn Renae Luft, and Tamara Killam; niece, Stephanie Elias and nephews, Michael Killam, and Brandon Vines. Services will be 11:00 am on Monday, March 19, 2012 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Interment will immediately follow the services at the Dallas Forth Worth National Cemetery.
Ruby Stewart

Stewart, Ruby Visitation, today, 12-5 pm @ Sacred. Wake, 6-7 pm @ Greater Community First Baptist Church. Funeral, Friday, 12 noon also @ church. (2828 Camp Wisdon Rd)

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Elaine Stieber - April 25, 2012 - Obituary - Tributes.com

Elaine Stieber
Born: April 8, 1921
Died: April 25, 2012
Location: Irving, Texas

Tribute & Message From The Family

Elaine was born on April 8, 1921 and passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

Elaine was a resident of Irving, Texas at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband Deacon.

The family will receive friends Sunday April 29, 2012 from 6:30 ’ 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church 2323 Cheyenne in Irving, with a Rosary to be read at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:00 p.m. Monday April 30, 2012 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman as celebrant. Entombment will follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway, Irving.

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Elaine Stieber
(April 8, 1921 - April 25, 2012)

Age 91, a resident of Irving, TX for 50 years, died April 25, 2012 in Oklahoma. Born April 8, 1921 in Wausau, Wisconsin to Otto and Irene Elke Passow, Elaine served as a chaplain at several hospitals in the DFW Metroplex. Survivors include her loving husband of 69 years, Deacon Lee Stieber; a daughter, Karen Gagliardi of Oklahoma; a son, Richard Stieber of Irving; grandchildren, Kyle, Darren, and Blair; great-grandchildren, Payton and Braylon; brother, Roy Passow and sister, Betty Jehn, both of Wisconsin. The family will receive friends Sunday April 29, 2012 from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church 2323 Cheyenne in Irving, with a Rosary to be read at 7:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 1:00 p.m. Monday April 30, 2012 at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman as celebrant. Entombment will follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway, Irving.

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Darrel Story

Story, Darrel Age 78, of Irving, TX, died on March 21, 2012. Visitation 6-8pm, Thursday. Service 11am, Friday at Oak View Baptist Church, Irving.

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Darrel Story

Darrel Story, age 78, a resident of Irving for 54 years, died Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at home. Born November 24, 1933 in Willow, Oklahoma to Earnest Darrel Story and Naomah Lee Mauldin Story, he married Norma Fay Eason on December 10, 1955 in Vernon, Texas. Darrel served in the U.S. Army. He was employed at Borden Milk for 47 years, and he was a member of Oak View Baptist Church in Irving. Preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ed Story, survivors include his wife, Norma; sons, Keith Story and wife Terry of Colleyville, Ken Story and wife Teddie of Irving, Kevin Story and wife Anita of Grand Prairie; grandchildren, Ashley Cates and husband Caleb of College Station, Stacy Smith of Colleyville, Polly Story and fiancé Corey Shupe of League City, Tyler Story and fiancé Chelsea Sutton and Trevor Story, all of Irving, Sylvia Huffines and husband Windel of Grand Prairie; Tracy Cole and husband Clark of Clarksville, Tennessee; great grandsons, Parker Cates, Cooper Cates, John Weatherly, Justin Weatherly, Austin Cole and Anthony Cole. Darrel is also survived by his sister, Sue Hall and husband Joe of Pampa. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home. Service was 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 23 at Oak View Baptist Church, 1004 South Story Road in Irving with Dr. Jim Gerlach and Rev. Wallace Philpot officiating. A private interment service was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Oak View Baptist Church: Faith For The Future.
Dale Stowe of Irving passed away August 15, 2012. He was born on May 1, 1919 in Rock
Creek, Ohio to Ernest and Esther Stowe. He retired
from the U.S. Army after 21 years serving in WWII,
The Philippines; Occupied Japan, Germany and Turkey.
He later retired from Vought Corporation in 1982 after
working 15 years as a machinist. He is preceded in
death by his parents, and daughter Vicki Lynn Stowe.
He is survived by daughter Valerie Kennison and
husband Bruce of Vero Beach, Florida; daughter Mary
Sue Moerbe of Irving; grandchildren Michael D. Kennison and wife Ronda; Craig R. Kennison
and wife Kara; Mark C. Kennison; Stacey Munger and husband Monte; Gary Moerbe and Glen
Moerbe; sister Barbara Rand; great-grandchildren; Teresa Munger; Tyler & Shayne Kennison;
Cory Childers; Alexandra and Ann Marie Moerbe. Graveside services will be held at 10:00
A.M. Tuesday, August 21 2012 at DFW National Cemetery with Chaplain Yoo officiating.
Deborah Jean Stowell, of Irving passed away January 4, 2012. She was born July 22, 1960 to Adrian Eugene and Joan (Dreitlein) Stowell. She had a big heart, a loving personality and cared for everybody. Preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, John and Edna Dreitlein; sister, Dianna Jean Stowell; she leaves behind her common-law husband, Joseph Gibbons, of Irving, TX; brother, Michael Stowell of Dallas, TX; daughters, Joanne, Ashley Kate, Brittany Stowell, all from Dallas, TX; uncle, Artie and Regina Boos, of Long Island, NY; nephew, Devin Stowell, of Dallas, TX and numerous cousins. The family requests memorials/general contributions be made to Baylor Hospital, online: https://give.baylorhealth.com

