James Widener

Widener, James F. James Forrest Widener Jr., 88, of Irving, Texas died on May 17, 2012. He was born September 2, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to James Forrest Widener Sr. and Flora Mackay Turner. Due to the Depression, the family moved to the Trinity Heights area of Oak Cliff in Dallas where his father bought a Sinclair Service Station. One of the best parts of his life came in 1930, when because of the Depression, he was sent to live with his Aunt Gertrude Dill, a grade school teacher at Mitchell Elementary in Little Rock, Arkansas. She taught him living and study habits with loving discipline, which served him well throughout his lifetime. Jim began his working career at age six by selling "The Saturday Evening Post" and "The Country Gentleman" door-to-door in St. Louis. During high school and junior college in Dallas, he could be found working at the family filling station while keeping a Dallas Morning Newspaper route. He had the most eye-popping experiences while working as a bellboy for two summers at the old Sanger Hotel in Dallas. The Texas Centennial at Fair Park came to Dallas in 1936. His mother got a job distributing student tickets to all six Dallas High Schools. She bought hundreds of regular ticket books paying $3.00 per book that sold for $6.50, which included the entrance fee and six shows. All summer he bought three books from her each day, rode the street car from home to Fair Park, stood outside the gate until they were sold, then enjoyed the park for the day with $19.50 in his pocket (an immense sum at the time). In Dallas, Jim attended Trinity Heights Grade School, Boude Story Junior High, and graduated from Sunset High School. He entered North Texas Agriculture College, in Arlington, in the fall of 1940. When Jim's father died in January 1942, it was necessary to postpone further education to support his mother and two siblings. WWII started in December and Jim received a draft deferment because he worked as a roadman and chainman on a survey crew in Lake Charles, LA. Jim was drafted on August 23, 1943. With his engineering and surveying experience he was assigned to First Army, Company B, 164th Division, Combat Engineers serving in England, France, Belgium and Germany. He received his Honorable Discharge from the US Army on February 20, 1946 from William Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas. Jim graduated from SMU in 1950, obtaining degrees in business and law. He practiced law while representing the Dallas Title Company in Irving, Texas for the next 38 years. At age 32, he resided as Municipal Judge in Irving for three years. He felt that he did a good job as a judge due to his unwavering enforcement of the law, particularly regarding the School Board strikes in the 50s. Jim married Betty Grace Bell of Irving, Texas in 1949 and they had two children. He married Helen Marie Ogden Browning in 1971 and they had one child. Helen had three children by a previous marriage. Both Jim and Helen treated all the children as if they were their own while enjoying over 40 years of marriage. Jim & Helen owned and operated a mare farm and raced horses professionally in Texas, Louisiana & Arkansas. Their love of horses kept this operation going for over 20-years in Frankston, Texas. They spent many proud moments in the Winner's Circle. When Jim moved to Irving in the late 1940's the population was around 2,500. He was one of the leaders in Irving whose foresight, determination and imagination helped form the city in which he lived until his death. His positive and creative outlook helped to improve the City of Irving. During his life and career, he attended countless meetings, took numerous trips on behalf of Irving Chamber to politic for
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Sunshine Widener

(1935 - 2012)

Thurston Boyd "Sunshine" Widener Jr., 77, passed away Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012. Funeral: 10 a.m. Thursday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home. Interment: Everman Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Thompson's Harveson & Cole. Memorials: Should friends desire, memorials may be given to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, 1555 Merrimac Circle #102, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. ucptc.org Sunshine was born with cerebral palsy and the nickname "Sunshine" was given to him as a child by his mother because he always woke up every morning with a smile. He was born Feb. 7, 1935, in Fort Worth, to Thurston B. "Tut" and Margaret Ruth Woodard Widener. He had one younger brother, Robert "Bobby" Widener. Throughout his life, Sunshine was true to his nickname, always smiling as he sat in the pew at First Baptist Church Forest Hill for over five decades (where he also had his own parking space); laughing as he listened to his favorite hymn, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"; teasing his brother whenever they were together; and above all, lighting up his mother's eyes as she lovingly cared for him in his childhood home of 64 years until her passing in February 2009. Sunshine loved Dr Pepper, chocolate pie, gospel music and "Murder She Wrote." He was preceded in death by his parents. You are my Sunshine My only Sunshine You make me happy when skies are grey You'll never know, dear, how much I love you Please don't take my Sunshine away. The light of Sunshine's life will continue to shine brightly in our hearts. Survivors: Sunshine is survived by his brother, Robert "Bobby" Widener and his wife, Kay; nieces, Holly Widener Ray and husband, Steve, and their two boys, Austin and Tyler, Cindy Widener Renfro and her husband, Chad, and their two children, Savannah and Steele; aunt, Barbara Woodard; and cousins, Russell Woodard, Melanie Woodard, Stephanie Woodard; and Jerry Joe Widener and wife, Melissa.

