

# **Travis Wayne Underwood**

**August 3, 1927 - April 18, 2012**

Travis Wayne Underwood, age 84, of Justin, Texas went to be with his heavenly Father on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. He was born on August 3, 1927 to Lance and Lovonia Underwood in Petrolia, Texas. Travis married Dyllis Jean Bird on September 3, 1955 in Dumas, Texas. He served in the United States Army during World War II and received the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. Travis had a love for his church and was always willing to help others whenever he was needed. He had a zero radius lawnmower that was his prize possession and would mow the church lawn whenever it needed mowing. Travis worked for the VA Hospital for 27 years retiring in 1997. Survivors include, wife Dyllis Underwood; son, Dewayne Underwood and wife Laura; daughter, Joy Fish and husband James; grandchildren, April Fish and Michael Fish; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Monday, April 23rd at the Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be 1:30 pm on Tuesday, April 24th at the DFW National Cemetery with military honors.

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# Gabriel Cortez Valdez

August 9, 1959 - November 23, 2012

Gabriel C. Valdez, 53, went to be with the Lord on Friday Nov. 23, 2012. Gabriel was preceded in passing by his Father Jose G. Valdez and Brothers Mike "Johnny" Valdez and Richard C. Valdez on Friday. Gabriel was born on August 9, 1959 in San Angelo, TX. Gabriel was a beloved son, father, brother, uncle and a dear friend to many. His wisdom and sense humor brought a smile, love and joy for those around him. He touched the heart of many of his nephews and neices. Gabriel never met a stranger and he had unconditional love to all who entered his life. He is survived by his mother Janie C. Valdez of Irving, TX, 2-sons Gabriel Anthony and Enrico Jeremy Valdez, a sister- Rose Garcia husband Alvino Garcia of Irving, TX, 4- brothers Ike "Joe" Valdez wife Dorothy of Caddo Mills, TX., Brothers-Santos & Lorenzo Valdez of Irving, TX., Jimmy Valdez of Fort Worth, TX. 1-Granddaughter Amaya Luciana Valdez. Nephews- Adrian, Andrew & Alex Jr Carrasco & Tommy Garcia, Michael, Steve, Jay, Justin Valdez all of Dallas. Nieces- Erica A Garcia, Janissa, Brianna, Stephanie Valdez & Amy Esquivel. Several great nieces and nephews. He carried a special bond with Aston "Boogie" Carrasco. Visitation will be 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday, November 29th at the Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 1:30 pm on Friday, November 30th at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

# **Mike "Johnny" Valdez**

**April 19, 1956 - August 13, 2012**

Mike "Johnny" Valdez, 56, passed away peacefully surrounded by his devoted family on August 13, 2012. Johnny was born on April 19, 1956 in Nixon, TX to Jose and Janie C. Valdez. He attended San Angelo schools, where he was a member of the Central High School wood shop. Through the years he enjoyed fulfilling his passion with woodwork. Johnny had family of four which brought 9 grandchildren and 2 great grand children. They created countless memories. Johnny was a beloved son, father, brother, uncle and a dear friend to many. His humor and smile brought love and joy for those around him. He touched the heart of many. Johnny never met a stranger and he had unconditional love to all who entered his life. He was preceded in death by his father, Jose G. Valdez; his brother Richard C. Valdez. Johnny is survived by his Mother Janie Cortez Valdez; a loving Friend Sheri Phillips; and son, Michael Anthony Valdez of San Angelo, TX; daughter Amy Jo and husband Sam Esquivel of San Angelo; son, Steven Valdez of San Angelo, TX; daughter, Stephanie Marie Valdez of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Angelica Valdez, Tiffany Valdez, Gabrielle Garza, Noemi Ojeda, Bella Esquivel, Deija Rogers, Jonathan Serrano, Faith Cortez and Xavier Valdez; Great Grandchildren, Alyssa Tirado and Eli Tirado. Sister- Rose husband Al Garcia of Irving, TX. Twin Brother Ike "Joe" Valdez wife Dorothy of Caddo Mills, TX., Brother Santos Valdez, Gabriel Valdez, Lorenzo Valdez and Jimmy Valdez all of Irving, Texas. Nieces: Erica April Garcia, Janissa Valdez and Brianna Valdez. Nephews: Adrian Carrasco, Andrew Carrasco, Alex Carrasco, Jay Valdez, Justin Valdez, Gabriel Anthony Valdez and Enrico Valdez. Viewing will be held on Thursday from 1 pm to 8 pm and rosary will be at 7 pm Thursday, August 16, Chism-Smith Funeral Home. The funeral services will be held at 1:30pm on Friday, August 17 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