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Lou Rene Strange
(July 11, 1920 - February 14, 2012)

LOU RENE STRANGE, age 91, a resident of Irving for 46 years, died Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at an Irving care center. Born July 11, 1920 in Sulphur Springs, Texas to Carl and Jewell Bowen Dagnell, Lou Rene was a former teacher in the Irving ISD. She was a member of the A.D.K. Teacher's Sorority and a member of First Baptist Church of Irving. Preceded in death by her husband, Doyal R. Strange in 2007, she is survived by her son, Carl Strange and wife Karen of Tyler; daughter, Jan Lively and husband Rick of Dallas; grandchildren, Anna, Warren, Ross and Rebecca. Service is 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 16 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Interment service 12:30 p.m., Thursday at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

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Billie Stratford

Stratford, Billie 82, passed away December 8, 2012. Survived by 1 daughter, Beverly Ann (Jonathan), 2 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 4 sisters, Modine, Willie Jean, Yvonne and Joyce, 2 brothers, Boyd C. and Randy and a host of relatives and friends. Viewing: Wednesday, December 12, from 2-9 p.m. at Golden Gate Funeral Home. Funeral: Thursday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Paradise Baptist Church, 1222 E. Red Bird Lane, Dallas, Texas 75241.

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Calvin Straughter

Straughter, Calvin DeWayne CALVIN DEWAYNE STRAUGHTER, age 29, of Dallas, died Saturday, August 11, 2012 in Oklahoma. He was born November 22, 1982 to Alma Straughter. Survivors include his wife, Damitta Straughter; son, Evan; daughter, Jalia; mother, Alma Straughter Gilbert; father, Yvonda Rainwater; brothers DeYorbrough and Kevin; grandmother, Freddie Keys as well as a host of other family members. Memorial Service will be at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel.

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Streat, Billy 41, for additional information go to: www.westhurtfuneralhome.com

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Billy G. STREAT
(July 13, 1971 - December 10, 2012)

Billy, 41, of Lancaster, was born in Dallas, Texas and passed away unexpectedly Monday evening. He was in tech support for Signature Solutions.


Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, December 13, 2012 at the funeral home. A Memorial Service will be held at 5 P. M. Sunday, December 16, 2012 at Grace Covenant Church, 335 S. Parks Dr., DeSoto, TX 75115. (972-223-6996)

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Memorials in honor of Billy through the Memorial Fund for his Childrens College Education that is established at CHASE BANK account #29 200 89290
Monette Streckmann

Streckmann, Monette Sarah Monette Lee Streckmann, of Dallas, Texas, died peacefully at home on December 6, 2012. She was born November 30, 1912 to Roxy Opal Wallace Lee and George Oscar Lee in Como, Texas and married February 6, 1938 to Johann Heinrich Streckmann who preceded her in death in 1969. They had a daughter and a son, Margaret Arrington and husband Wayne; George Streckmann and wife Mary Lee. "Nanny" had three granddaughters and four grandsons; Michelle Streckmann Gill and husband Yann, Holly Pace Maxwell and husband John, Shannon Pace Hewgley and husband Abe, Charlie Pace and wife Kendall, Paul Streckmann, Stuart Pace and wife Kathryn and David Streckmann and wife Monique. She also had eleven great grandchildren, Carter Pace, Chandler Pace, Spencer Pace, Cedar Maxwell, Pace Maxwell, Emmylou Maxwell, Tatum Pace, Kaylee Pace, Aden Hewgley, Ren Monette Hewgley and Gabrielle Streckmann. She cherished her "sweet neighbors" and her stockbroker of many years, Joe DiCaro. Nanny took great joy in her family and was always upbeat and positive throughout her life. The family celebrated her 100 years of life with a private service.

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Deborah Kathleen Stribling (1954 - 2012)

Stribling, Deborah Kathleen of Dallas, born 28 October 1954 in Peoria, Illinois, the only child of Harold and Eleanore Triplett, died 5 December 2012, of complications of colon cancer. She is survived by her mother, Eleanore June Triplett, of Dallas; her husband of thirty-three years, Jay V. Stribling; and her sons, Samuel C.S. Stribling, and wife, Emily, of Dallas; Dees A.J. Stribling, of Austin, Texas; and Robert A.C. Stribling, of Dallas. She was a musician, choir director and teacher. Most recently, prior to her illness, she was assistant organist and children's choir director at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Dallas. Rosary will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 6306 Kenwood Avenue, Dallas, TX 75214. A funeral mass will be at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church on Thursday at 10:00 a.m., with a reception to follow at the church and interment at Calvary Hill Catholic Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

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Michael Stroud
(May 8, 1969 - April 9, 2012)

MICHAEL STROUD, age 42, a resident of Frisco, Texas for 6 years, died Monday, April 9, 2012 at home. He was born May 8, 1969 in Kokomo, Indiana to Richard and Dorothy Groet Stroud. Mike owned and operated Dimples and Dandelions since it's beginning in November of 2004. He is survived by his wife, Wendy Stroud, they married September 2, 2000 in Coppell, Texas. Also surviving are his children, Colton, Kaeleigh and Adelynn Stroud, all of Frisco; parents, Richard and Doll Stroud of Kokomo, IN; parents-in-law, Mike and Linda Magee of Sunnyvale; brother, John Stroud and wife Wendy of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina; as well as many other family members and close friends. Service is 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 13 at The Village Church, Dallas Northway Campus, 3877 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas with Pastor Steve Hardin officiating. Burial to follow at Ridgeview West Memorial Park, 12130 Peaceful Lane in Frisco. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Alfred Strouse Jr.

Strouse Jr., Alfred Born December 02, 1916 passed away on December 09, 2012 preceded in death by Mildred E.Strouse. Survived by wife Marie, son Richard, stepson Marc DeRegge, 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren.He was proud of being employed 25 years as a general manager at Dresser Ind. Visitation Friday Dec. 14, 2012 at 1:00 p.m with Funeral to follow at 2:00 p.m at Laurel Land Memorial Chapel with burial to follow at Laurel Land Cemetery.

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Audrey Lee Sturdivant

Sturdivant, Audrey Lee Of Irving, TX passed away July 14, 2012. Born Dec. 23, 1938 in Cokston, KY to John Henry and Ollie Mae Sturdivant. She is survived by her father, sons Marlon (Darla) & LaMont (Charlotte) Stewart, daughter, Anietie Antia-Obong; 1 sister; 3 brothers; 5 grandchildren; nieces, nephews and many relatives and friends. Services July 27, 2012, Calvary Hill Funeral Home, 3235 Lombardy Ln, Dallas, TX 75220. Viewing 9a, Funeral 11a.