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Bea Wilcox
(November 24, 1924 - February 24, 2012)

BEA WILCOX, age 87, a resident of Irving, Texas since 1950, died Friday, February 24, 2012, at Baylor Medical Center in Irving. Born November 24, 1924 in Decatur, Texas, she was the daughter of Henry and Matilda Carter. She married Royce Wilcox in Beaumont February 16, 1943. She and her husband opened and operated B and R Rentals in Irving from 1959 until 1983. Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Royce Wilcox; a daughter Carol Darlene Stone of Canton; a son Rolan R. Wilcox of New Mexico; 2 grandsons; 4 great grandchildren; and 1 great great grandson; a brother Horace Carter of Goldthwaite; and a sister Velma Carter of Beaumont. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving until the service at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

www.donellyscolonial.com
Lawrence C. Wilcoxen, of Gainesville, passed away Sunday, February 12, 2012. He was born July 17, 1923 in Cottonwood, Texas. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars while serving in the US Army in the South Pacific during WWII and participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands. He was a member of Irving Masonic Lodge 1218, A.F. & A.M. and the NRA.

Lawrence was extremely proud of his Native American Heritage. He worked for Darr Equipment for 28 years before retiring and loved to fish and hunt. He is preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Louise Wilcoxen, son Lawrence Calvin Wilcoxen, Jr., and daughter Claire Mae Watson, and is survived by his children Walter Wilcoxen, Nancy Hall, Eleanor Prince, Blanche Mote, Arthur Lowery, George Lowery, Audrey Warren, and Robert Lowery; brother Adrian Wilcoxen; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held at 9 AM until time of service on Wednesday.

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Jerry B. Williams

Jerry B. Williams, age 79 of Irving, TX passed away on Sunday, September 23, 2012 on his way to church. He was born in OKC, Oklahoma to Horace and Opal Williams. Jerry graduated from Warsaw High School then enlisted in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He then graduated with BA in business from Lamar University in Beaumont. Jerry owned ChemMark Services of Dallas and KwikKar of Rockwall. For the last 15 years he worked for the Dallas and Irving ISD as a Director and Routing Specialist in the Transportation Depts. The most important roles were being a father and grandfather. Survivors include daughters, Melissa Williams and husband Scott Sewell, Cindy Leal and husband Xavier; grandchildren, Casey, Taylor, Sienna, Aubrey, Matt and Samantha; sisters, Betty Miller, Lura Cone and husband Harold; numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A Memorial Service will be 11:00 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 29th at Fundamental Baptist Church in Irving.
Karen Sue Williams

KAREN SUE (GOTTFRIED) WILLIAMS
September 24, 1942 - April 20, 2012

Karen's children would like to invite friends and family to her final farewell. She trained hundreds of teachers through Creative Ed. She dedicated over 30 years to the Vancouver School District. Karen was a long time Altrusan. Born to Leo and Mary Gottfried. As a Catholic School girl it is surprising that she picked up the love of her life in a bar, her husband Bill. He could not imagine living without her and precedes her in death. The children of Karen's heart are Roberta, Bambii, Karii, Kasi, Tia, Machelle and Darrell. She is survived by her Darlene; Don (Diane) and Steve (Jo); sister-in-laws, Maryella, Marla (Elmo) and Barbara; children, Bradford and Leslie (Cameron); granddaughters, Summer, Audra, Hannah; great-granddaughter, Kloie, and best friend, Sherry. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Immaculate Heart 2926 N Williams Ave., Portland, OR 97227. Service is April 30, Rosary at 1:30 p.m., Mass at 2:00 p.m. Please sign Karen's Guest Book at www.columbian.com/obits.

