Edward “Ed” Pace, Sr. of Irving passed away December 28, 2013. He was born on November 14, 1941 in Pregnall, South Carolina to Edward Lee and Doris Mae Fickling Pace. He was an Irving resident for over 37 years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Irving. Ed enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Ann Zeigler. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Dorothy Cranford Pace of Irving; son Eddie Pace and wife Marcia of Irving; daughter Robin and John Dewberry of Irving; sister Sarah Millen of Charleston, South Carolina; sister Dorothy Saab of Charleston, South Carolina; granddaughters Heather Fresard and husband Brandon of Ft. Worth; Haley Grey of Bedford; Grandsons Harley Dwyer of Irving and Eric Pace of Lake Dallas; great-grandchildren Savannah Quinn; Cayden Grey and Knox Fresard. A memorial Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Irving with Rev. John Durham officiating. Memorial donations may be made to The First Baptist Church General Fund at 403 South Main Street, Irving, TX 75060.

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Essie Marie Padgett, age 96 of Terrell, died on November 30, 2013. She was born in Brushy Creek, Texas to Edd Berry Young and Erie Ann Dukes on November 10, 1917. Essie is preceded in death by her parents and beloved husband. She will be missed by her son Greg Padgett of Quinlan, her daughter Sharon Bryer of Texarkana, her six grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 2:00 PM in Brown’s Memorial Chapel with Reverend Bill Rush officiating and interment immediately following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 prior to the funeral service.
Dorothy Paffendorf (1932 - 2013)

Dorothy Arnold Paffendorf, 11/1/1932 - 1/25/2013, Dorothy was born in Irene, Texas to Reuben & Morene Arnold. She died surrounded by love and her family in the hospital following complications from surgery. She graduated from Sunset High School in 1950, lived briefly in Germany, and became a lifelong aficionado of the cuisine. She attended Rutgers University after moving to New Jersey in the late 1950's with her husband James A Paffendorf. She worked as a draftswoman in engineering, made a beautiful home and raised two children. Dorothy returned to Texas in 1990. Active & strong until the end both mentally and physically, she was an inspiration to all who knew her. Dorothy was always a close friend, a confidant, a pillar of strength, and an incredibly loving and supportive mother. She is survived by her daughter Deidre & husband Phil Pucci; her son Dr. Jeffrey Paffen-dorf & Dr. Kimberly Levin; sister Denese Hinde & husband Richard; her son Craig Bealmear & wife, Debbie; granddaughter Brittany Bealmear; & great granddaughter Addison Hairston; and her special little companion dachshund, Roxie. There will be a small family service at Chism Smith Funeral Home in Irving Sunday at 1 PM, and another service at a later date in New Jersey.

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John Pallattumadam of Irving passed away August 31, 2013. He was born on May 19, 1946 to Joseph Pallattumadam and Chachyamma Chummar. He came to the United States in 2005 and became a naturalized US Citizen. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father and Grandfather. He was an orator, avid reader, loved music, was fluent in three languages and followed Indian Politics. He is survived by his wife Jessy John of Irving; son Sanish Pallattumadam and wife Ann of Irving; daughter Selma Simon and her husband Abhilash of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren Charlie Pallattumadam; Shawn Simon and Santra Simon; brothers Late Simon Pallattumadam; Late Cyriac Pallattumadam; Joy Pallattumadam and Jans Pallattumadam; sisters Marykutty Thomas Kallickal; Elsa Raju Chiramugathu and Regeena Toy Melekuttu. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 9:00 PM Friday September 6, 2013 at Christ The King Catholic Church 13565 Webb Chapel Road, Dallas, Texas. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 7, 2013 at Christ The King Catholic Church with interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens 1413 East Irving Boulevard, Irving, Texas.

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Jack Tomas Pannel, age 82 of Irving, died on October 8, 2013. He was born to R.C. Pannel and Ethel Townsend on March 20, 1931 in Denton County and went on to work in service management of recreational vehicles. Jack is preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Martha Ann Crayton. He is survived by loving wife Carolyn Sue Pannel; daughter Debby K. Whitworth and husband Demian; sister Dorothy Finley; grandchildren Bridget and Brandi Miller; Michael Miller and wife Melissa; Kylee Whitworth along with great grandchildren Will and J.D. Fehlau, Tristen Toms, and Jun and Haley Beck; niece Donna Gabriel and nephews Thomas Bates and Gary Finley. Funeral Services will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, October 11, 2013 at Brown’s Memorial Chapel with visitation from 1:00 – 3:00 PM prior with Wallace Philpot officiating. Interment immediately following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens.