## Sione Muhu Vailahi (1937 - 2012) Visit Guest Book

Sione Muhu Vailahi, 75, of Euleess died Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012, at his home. Funeral: 11 a.m Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Euleess. Burial: will follow in Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Born Feb. 9, 1937, in Haapai, Tonga, he was the oldest of 11 siblings. He was an airline fleet serviceman. Survivors: His wife, Rose of Euleess; and his children, Wesley and wife, Vika Vailahi, of Las Vegas, Nev., Sione and wife, Sela Vailahi, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Dawn and husband, Rudy MacDonald, of Euleess, David and wife, Sela Vailahi, of Layton, Utah, Malakai and wife, Barbara Vailahi, of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lipeti Vailahi and companion, Siosuia Makahunumin, and Katalini Vailahi and husband, Junior Suli, of Portland.

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# Howard Wesley Vaughan

February 24, 1927 - December 23, 2012

Howard Wesley Vaughan, 85 of Fort Worth, Texas, passed peacefully on December 23, 2012.

A Celebration of Howard's Life will be held Thursday, January 3, 2013, 1 pm, at Unity Church of Fort Worth. Visitation will be immediately following memorial.

Howard was born in Weatherford, TX on February 24, 1927 to James and Emma Vaughan; the youngest of 10 children. He attended Pantego Grade School, Arlington HS and North Texas Agricultural College (UT Arlington.) He Served in the US Navy Seabees, WWII.

Howard married Paula on April 19, 1986.

In 1950 Howard was the 7th man to join the Arlington Police Department and became Captain within 3 years. He was Asst. Chief of Plant Protection for General Motors Assembly Plant and in 1955, founded Arlington Burglar Alarm Co. Howard served as Constable, Precinct 2 in Arlington from 1959 to 1969.

He is survived by wife Paula, daughter, Ellen Tucker son, Wes Vaughan, Brother, Jack Vaughan as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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## **Thomas Vawter**

Vawter, Thomas Aubry Thomas Aubry Vawter, of Irving, passed away on May 7, 2012. He was born March 26, 1933 in Washington, Oklahoma to Aubry Barney Vawter and Lula Dean. Thomas was a truck driver for over forty years. He is survived by his wife, Margie; sons, Tommy and Terry; daughter, Cheryl McLaughlin; a sister, Sandy Kluge Wendell; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 2:00 PM in Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home.



**Published in Dallas Morning News on May 9, 2012**

**Thomas Aubry Vawter**, of Irving, passed away on May 7, 2012. He was born March 26, 1933 in Washington, Oklahoma to Aubry Barney Vawter and Lula Dean. Thomas was a truck driver for over forty years. He is survived by his wife, Margie; sons, Tommy and Terry; daughter, Cheryl McLaughlin; a sister, Sandy Kluge Wendell; ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 2:00 PM in Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, from 6 PM to 8 PM at the funeral home.

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## **Manuel Vela**

Vela, Manuel 79 of Irving passed away Sunday, February 26, 2012 in Irving surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Mary Vela, son Guadalupe Vela and wife Edna, brother Eusebio Vela, sisters Petra Ferrer and Juanita Medina, 5 grandkids and 11 great grandkids. He is preceded in death by son Manuel Vela Jr. and daughter Martha Lyshol. Mr. Vela was a Marine during the Korean War. After his retirement he worked as a crossing guard for the Irving School District. Visitation will be Wednesday, February 29, from 1-8 PM with a Rosary at 7 PM at Calvary Funeral Home Chapel Irving, TX. Funeral Service will be Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Dallas, Texas. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving, Texas.