Published in The Columbian on Apr. 27, 2012
Tessa L. Williams

Williams, Tessa L. Tessa L. Williams, of Kennedale, Texas passed away January 13, 2012. She was born December 31, 1966 in Grapevine, Texas to Jimmy Lee Ruyle and Venita Joyce (Jenkins) Ruyle. She worked as a mortgage officer in the finance industry. Tessa was preceded in death by her mother, Venita Ruyle, and is survived by her husband, Brian; daughter, Talour Williams of Boyd, TX; son, Austin Williams of Kennedale; sister, Penny James and husband Chuck of Boyd; brother, Jimmy Ruyle, Jr. and wife Glenda of Newark, TX and father, Jimmy Ruyle, Sr. of Irving. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM in Brown's Memorial Chapel, officiated by Pastor Bryan Eason. Burial will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Prairie. The family will receive friends on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Published in Dallas Morning News on January 15, 2012
Tessa L. Williams, of Kennedale, Texas passed away January 13, 2011. She was born December 31, 1966 in Grapevine, Texas to Jimmy Lee Ruyle and Venita Joyce (Jenkins) Ruyle. She worked as a mortgage officer in the finance industry. Tessa was preceded in death by her mother Venita Ruyle, and is survived by her husband Brian; daughter Talour Williams of Boyd, TX; son Austin Williams of Kennedale; sister Penny James and husband Chuck of Boyd; brother Jimmy Ruyle, Jr. and wife Glenda of Newark, TX; and father Jimmy Ruyle, Sr. of Irving. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Brown’s Memorial Chapel, officiated by Pastor Bryan Eason. Burial will follow at Shady Grove Cemetery in Grand Prairie. The family will receive friends on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

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Published in Dallas Morning News on April 30, 2012
Gary A. Wilson, of Irving, passed away Sunday, October 28, 2012. He was born August 5, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. He served 4 years in the US Navy, serving as a Meteorologist aboard ship and once helped divert the ship he was on away from a hurricane. He retired from the Birmingham, Michigan School District after teaching there for several decades. Gary enjoyed volunteering with Meals on Wheels while living in Florida. He loved old cars, birds, teaching, and doing artwork. He was the best Daddy in the world. Gary is preceded in death by his brother Craig Wilson and is survived by his daughter Cindy Ferguson of Irving; son Daren Wilson of California; and brothers Tom Wilson of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Alan Wilson of Arizona. Memorial services will be held at 2 PM Sunday, November 11, 2012 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels Association of America, 203 S. Union Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

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LYNIA AYLIAH-ANN WILSON, age 21 months, a resident of Irving, died Sunday, May 27, 2012. Born August 20, 2010 in Irving, she was the daughter of Racheal Brewton and Jaquice Wilson. Lynia is survived by her parents; sisters, Reyanna Brewton and Ke’ara Brewton; brother, Jordan Brewton; grandmother, Catherine Maltese and husband Mike; aunts, Christina Maltese, Sheena Wilson, Dana Wilson, Shana Wilson, Crystal Brewton; and uncle, Cory Wilson.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home. Graveside service is 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 31st at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

Now Lynia is with the angels flying free. We grieve for our baby because she was taken from us and for that we feel grief wondering why she was taken too soon. She will truly be missed and never forgotten. We love you always, and forever wish you could have stayed, but God has called you home. Rest in peace, Lynia.

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Rose T. Wilson

- June 14, 1953 - March 16, 2012
- Irving, Texas

Rose T. Wilson was born in San Antonio, Texas on June 14, 1953. The only child of L.A. "Mac" McGuffin and Lois Oebel. Rose passed away in Irving, Texas on March 16, 2012. She and Charles were married Aug.1st 1975, San Antonio Tx. They ministered together on the streets of San Antonio during the "Jesus Movement" and ministered to the elderly in Nursing Homes in San Antonio. Charles was pastor on staff of New Testament Church of San Antonio. A job change brought them to Dallas Texas and shortly after that with the death of Charles's sister they became the parents to nephews RJ,Josh and Matthew. The Family moved to Irving 16yrs ago from Frisco to be near the Church they attended. They both worked Behind the scenes, Rose along Marge and Beth and Barbara T. she was like a mom to Rose. Charles worked with Bob C. they all took us under there wings and we learned so much from them. Both of them spent Countless Hours along with so many friends delivering the Message of Christ to Prison inmates in Texas with HRI. We remember the promise of a wonderful time at "Camp Padre" what a sales Job. We rejoiced at at the countless lives that were changed there. The Hard work was worth it all. We have met countless friends thru the years and will alway cherish the friendship.

Aria Funeral Home and Cremation Service
Rose Wilson

Wilson, Rose T. Rose T. Wilson, passed away in Irving, Texas on March 16, 2012. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10:00am Friday March 23, 2012 at the Aria Funeral Home Chapel. 1820 N. Belt Line Rd. Irving, TX.