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Gabi Parker, of Plano, passed away February 25, 2013. She was born September 25, 1993 in Dallas to Barry Wayne Parker and Cynthia Marie Roseberry. Gabi is survived by her parents, Cindy Ruiz and husband David of Plano and Barry Parker of Dallas; brothers and sisters, Sean Roseberry and wife Liz of Irving, Jessi Parker of Richardson, Nicole Parker of Dallas, Trace Parker of Plano, Jason Parker and wife Jennifer of Dallas, and Christian Ruiz of Plano; grandmother, Shirley Roseberry of Cedar Creek; aunt and uncle, Helen and Gary Lay and aunt Colleen Roseberry; cousins, Brittany Lay, Joseph Lay and Jonathan Dickens. A funeral service is planned for Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the More2Life Church in Irving, with Reverend Gerald Patterson officiating. Burial will follow at Sowers Cemetery in Irving. The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 27, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

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Gabi Parker

Parker, Gabi Gabi Parker, of Plano, passed away February 25, 2013. She is survived by her parents Cindy Ruiz and Barry Parker. Funeral: Thur. 10 AM, Feb. 28, More2Life Church, Irving.

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Lanelle Parks

Funeral services for Lanelle Gresham Parks age 86 of Lindale, formerly of Irving are scheduled for 4:00 PM Tuesday, April 16, 2013 in the Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Restland Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. She is survived by her husband, Jim Parks of Lindale; 2 daughters, a son, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home (903) 882-3141

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Lanelle Gresham Parks

Funeral services for Lanelle Gresham Parks, age 86 of Lindale, TX are scheduled for 4:00 PM Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home, the Rev. Ronnie Stribble and Rev. Andy McQuilty officiating. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at Restland Cemetery, Dallas, TX.

Mrs. Parks was born June 30, 1926 in Florence, TX, the daughter of the late Lee Roy and Alberteen Gresham. She passed away Thursday, April 11, 2013 in a Tyler, TX hospital. Mrs. Parks was formerly of Irving, TX, moving to Lindale in 2002. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lindale, First Christian Church and First Baptist Church of Irving. She was a member and past President of the Irving Woman’s Club. She graduated Waco High School class of 1943 and graduated Baylor University class of 1946.

Mrs. Parks is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, John L. Gresham.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Parks of Lindale; daughters, Pam Bennett and husband Skip of Lindale, Leslie Burkes and husband Wayne of Holly Springs, NC; son, Jeffrey Parks of The Woodlands; sisters, Billie G. DeMuth of Lindale; Eloise G. Werrell of Rock Hill, SC; 11 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Benjamin Parks, Jacob Horton, Clint Burkes, J. D Bennett, Dr. James Kieser, Jason Gamez, David Tegmeier and David Hillin.

Family will receive friends following the service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials for Mrs. Parks may be made to Lindale Public Library.
Parra, Jackie M. 1931 - 2013 God has another angel in Heaven. Jackie passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday September 24, 2013 in her home in Irving, Texas after a long battle with bone cancer. She was a sunflower in a garden of love and had a way of lighting up every room she entered. She brought sunshine on a rainy day. An earth angel if there ever was one. Always thoughtful, you never picked up your telephone if Jackie was on the other end that you didn't hear, "Are you in the Middle?" not wanting to interfere or detain you. That's the kind of person she was, no "Me World" in her world. How can I help was not a foreign language to her, it was the first thing out of her mouth. Always there when you needed her and happy to help. Jackie touched the lives of many and will be remembered for her kindness and her positive outlook and attitude - it's about you - never, "What's in it for me?" We were blessed to have shared in her life. Jackie loved to dance, play golf and was an active member of the Red Hatters. She was born in Massillon, Ohio on September 3, 1931 to the late Mildred (Bobbie) and Sheldon Grant. Jackie married Frank E. Parra in Massillon, Ohio September 1950. (divorced) She shared her time between Irving, Texas and Palm Desert, California, Chaparral Country Club. She is survived by her two sons, Tim Parra and wife BJ of Irving, Texas and Michael Parra and wife Michelle of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, five grandchildren Chris Parra of Dallas, Michael Parra wife Alexa of Southlake, Michelle Roos husband Bryan of Ft. Worth, M'lynn Mooney husband Matt of Austin and Josh Fix of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, six great grandchildren, Michaela, Beck, Bodie, Ellie, Hayzen and Slayde, one brother Richard Grant wife Lois and nephews, Rick, Randy and Ron Grant. She will also be missed by Frank Parra and wife Cathie of Irving, sister-in-law Bonnie Brown of Amarillo, Melanie Parra of Irving and many friends in Irving and Chaparral Country Club, Palm Desert, California. What we will miss most was her unconditional love, graciousness and her caring heart she will live in our hearts forever because special people have a way of doing that. Even in death Jackie is still giving she donated her body to UT Southwestern's Willed Body program for education and research. A memorial contribution may be made to Gentiva Hospice Foundation or the charity of your choice.