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Audrey Lee Sturdivant

Sturdivant, Audrey Lee Of Irving, TX passed away July 14, 2012. Born Dec. 23, 1938 in Coxton, KY to John Henry and Ollie Mae Sturdivant. She is survived by her father, sons Marlon (Darla) & LaMont (Charlotte) Stewart, daughter, Anietie Antia-Obong; 1 sister; 3 brothers; 5 grandchildren; nieces, nephews and many relatives and friends. Services July 27, 2012, Calvary Hill Funeral Home, 3235 Lombardy Ln, Dallas, TX 75220. Viewing 9a, Funeral 11a.

Published in Dallas Morning News on July 25, 2012
Jeane Elizabeth Suggs was born on March 13, 1934 to Thaylia Jane Brown and Millard Oscar Suggs. She grew up in Dallas and later in Irving, Texas. She and her mother moved to Bedford, Texas in 2005 to be closer to family. Her father worked for DART and her mother was a Registered Nurse. Jeane graduated from Irving High School in 1952. She received her baccalaureate degree in nursing from Texas Woman’s University in 1976. She worked in the ER at Irving Community Hospital and later in emergent and critical care wherever her travels took her. Her professional career led her to the Ambulatory Endoscopy Clinic of Dallas where she worked for 14 years, retiring in 2009. She loved to travel. In her early years, she worked so that she could travel. Her first big trip was to Europe for 2 months. When her job would not give her the time off, there was no question but to resign. The Rocky Mountains incessantly called her name and this is where she loved to be. Howard Colorado was her rustic home in 1981, a quaint place on the Arkansas River where she visited frequently in the years to follow. As much as she loved traveling, her roots were deep in metropolitan Dallas. She and her mother, Toots, shared their home for 58 years. Miss Jeanie loved the Dallas Stars. She was an avid fan and a season ticket holder for years until her health prevented her attendance. Jeanie knew hockey like few people do, including history and current events. Ask her about hockey and she could tell you more than you wanted to know. A Stars game outside of Dallas was a good excuse for a trip to see them play. She collected so much Stars memorabilia that she dedicated a room in her home as the “Hockey Room”. She was a playful happy independent woman who made friends easily despite her wandering nature. To know Jeanie was to love her. She had many loyal friends. She would smile and look you in the eye and say, “Make a wish, I’m a Jennie, I can grant your wish”. And then she would laugh. Miss Jeanie was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Irving. Her strong beliefs gave her comfort. When she was asked about her impending death, she would say: “I do not fear death, I am a Christian, I know where I am going.” Jeanie had breast cancer five years ago. With faith and hope, she endured the surgery, radiation and chemotherapy. The treatment physically re-sculpted her body and the chemo slowed her cognitive processes giving her “chemo brain”. Last summer, she learned that she had inoperable liver cancer that invaded her bones, belly and brain. Her dear friends and family helped her as much as her independent nature would let them. She died peacefully among family and friends at her home in Bedford, Texas on the morning of her mother’s funeral, December 15, 2012. It was her wishes to be cremated and her ashes spread in the Rocky Mountains that she so dearly loved. Her parents and her brother, James David Suggs, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Delores Suggs-Marshall, her niece Tara Lawshe (Beau), and many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her two cats, Oeci and Tot. A butterfly lights beside us like a sunbeam and for a moment it’s Glory and Beauty belong to our world, but then it flies again and though we wish it could have stayed We feel lucky to have seen it.... Author unknown

There will be a service to celebrate her life on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at 3pm at First Baptist
Church Chapel 103 South Main Street in Irving, TX withTyler Shores and Pastor John Durham
officiating. In lieu of flowers, Jeanie asked that you make a donation in her name to the charity of your
choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport
Freeway, Irving, TX 75062.
Thaylia Jane Suggs