Published in Dallas Morning News on March 22, 2012
Nancy Keene Wilt
- Colleyville, Texas

COLLEYVILLE -- Nancy Keene Wilt, 53, passed away in Grapevine on Friday, Jan. 20, 2012. Celebration of life: 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Colleyville Center, 5301 Riverwalk Drive. Memorials: Flowers will be accepted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Colleyville Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the SPCA. Both professionally as a travel agent of 25 years, and personally, Nancy lived for travel - loving the ocean and beach. She had a free spirit with the gift of always making you feel welcome and appreciated. All those in contact with Nancy felt the presence of her positive and upbeat attitude. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Edward Keene and Jean Sartin Luepnitz; husband, Ben Wilt. Survivors: Dad Al; brother Tommy (Paula); sister Mary; daughter Melanie (partner Jake); sons Kyle (Amanda), Leland (partner Kristal), Nick, and Shawn (Allison); grandchildren Shelbi, Nicholas, Michael; cats Lily and Sophia.
Bettye Wingate

Wingate, Bettye Faye 61, of Bedford passed away on January 6, 2012. Services will be held Monday, January 9, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Whitney with interment at Whitney Memorial Park. Bettye was born on October 31, 1950 in Hillsboro. Bettye taught in the Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, and Crockett Middle School in the Irving ISD for 20 years. Bettye bravely fought breast cancer for 23 years. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her sister, Jeanne Wingate of Bedford and several cousins. Memorials may be made to Local Cancer Society of Choice or The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 LaCrosse Ave., Austin, Texas 78739. View the online guestbook at www.marshallandmarshallfd.com Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors 254-694-2206

Published in Dallas Morning News on January 8, 2012
Bettye Faye Wingate

Bettye Faye Wingate, 61, of Bedford, passed away Jan. 6, 2012. Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Marshall & Marshall Funeral Directors in Whitney with the Rev. Bobby Booth officiating. Interment will follow at Whitney Memorial Park. Visitation with the family will be 9 to 11 a.m. Monday morning prior to service.

Bettye was born Oct. 31, 1950, in Hillsboro, to Warren Randolph "Randy" and Faye Marie Gilmore Wingate. She graduated from Connally High School in Waco in 1967. Bettye graduated Summa Cum Laude from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1971 and then earned her Master of American Studies from Baylor University in 1975 and her Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in 1985. In 1980, Bettye was invited to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Theta Chi Chapter. Bettye taught in the Mexia ISD, Connally ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, and at Crockett Middle School in the Irving ISD for 20 years. Bettye bravely fought breast cancer for 23 years.

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Condolences may be made at www.marshallandmarshallfd.com.

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October 31, 1950 - January 6, 2012

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Published in Waco Tribune-Herald on January 8, 2012
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Bettye was born Oct. 31, 1950, in Hillsboro, to Warren Randolph "Randy" and Faye Marie Gilmore Wingate. She graduated from Connally High School in Waco in 1967. Bettye graduated Summa Cum Laude from Baylor University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1971 and then earned her Master of American Studies from Baylor University in 1975 and her Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University in 1985. In 1980, Bettye was invited to be a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Theta Chi Chapter. Bettye taught in the Mexia ISD, Connally ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, and at Crockett Middle School in the Irving ISD for 20 years. Bettye bravely fought breast cancer for 23 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her sister, Jeanne Wingate of Bedford; cousins, Doris Gilmore of Whitney, Teresa Gilmore Bianca of Whitney, Mike Gilmore of Dallas and several other cousins.

Memorials may be made to Local Cancer Society of Choice or The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 LaCrosse Ave., Austin, TX 78739

Condolences may be made at www.marshallandmarshallfd.com.

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October 31, 1950 - January 6, 2012

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Published in Waco Tribune-Herald on January 8, 2012
BIOGRAPHY

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FACTS

Born: October 31, 1950
Death: January 6, 2012
Occupation: Teacher/Librarian
Organizations: Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

GUESTBOOK

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SERVICES

FUNERAL SERVICE
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Local Cancer Society or The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, 4801 La Crosse Ave., Austin, Texas 78739
Howard E. Winkelman

Winkelman, James E. James E. Winkelman, an Irving resident since 1980, died Monday from smoking complications. He was born December 26, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated from the University of Illinois and served in the US Army as a 1st Lt. James worked as a geologist in Lafayette, Louisiana until 1962 when he chose life insurance as a business in Lafayette, Shreveport, Louisiana, and Dallas. He served many years as a Boy Scout leader and enjoyed camping and also auto racing with Sports Club of America. James is survived by his wife Eileen H. Winkelman; 4 sons; a daughter; 6 grandchildren; and a great grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, September 28, 2012 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Irving.