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Clark Patrick

- February 16, 1941 - February 5, 2013
- Irving, Texas
- Clark was born on February 16, 1941 and passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.
- Clark was a resident of Irving, Texas.
Chicquetah Gafford Pate

Pate, Chicquetah Gafford Hensley Chicquetah Gafford Hensley Pate, age 76, of Corinth, Texas and former resident of Turkey, Texas, passed away Thursday, July 11, 2013, at her home. She was born July 12, 1936 in Turkey, Texas to George Edmond Gafford and Arlie Jackie Shelton Gafford. After the passing of her birth mother, she was raised by a special step-mother Mary (Judy) Elizabeth Gafford. Chicquetah was a member of Fellowship Church in Grapevine, Texas. She is survived by her children, Tanya Elise Howard, Donnell Hensley and Dana Eakles; eleven grandchildren; twenty three great grandchildren and brother, Floyd Gafford. Chicquetah was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Leon Hensley, a son, Douglas Hensley and a brother, George Lavon Gafford. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2013, at Fellowship Church Chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. A graveside service will then be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2013, at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey. The family requests memorial contributions be made to Novus Hospice. The family wishes to thank Novus Hospice for selflessly giving extraordinary love and compassion over the last two months of our mother's precious life. For online condolences please visit www.mulkeymason.com.

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Charlie was such a funny, funny guy. Sounds like he left the world a better place than he found it. My condolences to his family. March 22, 2013
On Wednesday afternoon God received into His glory
a wonderful friend and faithful man of God
He will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held
Per Charles Patterson on Saturday March 23rd at 6pm
at Calvary Christian Fellowship
33 Lindbergh Drive - Greensburg Colorado
Please join us as we celebrate his life
Memorials have been established for
The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation
and Calvary Christian Fellowship Worship Team
In lieu of flowers the family would ask that you
make a donation on behalf of Charles.
Vail Daily obituary: Charles Patterson, 1958-2013

The Lord called one of his best home on March 20, when Charles Thomas Patterson left Denver to spend eternity with Jesus. He was born on Feb. 20, 1958, in Dallas to parents Dean and JoAnn Patterson.

Charles attended Texas Tech University after graduating from MacArthur High School in Irving, Texas, in 1976. Then, in 1985, he was married to Lisa Berrier in Irving, Texas. Charles was an extremely brave and giving man. It was most seen in his walk of faith and his years of service through the fire department. His career began with 12 years of service with the Dallas Fire Department, seven years of service with the Monitor (Wash.) Fire Department and continuing with his service with the Eagle County Airport Fire and Rescue beginning in 2004. He helped so many and was a leader in all he set his mind to do.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa; one daughter, Brooklynn and Jim Bob Stapleton; two sons, Garrison and Carson; four grandchildren, Clay (14 years), Ashlynn (10 years), Jadeyn (7 years) and Bray (7 months). His family is thankful for his sarcasm, unmatched wit, and the blessing of such a great role model in their life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dean and JoAnn Patterson, and a sister, Deanna Ann Patterson.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Calvary Christian Fellowship, 35 Lindbergh Drive in Gypsum (970-524-1463), where Charles was an active part of the fellowship and a member of the Worship Team. Pastor Eric Collom will serve as the officiant.

Memorials have been established for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and Calvary Christian Fellowship Worship Team.