Suggs, Thaylia Jane "Toots" Brown Thaylia Jane "Toots" Brown Suggs was born on March 18, 1918 in Bomar, Oklahoma to Robert L. and Sarah "Sally" Daugherity Brown. Her life began in the countryside of Southern Oklahoma on Oswalt Road in the community of Abner in Love County. She learned the strength that comes from living in a household with one sister, Evelyn (Auntie) and three brothers: Alva, Lloyd Eugene (Bud), and Carl Robert (Mutt). Her father was a hard working man retiring from the oil field to work the farm in Love County. All of the extended family always enjoyed going to the farm to visit. Toots graduated from Meadowbrook High School in Love County during World War II. She attended and graduated from Parkland Hospital Nursing School. She worked as an RN predominantly on the night shift for 40 years attending her beloved "babies" in the nursery. She retired from Irving Community Hospital. She married Millard Oscar Suggs when he returned from service duty in World War II. Their family included two children, James David (1946) and Jeane Elizabeth (1954) and they made their home in Dallas, and later in Irving, Texas. She lived a simple Christian life and was a jolly woman with a heart as big as Texas. People often described her as independent, strong-minded and feisty in her golden years. Toots' life changed when she lost her husband in 1984 and son, "David" in 1994. She and her daughter, Jeane, shared the same home for 58 years. Her extended family and friends have always been her biggest support. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, husband and son. She is survived by her daughter, Jeane, and many other family members. She died peacefully on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in Bedford, Texas. There will be a service to celebrate her life on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 3pm at First Baptist Church Chapel 403 South Main Street in Irving, TX with Pastor John Durham officiating. There will be a viewing one hour prior to the service. Graveside Services will be held at Lakeview Cemetery in Marietta, Oklahoma on Saturday December 15, 2012 at 1pm.

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Thaylia Jane Brown "Toots" Suggs

(1918 - 2012) "Toots" Suggs of Bedford died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012. Service: 3 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church-Irving. Burial: Saturday in Marietta, Okla. She was born March 18, 1918, in Oklahoma, and predeceased by husband, Millard, and son, David. Survivors: Daughter, Jeane Suggs.

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Lora Josephine Sutter, of Irving, passed away Monday, October 15, 2012. She was born May 5, 1926 in Dallas. She is preceded in death by husbands Roy Joe Avrett and Edward Sutter, son Roy Lee Avrett, and 3 brothers. Survivors include her daughters Pam Deskin, and Kathy Troutman; grandchildren Roy Joe, Denise, Shannon, Chase, and Lora Melissa; 10 great grandchildren; and sister Ann Hambrick. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Wednesday, October 17, 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.
Lora Josephine Sutter

Lora Josephine Sutter, of Irving, passed away Monday, October 15, 2012. She was born May 5, 1926 in Dallas. She is preceded in death by husbands Roy Joe Ayrett and Edward Sutter, son Roy Lee Ayrett, and 3 brothers. Survivors include her daughters Pam Deskin, and Kathy Troutman; grandchildren Roy Joe, Denise, Shannon, Chase, and Lora Melissa; 10 great grandchildren; and sister Ann Hambrick. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial followed at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.
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Jimmie Nell Sutton  
(February 19, 1925 - November 5, 2012)