Published in Dallas Morning News on September 27, 2012
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Kyle Witt

Witt, Kyle John Born January 15, 1991 in Dallas, Texas and passed away November 3, 2012 in Plano, Texas after complications from Hunter's Syndrome. He attended Christie Elementary, Carpenter Middle School, Clark High School, graduated in 2009 and was currently attending Plano Senior High School. Kyle was active in Equest, Indian Guides, and played baseball through the Angel League and PSA. Kyle is preceded in death by his brother, Kevin Michael, and grandfather, Russell Witt Sr. He is survived by his mother, Lynn (Hendersin) Witt; father, Russell Witt and stepmother Sasha Witt; half-sister, Nika Witt, half-brother, Shurick Witt; grandparents, Ralph and Janet Hendersin, grandmother, Ruth Witt; aunt, Karen Hendersin; uncle, Richard Witt (Cheryl); cousin, Justin Witt (Michelle) and buddy, Carl Sembach. Kyle was baptized and a confirmed member of Arapaho United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Restland. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Arapaho United Methodist Church, 1400 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080. Donations may be made to National MPS Society (a support organization for families affected by Hunter's Syndrome), P.O. Box 14686, Durham, NC 27709.

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Published in Dallas Morning News on November 6, 2012
Randall Scott Witt

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Birth: Sep. 9, 1967
Medina
Medina County
Ohio, USA

Death: Sep. 17, 2012

Randall Scott Witt, 45, passed away Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, after a long and courageous battle with liver disease. Graveside service: 10 a.m. Wednesday in Bear Creek Cemetery.

Interment: Bear Creek Cemetery. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Randy's name to the Donald Driver Foundation, an organization that is dedicated to providing opportunities and support for families and people that do not have a place to call home. Randy was born Sept. 9, 1967, in Medina, Ohio. He was a renowned football player for McArthur and Southlake Carroll.

Randy grew up to be a dedicated cheese head and recited his wedding vows to his wife on Lambeau Field. Randy was preceded in death by his mother, Joan Witt; and grandparents, James and Jayne Myers and Edgar and Esther Witt. Survivors: Wife, Malonna of Euless; daughter, Lauren of Dallas; father, Richard Witt and JoAn of Fairview; sisters, Teri Watters and husband, Bruce, of Hewitt; Patti Witt of Whitesboro, and Wendy Spuzza and husband, Dan, of Sanger; and seven nieces and nephews.

Published in Star-Telegram on September 19, 2012

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Randall Witt

September 9, 1967 - September 17, 2012

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Published in Star-Telegram on September 19, 2012
Marianne "Ann" T. Wood  
(February 3, 1932 - July 20, 2012)

Marianne (Ann) Tidmore Wood of Irving, TX passed into the hands of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday July 20, 2012 at her home. Ann was born in Albany, TX on February 3, 1932. Her family moved to Midland, TX in 1936. She graduated from Midland High School in 1948 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX. She returned to Midland and married Kenneth A. Wood of Olney, TX on September 29, 1950. The family moved to Irving, TX in 1969. Ann worked for Texas Pacific Oil Co. for thirteen years and retired in 1979 as International Administrator. She was an avid China Painter and member of International Porcelain Artist(s) and Fort Worth Porcelain Art Club. She and her husband were among the founding members of Community Bible Church in Irving, TX.

The fellowship and ministry of this small but impactful church played a vital role in their lives. There are no adequate words to describe their love and devotion to the members, past and present, of this Christian family. Ann was predeceased by her father and mother, Dave and Mari Lisabeth Tabb Tidmore, of Midland TX; three brothers: Max, David Lloyd, and Jim Tidmore; three sisters: Ruth Ray, Jane Houston, and Martha Patterson; and her loving husband of 51 years, Kenneth A. Wood. She is survived by her three children and their families; W. Keith Wood and Carol Ann Wood of Southlake, TX, Marilyn Wood of Granite Shoals, TX, and Lissa Kay Ward and Joseph Kirkland (Kirk) Ward of Spring, TX; eight grandchildren: Keithanne Davis, Jeffery Keith Wood, Christopher Landon Wood, Nathanael Jon Anthony, Kenneth Wesley Elliott, Randall Mark Elliott II, Linde Jo Landrum, Blake Austin Ward; seven great grandchildren: Brezlyn Groenig, Branson Davis, Brooklyn Davis, Stephen Wood, Ava Wood, Brynn Wood, and Ryker Landrum. In addition, her dearest and loving friend, Barbara Webster, whom the family long ago lovingly adopted, survives her. Visitation: Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX Date: Monday July 23, 2012 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Memorial Services: Community Bible Church in Irving, TX. Date: Tuesday July 24, 2012 Time: 11:30 am. Reception to follow. Honorary Pallbearers: Jeff Wood, Chris Wood, Nathanael Anthony, Wes Elliott, Ran Elliott, and Blake Ward. Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers to: Community Bible Church 2301 Texas Dr. #100 Irving, TX 75062.