Those who love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed.
Patterson, Helen E.

October 1, 1934 - October 2, 2013

Helen Edwina Patterson of Aledo, Texas passed away on October 1, 2013. She was 78 years old.

Please send the family condolences and sign the guest book on this site.

Arrangements are under the direction of Aria Cremation Service & Funeral Home, 1820 N Belt Line Road, Irving, Texas 75061, 972 607.4400
LOUMELIA PATTERSON, age 92, a resident of Irving since 1945, died Thursday, July 4, 2013 at her home. Born March 19, 1921 in Durant, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of A. N. Rambo and Ida Ruth Jones Rambo. She grew up in Archer County, Texas and graduated from high school there. She later attended Draughan's Business College. She married Clinton Patterson May 12, 1941 in Wichita Falls, Texas. They moved to Irving in 1945. She was employed by Lone Star Gas Company in human resources and accounting for 35 years. She was a member of South MacArthur Church of Christ. Preceded in death by her husband in 1983, she is survived by an adopted daughter Judith Torres; adopted grandson, Jessied Martinez; two sisters, Theo Mullins of Terrell and Tommie Crooks of Wichita Falls; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2013 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving. The funeral will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.
James Darrell Payne,

of Irving, passed away March 24, 2013. He was born to George W. Payne and Minnie (Franks) Payne on February 24, 1921 in Wilton, Arkansas. He was a World War II Veteran; having served in the 8th Army Air Corp as a line mechanic on the “Flying Fortress” from 1941 to 1945 in the European Theater Operation. James worked for Braniff Airlines, retired from Bell Helicopter, and was Manager of Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park for thirty years. He is survived by his daughter, Valerie Warren and husband Jesse; grandchildren, Shannon (Warren) Hayes and husband Bobby and Stacy Warren of Keller; great grandchildren, Nicholas Hayes and Brianna Hayes, all of Irving; and longtime and faithful friends, Frank and Beulah Fisher of Irving. A graveside service is planned for 10:30 AM, Thursday, March 28, 2013, at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, with Chaplin Byron officiating. An open visitation is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the funeral home.

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Vickie Lynn Pelham

June 8, 1961 - March 15, 2013

Vickie Lynn Pelham, age 51, of Irving, Texas passed away suddenly on Friday, March 15, 2013. She was born on June 8, 1961 in Dallas, TX to Harold and Gladys Foote. Vickie graduated from Temple Christian Academy in 1979. She adored her children and grandchildren and was the proudest grandmother ever. Vickie was a servant for the Lord, inviting people to church and taking her grandchildren with her because she wanted them to be raised in church. She was raised in a large family and family get together included skits and karaoke and since Vickie was the "picture taker" of her family she has lots of pictures to show of all their fun moments together. Vickie was as an encourager and always put others before herself, she will live in all of our hearts forever. She is preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Gladys Foote; siblings, Vivian Cawthrone, Luther Foote, Marie Willis, Harold Foote, Jr. and Douglas Foote. Survivors include; daughter, Wendy Pelham; son, Billy Pelham and wife Stephanie; siblings, Billy Foote, Jackie Sowers, Dana Bradford, Pat Flanigan, Dorothy Jones, James Foote, Kenneth Foote, Debra Stevens, Jerry Foote; grandchildren, Madison Pelham, Brenden Pelham, Destini Pelham, Anessa Guerrero and Anthony Guerrero. Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., on Monday, March 18th at the Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 12:00 noon on March 19th at Lakewood Baptist Church in Irving with interment following at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