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## **Fred Nicasio Vera**

**October 25, 1946 - February 12, 2012**

Fred Nicasio Vera (Pops and Papa Bull), age 65 of Dallas, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2012. He was born on October 25, 1946 in Alvin, Texas to Alfred and Rosaura Vera. Fred was a truck driver for Mohawk Carpets and All American Freight. He never passed a sign for a garage sale or a flea market without stopping. Fred enjoyed boxing and he loved his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Rosaura Vera; wife, Priscilla Vera; son, Frank Vera, and sister, Connie Moreno. Survivors include, daughter, Melissa Vera-Ramirez and husband Leonard; sons, Fred M. Vera, Frederick Vera and wife Cheryl; sister, Armenia Ortiz and husband Paul; grandchildren, Freddie Vera, Amanda Vera, Ysenia Vera, Delilah Vera, Azalea Alcala, Ivan Ramirez, Natalie Alcala, Zinna Ramirez and Damien Vera. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 2012 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Services will be 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 18th also at Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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## **Eddie Vernon**



Vernon, Eddie P. Eddie P. Vernon, age 90, of Irving for 66 years, formerly of Nocona, TX, died Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012 at her home. She was born April 17, 1922 in Belcherville, TX to Ed and Katie Bond Price. Eddie was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church and the Ruth Sunday School class in Irving. Preceded in death by her parents and husband, E. T. Vernon, Jr., she is survived by her children, Emanuel Vernon, III and wife Angela, and Ed Vernon, all of Irving, Cheree Johnson and husband Tim of Roanoke, Chrystal Scott and husband Shawn of Hickory Creek; 5 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and niece, Rita King of Arlington. The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Service is 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8900 John W. Carpenter Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247.

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## **Eddie P. Vernon**

(April 17, 1922 - November 7, 2012)

EDDIE P. VERNON, age 90, a resident of Irving for 66 years, formerly of Nocona, Texas, died Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at her home. She was born April 17, 1922 in Belcherville, Texas to Ed Price and Katie Bond Price. Eddie was a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church and the Ruth Sunday School class, in Irving. Preceded in death by her parents and husband, E. T. Vernon, Jr., she is survived by her children, Emanuel Vernon, III and wife Angela, and Ed Vernon, all of Irving, Cheree Johnson and husband Tim of Roanoke, Chrystal Scott and husband Shawn of Hickory Creek; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and niece, Rita King of Arlington. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Friday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Service is 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 10 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Ken Branam officiating. Burial to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 8900 John W. Carpenter Freeway, Dallas, TX 75247.



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## Annabel Leigh Villadiego

(2009 - 2012)

Annabel Leigh Villadiego received her angel wings Monday, Dec. 10, 2012. Service: 3 p.m. Friday in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel. Interment: Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Memorials: Trisomy 18 Foundation, [www.trisomy18.org](http://www.trisomy18.org), or Cook Children's Medical Center, [www.cookchildrens.org](http://www.cookchildrens.org). Annabel Leigh was born April 30, 2009, in Grapevine to Jorge and Carrie Villadiego. "Stinky" was born with Trisomy 18, also known as Edward's syndrome. She was labeled incompatible with life but with the love of her parents, family and friends, her resiliency and strength defied all medical odds. Her parents are thankful to have received this precious gift from God. Though her time here was brief, it was filled with joy, happiness and love. Annabel will forever be in our hearts. Survivors: Parents, Jorge and Carrie Villadiego; sister, Ava Joy Villadiego; paternal great-grandmother, Ana Maria Burbano; paternal grandmother, Rocio Villadiego-Cummings; paternal grandfather, Armando Rafael Villadiego; maternal grandparents, Cynthia Gay and Jackie Louis Polvadore; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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## **Linda Rae Villarreal**

Villarreal, Linda Rae Age 74, of Dallas, TX, died on December 29, 2012. Memorial Service: 2 PM Thursday, January 3, 2013 at Brown's Memorial Chapel.