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Marianne was born on February 3, 1932 and passed away on Friday, July 20, 2012.

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

She graduated from Midland High School in 1948 and attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth.

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Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers to: Community Bible Church 2301 Texas Dr. #100 Irving, TX 75062.
Carrel "Woody" Wood, a resident of Irving for 50 years, passed away Wednesday, June 20, 2012. He served in the Army National Guard during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was once the owner of Woody’s Restaurant in Irving. His favorite pastime was drinking coffee and enjoying the company of friends and neighbors in Irving. Woody was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is preceded in death by his wife Dolores Ann Wood and is survived by his children Kelly Norris and husband Buddy of Cleburne, David Wood of Irving, and Jennifer Tullis and husband Craig of Pilot Point; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother G.L. Wood and wife Alice of Dallas; and sisters Geneva Chapin of Allen, and Peggy Jean Livesay of Wills Point. Other loving family members include Carol Wood of Irving, Tammy Cain of Irving, Bobby Lavender and wife Jackie of Mansfield, Eddie Lavender and wife Patti of Irving, Lacey Humelsine and husband Rick of Irving, and many other relatives and friends. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 AM Monday, June 25, 2012 at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends 9-11 AM Monday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 560089, Dallas, TX 75356.
Billie Ruth Woods

Billie Ruth Woods, formerly of Fort Worth, passed away at her son's home in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012. Burial: 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in Harmony Cemetery near Winnsboro. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, please donate to a favorite cause. Born Billie Ruth Bow in 1922, she was a dedicated mother, homemaker and friend and a longtime member of Diamond Hill United Methodist Church. Survivors: Sons, Dale of Phoenix, Ariz., and Charles and his wife, Kayoko, of Honolulu, Hawaii; and grandchildren, Brad Woods of Irving and Riane Woods of Carlsbad, Calif.

Published in Star-Telegram on December 4, 2012
George Woods

Woods, George George Wesley Woods died peacefully in the early morning of Friday March 9, 2012, in Irving Texas. A memorial service to honor George will be held at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, in Irving, Texas, at 12:00 noon, Monday March 12th, 1714 North Story Road Irving, TX 75061