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John Martin “Jack” Pence went to be with his Lord and Savior on December 17, 2013. Jack was born in Washington, Pennsylvania on June 15, 1926 to John Martin and Laura Paul Pence. After graduating from Washington High School in June of 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served aboard the U.S.S. Register during World War II, in the South Pacific Theatre. Jack married Henrietta Affleck on July 4, 1947. After the war, he studied interior design at the Art Movement Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After graduating in 1949, Jack worked for twenty-five years with his father at John Pence & Son, Painting and Decorating. After his father’s death, he worked at Washington Paint and Glass until 1973, when he and Henrietta moved to Texas. Jack worked for twenty-five years as a manager with Weiner’s Stores until his retirement in 1996. After he retired, Jack worked as a greeter with Walmart until December of 2009. Jack is survived by his wife, Henrietta, three children; Sherry Pence Bryant (married to John L. Bryant), John B. “Jack” Pence (married to Bernadette Delestienne), and James H. “Jim” Pence (married to Laurel Lindholm). He is also survived by six grandchildren: Patrick Bryant, Jennifer Bryant Manuel, Nathan Bryant, John B. “Jack” Pence Jr., Christopher James Pence, and Charlene Pence. Jack had nine great-grandchildren: Jack Darian Manuel, Geneva Manuel, Patricia Bryant, Connor Bryant, Kylie Bryant, Trinity Bryant, Raegan Bryant, Elaina Pence, and Reagan Pence. He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, Michelle Lynn Pence. A memorial service for Jack will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at Brown’s Memorial Funeral Home, 707 N. MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75061. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Military BibleStick Outreach at www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/military/military-outreach. [The Military BibleStick is a digital audio player that is pre-loaded with a dramatized recording of the entire New Testament and over 65 minutes of select Psalms. Chaplains from every branch of the military are flooding Faith Comes By Hearing with requests. More than 378,000 of these Audio Bibles are now in the field. Over 1,370 chaplains use Military BibleSticks in pre-deployment briefings, counseling sessions, Bible studies, weekly chapels and other spiritual services.]

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Lydia Olvera Perez
1965 - 2013 | Obituary

Lydia Olvera Perez, 47, passed away Friday, July 19, 2013. Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Interment: De Leon Cemetery.

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Lydia Olvera Perez
(October 21, 1965 - July 19, 2013)

Lydia Olvera Perez, 47, of Stratford, Texas passed away on July 19, 2013. She was born October 21, 1965 in Pearsall, Texas to Estanislado C. Olvera and Amelia Peña Olvera. She was married to Abel Perez.

Lydia was a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking and crocheting. She loved her family dearly and enjoyed spending time with them.

She is survived by her husband, Abel Perez; son, Conyn Sanchez; daughter, Melina Sanchez; grandchildren, Neko Katsumoto, Eternity Geigel, Absydee Geigel and Joseph Sanchez; mother, Amelia Peña; brothers, Joe Olvera, Ricardo Olvera and Ruben Olvera; sister, Anna Olvera; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family. Lydia was preceded in death by her father, Estanislado C. Olvera; and uncle, Eduardo Peña.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home. Graveside services followed in De Leon Cemetery.
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Fabian Luna
For all of you who wanted to know what happen to Nate. He died of having to big a heart (enlarged heart) which is very fitting as you all know.
We are having a celebration of Nate Peterson life tomorrow Saturday November 23rd from 7-8pm @ Irving Bible Church so everyone can come share stories about Nate and remember all the wonderful memories. Thanks Scott Werntz for helping make this happen.
If anyone would like to bring food or drinks please send me a message and let me know. Also I'm copying info from Heather Chilcoat Nate's sister for those of you would like to contribute to his funeral.

Many of you are asking for ways to help the family pay for his funeral expenses. An account has been set up with BBVA Compass Bank called the Nate Peterson Memorial Account (this is what you would make checks payable to). If you would like to donate, you can go to a Compass bank near you and deposit under the account number 6720249381 (put this in the memo) or mail a check to 3382 Pontiac Street, Denver, CO 80207. The family is humbled by your kindness, it was not expected.

Details on services for Nate, both in Denver, CO and Irving, TX, are coming. Thank you all again for your kindness and outpouring of love. Please continue to share your great memories and photos of Nate!

Let me know if you have question. Hope to see you all there.

Thank you and God bless!

Nate Peterson
Nathan Brent Sterling Peterson
July 23, 1979 - November 19, 2013
Adored son, sweet brother, loving uncle. Full of life and joy, Nate was a friend to all he met. The Father welcomed Nate home with open arms on Tuesday, November 19, 2013.