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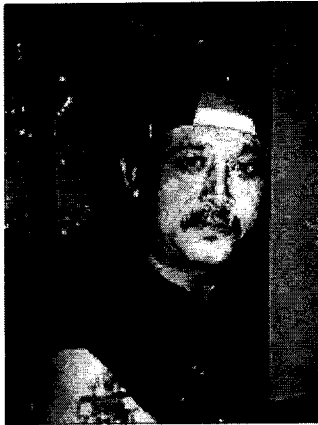
Linda Rae Villarreal, of Dallas, passed away Saturday, December 29, 2012. She was born November 24, 1938 in Beaumont, Texas. Linda worked for 40 years as a bookkeeper for Fishburn's Dry Cleaners, retiring in 1999. She is survived by her children Robert Villarreal and wife Karen of Union, New Jersey, daughter Dorisa Villarreal-Estrada and husband Daniel of Dallas, and Chris Villarreal of Texas; granddaughter Jillian Spaur and husband Steven of Royse City; and great grandson Nicholas Spaur. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 PM Thursday, January 3, 2013 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Presbyterian Care Fund-570, 8440 Walnut Hill Lane, Ste. 888, Dallas, TX 75231 [www.txhealth.org/presbygiving](http://www.txhealth.org/presbygiving)

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Donato Lopez Villalpando, Jr.

Donato Lopez Villalpando, Jr., age 63 of Dallas, Texas passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2012.  
Arrangements were handled by Chism-Smith Funeral Home.

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## **Donato Lopez Villalpando, Jr.**

**May 28, 1949 - July 3, 2012**

**Donato Lopez Villalpando Jr., age 63 of Dallas, Texas passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2012. He was born on May 28, 1949 in Weslaco, Texas to Donato and Demetria Villalpando, they both preceded him in death. Donato enjoyed dancing and going to casinos and everyone knew that he loved to joke around. He had a real sweet tooth and could never turn down a good pecan pie. Donato was a loving, caring and compassionate person, he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Survivors include, wife, Mary Ann Palacios; children, Rosalinda Villalpando, Ruben Villalpando, Diana V. Mosqueda, Rolando Villalpando, Juan Gabriel Villalpando and Brenda Cantu; sister, Norma Linda Ramos; brothers, Roberto and David Villalpando; 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. A Graveside service will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, July 6, 2012 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving, Texas.**

## **Betsy Garrison Vincent**



Vincent, Betsy Garrison Betsy Garrison Vincent peacefully passed away on June 28, 2012 in Dallas, Texas at the young age of 40 after a long and courageous battle with Leiomyosarcoma ("LMS"). She leaves behind a loving husband of 13 years, Mark Vincent and sons Gus (11) and Garrison (9) of University Park; parents Connie and Frank Garrison and brother, Ben Garrison and wife Sallie, niece Sarah Abney and nephew Frank Garrison IV, of Eufaula, Alabama; sister-in-law, Kim Butler and husband Bruce, nieces Blaire and Brooke Butler of Dallas; mother-in-law, Kay Vincent of Fort Worth, Betsy also leaves behind numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Raised in Eufaula, Alabama she is a graduate of the Lakeside School and the University of Alabama where she pledged Kappa Delta Sorority. For 12 years Betsy worked for Delta Airlines as a flight attendant formerly residing in New York City and Atlanta before settling in Dallas, Texas in 1999. Betsy enjoyed volunteering at University Park Elementary spending time with her children and their friends, traveling with her family, playing golf with her husband, teaching Sunday school at HPMC, and working on raising funds for LMS Research for The Betsy Project. Her caring spirit, humor and wonderful personality will be greatly missed. A memorial service in celebration of Betsy's life and legacy will be held in the sanctuary at Highland Park United Methodist Church, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, Texas on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., Reverend Paul Rasmussen officiating. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Betsy Project, 3468 Amherst Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75225 or online at [www.thebetsyproject.com](http://www.thebetsyproject.com)



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