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Published in Dallas Morning News from March 11 to March 12, 2012
George Wesley Woods, died peacefully in the early morning of Friday March 9, 2012, in Irving Texas. George was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 30, 1928, to Dr. Lewis Edgar Woods, and Hazel Ellen Chism, at Henry Ford Hospital where his father was in medical residency. Soon after, the family returned to Oklahoma, settling in Chickasha where they could be close to family, and here George was raised and received his schooling. Growing up, George developed seeds of interests that would follow him throughout his life, among which was his love and appreciation for music. Music was a big part of his family life and in addition to being the bugler for his Boy Scout Troop, he played the French Horn and lead the high school band, as drum major his junior and senior years. Chickasha was quite aviation minded since the family of famous aviator Wiley Post resided in nearby Maysville. He was exposed to airplanes before he could read, and that love of airplanes and aeronautics would stay with him both as a personal interest and throughout his working life. While in high school, George joined the Aviation Club, and took an aeronautics class taught by his high school math teacher, who also taught preflight aeronautics to cadets at the Navy base at Norman. It was in that class where he learned the principles of vectors and navigation, and was set on the path for a career in engineering and aeronautics. He won eight hours of flight training as top student in the class and accumulated about 25 hours of dual and solo flight time, subsequently logging enough hours to earn his pilot’s license. After graduation from high school in 1946, George attended the University of Oklahoma, where he completed a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics, and was a member of the Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Society. He then spent a year at Tulane, exploring the idea of becoming a doctor, but returned to OU in 1951, where he returned to his love of physical science and completed a second degree with a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering, was a member of Pi Tau Sigma honorary society and joined the American Society for Mechanical Engineers. Armed with his degrees, George went to work as an engineer for Phillips Petroleum in Goldsmith, Texas until he joined the Army, in May, 1953. He was stationed at Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Alabama to and assigned to the 9330 Tech Service Unit, where he served as a manufacturing liaison engineer for the Missile Fabrication Group headed by Mr. Otto Karl Eisenhardt under the leadership of Werner von Braun. In 1955, George was released from active duty and went to work at Chance Vought Aircraft in the Servo Group supporting the XF8U-1 which had just had first flight at Edwards AFB. For many years, while in the Servo Group, George also worked on many roundbreaking projects for military and space applications, including an inlet control system for supersonic cruise missiles, a network to distribute pointing data to steerable antennas on an Apollo reentry guidance ships, and as an avionics field engineer for A7-D/E computerized attack aircraft avionics. In 1972, George went to work for Recognition Equipment, where he was systems engineer on an automated mail sorting system for the U.S. Post Office and then Docutel, where he was a systems engineer on the automatic baggage handling system for American Airlines and Braniff at D/FW airport, ultimately bringing the systems into operation for the airport opening. In 1973, George returned to Vought to work in the Logistics Group, serving as avionics engineer for the Navy’s A-7 airplane, specializing in Navigation/Weapons Delivery systems and later expanding to installation and verification the operation of computerized test equipment for the computer, inertial navigation set and radar. This testing and troubleshooting work sent him to ports of call
all over the world, even to aircraft carriers deployed at sea. George continued working a
variety of avionics projects, including a B-2 Aircraft weapons loading system, and then
transferred to Vought Missiles to support control systems design for the Multiple Launch
Rocket System launcher upgrade and fire control system. The MLRS was heavily
employed during the First Gulf War, playing a significant role in bringing the conflict to a
quick and decided conclusion. Outside of his professional career, George was an
extremely devoted family man and pursued a wide ranging variety of hobbies including
being a Ham Radio Operator, a member of the Sports Car Club of Dallas, where he
drove in rallies across the US, with his friend Bob Warren, and judging Engineering and
Science Fairs for DISD. In 1994, George retired after 37 years of service. In retirement,
George remained an active participant in the Quarter Century and Management Clubs,
meeting for luncheons, and staying in touch with his former workmates. An avid reader,
he continued to follow developments in aerospace and technology, science and
computing. In 2001, George received a special recognition from ASME, for 50 years of
membership. George is preceded in death by his parents, and sister Sara Jane Perper.
He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Wanda Louise (Housewright) Woods, his
son Bill and daughter in law Melissa, and two grandsons. He is also survived by his
many nieces, nephews and cousins. A memorial service to honor George will be held at
Plymouth Park Baptist Church, in Irving, Texas, at 12:00 noon, Monday March 12, 1714
North Story Road, Irving, TX 75061. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in
George’s honor to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers: ASME Foundation
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Melba Woodson

Woodson, Melba Lucille Melba Lucille Woodson, of Irving, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2012. She was born February 11, 1921 in Texarkana, Texas. She was a high school counselor and mathematics teacher for the IISD for 28 years before retiring in 1988. She was a member of White Oaks Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, James River Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Retired Teachers Association of Irving, and of Texas, and a life member of Huguenot Society of Maniken Towne. She Melba was also a member of First Baptist church of Dallas. She is preceded in death by her husband Marion Woodson in 2009, son Wallace Marion Woodson in 1960, and brother William Wallace Grimes, Jr., and is survived by her daughter Nona Ruth Foster and husband Raymond of Stafford, Virginia; grandchildren Faith Elizabeth Amelia Hilsinger and husband John, Nathaniel David Faunce Foster, and Reid Matthew Woodson Foster, and great grandchildren Eric Matthew Woodson Hilsinger, and Riley Amelia Elizabeth Hilsinger, all of Stafford. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Friday at the funeral home.

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Melba Lucille Woodson, of Irving, passed away Tuesday, January 24, 2012. She was born February 11, 1921 in Texarkana, Texas. She was a high school counselor and mathematics teacher for the IISD for 28 years before retiring in 1988. She was a member of White Oaks Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, James River Chapter of the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Retired Teachers Association of Irving, and of Texas, and a life member of Huguenot Society of Maniken Towne. She Melba was also a member of First Baptist church of Dallas. She is preceded in death by her husband Marion Woodson in 2009, son Wallace Marion Woodson in 1960, and brother William Wallace Grimes, Jr., and is survived by her daughter Nona Ruth Foster and husband Raymond of Stafford, Virginia; grandchildren Faith Elizabeth Amelia Hilsinger and husband John, Nathaniel David Faunce Foster, and Reid Matthew Woodson Foster, and great grandchildren Eric Matthew Woodson Hilsinger, and Riley Amelia Elizabeth Hilsinger, all of Stafford. Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton. The family will receive friends 6-8 PM Friday at the funeral home.