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Betty Jo Petersen
(January 3, 1931 - July 19, 2013)

BETTY JO PETERSEN, age 82, a resident of Irving for 30 years, died Friday, July 19, 2013, at a local care center. Born January 3, 1931 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of George B. and Margaret Opie Smith. She married Robert B. Petersen May 14, 1952 in Coral Gables, Florida. He preceded her in death June 21, 2001. A homemaker, she was a member of Northgate United Methodist Church. Survivors include a daughter JoAnn Petersen McGonagill and husband Clay of Florida; two sons, Robert Bruce Petersen and wife Dianne of Michigan and Richard Owen Petersen of Irving; a brother George Smith of Philadelphia; two grandchildren, Devon McGonagill Hardy and Bryan Clay McGonagill; two great grandchildren, Ava Ruth Hardy and Solomon Brent Hardy; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dennis Brent Petersen and wife Becky and Joan D. M. Petersen, all of Florida. A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate in Irving.

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Betty Petersen

Petersen, Betty Age 82, of Irving, TX, died on July 19, 2013. Memorial Service 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at Northgate United Methodist Church.

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John William Phillips Jr. (1941 - 2013)

Phillips Jr., John William Age 71, died Saturday July 20, 2013 in Alba. He was born November 20, 1941 in Salado, Texas to the late John William Phillips Sr. and Lola Mae Parker. He was a master plumber and worked for Dallas Plumbing Co over 40 years. John was from Irving and lived in Alba since 2006. John was a member of Terrell Gun Club and Lone Star Corvette Club. He was preceded in death by his parents. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Linda Phillips, Alba, two sons, David Phillips of Emory and Paul Phillips of Irving, daughter Billie McCain, Alba, brother, Jack Phillips, Kaufman, sister, Bobbie Hays, Arlington, 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Published in Dallas Morning News on July 24, 2013
Mary Elizabeth Phillips  
(February 8, 1923 - March 21, 2013)

Mary E. Phillips, 90, of Irving, went to be with her Lord and Savior after a seven year battle with Alzheimer’s on March 21, 2013. She was born the youngest of seven children on February 8, 1923 in Miller County, Arkansas. Mary was a resident of Irving since 1959 where she worked many years as a talented seamstress. She was a longtime active member of Calvary Temple (now Calvary Church) in Irving. Mary was a devoted wife, loving mother and cherished grandmother. She is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, James L. Phillips; her father, W.G. Wardlaw; mother, Patti Wardlaw Hankins and six siblings. Mary leaves behind three daughters: Becky Lynn and husband Kenny of Irving; Jamie Moulder and husband David of Port Isabel; Patti May and husband Jim of Sugarland; seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at 3:00 pm at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel. Private burial at Oak Grove Memorial Park will be on Monday. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.
Nelda June "June Bug" Philips

May 30, 1941 - May 20, 2013

Nelda June “June Bug” Philips, age 71 of Grand Prairie, TX passed away on Monday, May 20, 2013 surrounded by her family. She was born on May 30, 1941 in Gainesville, TX to Earl and Margie Philips, her father preceded her in death. Nelda loved to read, cook, fish and watch soap operas. She enjoyed growing flowers and plants and her beloved animals, Peaches and Blossom. Nelda adored her family and enjoyed spending time with them, her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchild were the apple of her eye. She was a daughter that always cherished her mother. Survivors include, mother, Margie Philips; daughters, Susan Medina and husband Eddie, Martie Tutt, Gina Cantu and husband Mike, Jana Pippins and husband Tim; son, Randy Lee VanZandt and wife Debbie; sisters, Marie Parkhill and husband Dale, Glenda Ashwill, Judy Conway, Cathy Dishman; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; and numerous, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held from 6-8p.m., on Thursday, May 23 at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 24 at Fundamental Baptist Church in Irving with interment following at Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens.

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Bum Phillips Obituary
9/29/1923 - 10/18/2013

Bum Phillips (Associated Press)

HOUSTON (AP) - Bum Phillips, the folksy Texas football icon who coached the Houston Oilers during their Luv Ya Blue heyday and later led the New Orleans Saints, died Friday. He was 90.

"Bum is gone to Heaven," son Wade Phillips tweeted Friday night. "Loved and will be missed by all - great Dad, Coach, and Christian."

Phillips died at his ranch in Goliad.

Wade Phillips is the Houston Texans' defensive coordinator.

Born Oail Andrew Phillips Jr. in 1923 in Orange, Phillips was a Texas original in his blue jeans, boots and trademark white Stetson - except at the Astrodome or any other dome stadium because he was taught it was disrespectful to wear a hat indoors.

"Mama always said that if it can't rain on you, you're indoors," Phillips said.