JIMMIE NELL BUSH SUTTON slipped away from this world today (Monday, November 5, 2012) into the arms of her Lord. She was born February 19, 1925, in Corsicana, Texas. She enjoyed a very happy childhood with her parents, Earl and Mae Bush, her precious little sister, Dorothy Marie and her beloved brother Earl Bush, Jr. The family attended First Methodist Church of Corsicana. She was a lover of music and studied violin for ten years earning State Certificates in Theory and Harmony early in her life. She met the love of her life, Gwynn Sutton, and they were married February 20, 1943 in Corsicana. During World War II, while Gwynn served his country in the Air Force, Jimmie Nell worked as an executive assistant at American Well and Prospecting Co., and was promoted to the St. Louis Ordinance Division in Dallas. When the Air Force moved them to Amarillo, she worked as a secretary at Amarillo Air Force Base. She also worked for Hunter Freight in Savannah, Georgia, Savannah Bank and Trust, and Braniff Airways in Dallas during the war. She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church and Keystone Sunday School Class in Irving. She enjoyed singing in the church choir, teaching in Vacation Bible School, and delivering Meals on Wheels. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Women where she served as president and held other offices throughout the years. She sang for many years with the Irving Women’s Choral Club. She loved to write poetry for her family and was a “Distinguished Member” of the International Society of Poets. She was dearly loved by her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and entire family. They will especially remember her for making each holiday a special time. She was preceded in death by her parents Earl and Mae Bush, sister Dorothy Marie Bush Burleson, and a nephew, Bryant Burleson. Survivors include her husband Gwynn Sutton of Irving; son, Kim Sutton and wife Carol of Richardson; daughter Karon Sutton of Irving; grandchildren Ryan Sutton of Dallas, Trent Sutton and wife Samantha of Frisco, Misty Ellison and husband Phillip of Keller; great grandchildren, Carter Sutton, Cade Sutton, Mackenzie Ellison, J. R. Ellison, and Preston Ellison; brother, Earl Bush and wife Virginia of Corsicana; and her precious nieces and nephews, Cass, Dana, and Jennifer and their families. The family will receive friends 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving. The funeral will be 10:00 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, 211 W. Third Street in Irving. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Galen Swank

Swank, Galen Weston Galen Weston Swank, 31, of Dallas, died early Tuesday morning, Dec. 4, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Allison Gerard Swank, and their daughter, Charlotte; his mother and father, Elizabeth and Mark Swank; his sister and brother-in-law, Abbey and Dustin Wing; his grandmother, Nancy Stanley, and countless friends and loved ones. A wake will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 at Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 W. Northwest Highway, Dallas, and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas. A burial service will follow at noon at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Wes inspired his family, friends and co-workers with his discipline, care for others and humility. Though often the smartest person in the room, he was always more interested in what others had to say. At once genuine, fun-loving and focused, Wes was equally comfortable on deep-sea spear-fishing expeditions and in corporate boardrooms. Wes and Allison married in 2010 after a fairytale courtship that began with a whirlwind weekend in Paris and continued through moves to California, New York and Texas. His proudest accomplishment is three-month old Charlotte, who shares her father’s blue eyes. He embraced fatherhood with his whole heart, as he did every other aspect of his life. Wes was devoted to friends and family. The couple often entertained, serving margaritas on their roof deck, and always spent Labor Day weekend in the Texas Hill Country with close friends. A native of Houston, Wes graduated from Cypress Creek High School in 1999, then attended Virginia Military Institute, where he graduated as valedictorian in 2003 with a degree in mechanical engineering. In 2005, he earned a master’s in business administration from Stanford University, then moved to New York to join Citigroup Inc.’s investment banking unit. In 2008, he returned to Texas to join Hayman Capital Management, one of the nation’s most influential investment firms, where he was the managing director for energy and natural resources. In lieu of flowers, friends and family are encouraged to donate to the Galen Weston Swank ’03 Memorial Scholarship at VMI or to the Swank Memorial Trust, which has been set up to provide for Charlotte and her college education. Donations for Charlotte’s fund should be sent to BJ Lamarche, Hayman Capital, 2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite, 1400, Dallas, Texas, 75201; donations to the VMI scholarship fund can be made at the VMI Foundation, PO Box 932, Lexington, VA, 24450; at www.vmialumni.org/vmigive; or by calling (800) 444-1839. To leave a condolence, please visit www.sparkman-hillcrest.com.
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David Sweat

Sweat, David Wayne Age 54, of Dallas, TX, died on November 02, 2012. Service: Fri. Nov. 9, at 12 noon at West Irving COGIC - Irving, Texas.

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