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E. Arlene Worden (1919 - 2012)

Worden, E. Arlene E. Arlene Worden, 93, formerly of Irving, Texas died Tuesday at her son Mark's home in Lillian, Alabama after a long illness. Arlene is survived by her three sons: Bill Jr., Kirk (wife Hallie Roberts), and Mark; five grandchildren: Melissa Worden Thornton, Bradd Worden, Kale Worden, Cody Fethkenher and Aidan Worden; two great grandchildren: Caroline Thornton and Warren Worden; and former Daughter in law Theresa Worden. Arlene was born on January 15, 1919 in Cadillac, Michigan to Carl T. and Laura S. Rauch. She graduated from Mercy Central School of Nursing Grand Rapids, and married Lt. William Lee Worden in 1942. She was preceded in death by her late husband William L. and a brother, Dr. Carl T. Rauch. Arlene was an avid bridge player, sports fan and golfer throughout her life and even recorded a hole-in-one at the Cadillac, Michigan Country Club. In Texas, she served as chair for the ladies tournaments at the Las Colinas Country Club and was the LCCC Female Golfer of the year in 1982. Arlene volunteered her time to the Byron Nelson Golf Classic for more than 25 years and she once had the pleasure of playing golf with Mr. Nelson himself in the Lady Nelson Tournament. She was a fervent Cowboys fan, a season ticket holder for over 30 years and went to 3 Super Bowls. Her favorite players were Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. A viewing on Thursday from 6-8 PM at Ben F. Brown Funeral Home in Irving. A graveside service will be held at 2 PM SparkmanHillcrest Cemetery in Dallas.

Published in Dallas Morning News on April 12, 2012

E. Arlene Worden 93, formerly of Irving, Texas died Tuesday at her son Mark's home in Lillian, Alabama after a long illness. Arlene is survived by her three sons; Bill Jr., Kirk (wife Hallie Roberts), and Mark; five grandchildren: Melissa Worden Thornton, Bradd Worden, Kale Worden, Cody Fethkenher and Aidan Worden; two great grandchildren; Caroline Thornton and Warren Worden; and former daughter in law Theresa Worden. Arlene was born on January 15, 1919 in Cadillac, Michigan to Carl T. and Laura S. Rauch. She graduated from Mercy Central School of Nursing Grand Rapids, and married Lt. William Lee Worden in 1942. She was preceded in death by her late husband William L. and a brother Dr. Carl T. Rauch. Arlene was an avid bridge player, sports fan and golfer throughout her life and even recorded a hole-in-one at the Cadillac, Michigan Country Club. In Texas, she served as chair for the ladies tournaments at the Las Colinas Country Club and was the LCCC Female Golfer of the year in 1982. Arlene volunteered her time to the Byron Nelson Golf Classic for more than 25 years and she once had the pleasure of playing golf with Mr. Nelson himself in the Lady Nelson Tournament. She was a fervent Cowboys fan, a season ticket holder for over 30 years and went to 3 Super Bowls. Her favorite players were Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 6 to 8 pm at Brown's Memorial Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday April 13, 2012 at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.

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Cathey Jean McCain Wright

Cathey Jean McCain Wright, 57, of Irving, passed away 7/29/12 after a prolonged illness. Born 4/5/55 to Patricia McCain of Irving and James McCain, deceased. Graduated from MacArthur High School and, prior to her illness, employed by Parker Chiropractic College. Survivors: her mother Pat McCain; son Jason Wright and his wife Marcella of Euless; grandchildren Cynthia, Jacob and Katelyn Wright; sister Gayleen Leach; brother Mark McCain and wife Billie; numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Cathey’s body is being donated to Anatomy Gifts Registry to serve further research and cure development for brain stem injury. Memorial service is Saturday August 11 at 1pm at Unity Church of Irving, 210 Virginia St., Irving 75061.

The Irving Rambler  August 11, 2012
WRIGHT, Thomas Dean - Born September 23, 1953, died July 22, 2012, age 58, leaving his mother Joan Chamberlain (Earl), spouse Pauline, daughter Lauren, brothers David and Ken (Christa) nephews, and nieces to mourn his passing. Many heartfelt thanks to his friends who shared his passion for motorcycles, amateur radio and model railroading for their support for the difficult journey now ended. Cremation has taken place. Plans for a Memorial Gathering in September will be shared at a later date. We kindly ask for no flowers or fruit baskets at this time, instead make each day count. Arrangements entrusted to the LAMPMAN FUNERAL HOME, 724 Canboro Road, Fenwick. 905-892-4701.