Phillips loved the Oilers and when coaching the team in the 1970s, he famously said of the Cowboys: "They may be 'America's Team,' but we're Texas' team."

He took over as coach of the Oilers in 1975 and led Houston to two AFC Championship games before he was fired in 1980. He was responsible for drafting Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell, the player who was largely credited with the success of the franchise.

"He meant a great deal to this franchise, the NFL and the city of Houston, and he was instrumental to the Oilers during the Luv Ya Blue era," Titans' owner Bud Adams said in a statement. "Growing up in Texas and working his way up through the Texas football ranks, he was a natural match for our team. Those were such magical years, and his leadership and personality helped our team rise to the top."

His time with the team was marked by a frenzied fan base that filled the Astrodome to root for the Oilers and wave their blue and white pompons during games.

Houston lost to Pittsburgh 34-5 in the AFC Championship game in Campbell's rookie year. The Oilers returned to the game the following season only to be beaten again by the Steelers, this time 27-13.

The Oilers went 11-5 in 1980 but lost to Oakland in the AFC wild-card round and Phillips was fired. He was 55-35 with the team in the regular season.

Fans loved his no-nonsense demeanor and were entertained by his often blunt comments.
"Football is a game of failure," Phillips was quoted as saying. "You fail all the time, but you aren't a failure until you start blaming someone else."

Among his best Bumisms: "There's two kinds of coaches, them that's fired and them that's gonna be fired." On Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula: "He can take his'n and beat you'n and take you'n and beat his'n." On Campbell's inability to finish a mile run: "When it's first-and-a-mile, I won't give it to him." On Campbell: "I don't know if he's in a class by himself, but I do know that when that class gets together, it sure doesn't take long to call the roll."

He left Texas to coach the Saints in 1981, going 27-42 before retiring after the 1985 season.

"We are saddened by the passing of Bum Phillips," Saints owner Tom Benson said in a statement released by the team. "I had the opportunity to work with him when I first purchased the team in 1985 and also enjoyed our friendship following his coaching career. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Debbie, Wade and the rest of his family."

Phillips played football at Lamar Junior College before joining the Marines during World War II. After the war he went to Stephen F Austin where he played two more football seasons before graduating with a degree in education in 1949.

He spent about two decades coaching in high schools and colleges mostly in Texas - he assisted the likes of Bear Bryant at Texas A&M, Bill Yeoman at Houston, and Hayden Fry at SMU - before making the jump to the AFL in 1967 as an assistant under Sid Gillman with the San Diego Chargers. Phillips came to Houston in 1974 as Gillman's defensive coordinator and became coach and general manager when Gillman resigned after that season.

Phillips picked up the nickname Bum as a child when his younger sister couldn't pronounce brother correctly and it sounded like bum. He embraced the nickname and was quoted as saying: "I don't mind being called Bum, just as long as you don't put a 'you' in front of it."

Phillips did some work as an analyst on television and radio football broadcasts for a bit before retiring to his ranch in Goliad.

Although he left Houston, he always remained fond of the city. The Oilers moved to Tennessee and became the Titans in 1997 and Houston returned to the NFL in 2002 when the Texans began play.

He was asked how he feels about the two teams in Texas in 2007 when son Wade was named coach of the Cowboys.

"Your son is coaching one team and the other team is the town you love more than any other," he said. "It's kind of hard to pull. They're not on the schedule, so I don't have to make that decision this year."

Wade Phillips said his father was still sharing tips with him this season.

"He always gives me a little advice about why did you play this on that certain down and this stuff," Wade said. "He's sharp on all the stuff."

Phillips is survived by his second wife, Debbie, and six children from his first marriage along with almost two dozen grandchildren.

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Doris J. Phipps

July 5, 1922 - June 16, 2013

Graveside services for Doris J. Phipps will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. Mrs. Phipps passed away Sunday, June 16, 2013 at 5:35 a.m. at Avalon Alzheimer’s Care Facility in Irving, TX. Doris was born July 5, 1922 in Cleveland, Ohio the daughter of George and LuLu Slaby. She was united in marriage to Kenneth E. Phipps, Sr. on September 6, 1943. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1992. Doris had such a wonderful, fulfilling life. She loved her iris’, loved to read, and best of all, dance. At the age of 60, Doris went back to college. She also loved to volunteer and received an award for, “Volunteer of the Year” in 1998. She is survived by her children; Kenneth E. Phipps, Jr. and wife Gladys of Irving, TX, Kathy (Phipps) Miller and husband Al of Livingston, TX and Karen (Phipps) Harmon and husband Dennis of Irving, TX; 5 loving grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Doris’ name to: The Paris Junior College Memorial Foundation and/or to The Irving Public Library System. Until we meet again, keep dancing Mom. We love you!

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Linda Pickett

Pickett, Linda Linda Pickett, an Irving resident for 67 years, passed away Monday, May 27, 2013. She was born March 1, 1943 in Plattsburg, Missouri. She retired from Amerisure in 2005. Linda loved crocheting and arts and crafts. She is preceded in death by parents Lester Linwood Wilson and Doris Pauline (Williams) Jaynes, brother Freeman Jaynes, and stepfather Hoyt Jaynes, Sr. Survivors include her sons Les Pickett and wife Kristi of Houston, and Troy Pickett and wife Stacy of Ft. Worth; grandchildren Riley, Cole, and Camryn Pickett; brother Hoyt Jaynes and wife Cathy of Aurora, Texas; sister-in-law Kay Jaynes of Irving; cousins Danny Williams and wife Beverly, and Deanne, both of Decatur, Texas; nieces Salisa Vannuci, and Tammy Glennon; and nephews Phillip Jaynes, Michael Jaynes, Brian Jaynes, Rickey Jaynes, and Dennis Jaynes. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Children's Medical Center, Office Development, P.O. Box 650473, Dallas, TX 75265-9868.

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Linda Pickett, an Irving resident for 67 years, passed away Monday, May 27, 2013. She was born March 1, 1943 in Plattsburg, Missouri. She retired from Amerisure in 2005. Linda loved crocheting and arts and crafts. She is preceded in death by parents Lester Linwood Wilson and Doris Pauline (Williams) Jaynes, brother Freeman Jaynes, and stepfather Hoyt Jaynes, Sr. Survivors include her sons Les Pickett and wife Kristi of Houston, and Troy Pickett and wife Stacy of Ft. Worth; grandchildren Riley, Cole, and Camryn Pickett; brother Hoyt Jaynes and wife Cathy of Aurora, Texas; sister-in-law Kay Jaynes of Irving; cousins Danny Williams and wife Beverly, and Deanne, both of Decatur, Texas; nieces Salisa Vannuci, and Tammy Glennon; and nephews Phillip Jaynes, Michael Jaynes, Brian Jaynes, Rickey Jaynes, and Dennis Jaynes. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Brown's Memorial Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to Children's Medical Center, Office Development, P.O. Box 650473, Dallas, TX 75265-9868.

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Dana Pierce

Pierce, Dana Dana Pierce, of Coppell, passed away Tuesday, January 8, 2013. She was born March 9, 1931 in Cooper, Texas. Dana is preceded in death by her husband Dr. Bob Pierce in 1997. She is survived by her children Jeff Pierce of Atlanta, Georgia, Craig Pierce and wife Cathy of Coppell, and Danise Grice and husband Joe of Northfield, Minnesota; sister Mary Swaim and husband Gary of Irving; grandchildren Ryan Grice, Danielle Grice, Corbin Pierce, Caleb Pierce, Jacob Pierce, Matthew Pierce, and Christopher Pierce; and great grandchildren Alex and Alaina. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Friday, January 11, 2013 at Plymouth Park/Central Church of Christ, 1710 W. Airport Frwy. in Irving with Paul MaGee officiating. Private burial will follow. The family will receive friends from 12 PM until time of service on Friday at the church. Memorial donations may be made to Irving Healthcare Foundation.
Don Plekenpol, 64, of Irving, passed away on Thursday, September 19, 2013. Don was born in Sheboygan, WI on March 23, 1949 to Bernice (Stern) and Loyal Plekenpol. He welcomed his second father when Bernice married Norbert Sternitzky in 1972. He resided in Cascade, WI and was baptized and confirmed in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Cascade. He was in the first class to graduate from the new Cascade Elementary School in 1963 and the same for the new Plymouth High School in 1967. He was very active in sports, school plays, and was President of his senior class. Don continued his education and graduated from Valparaiso University in 1971. He wanted to fly planes and follow in Loyal’s footsteps by being a military pilot, but lingering high school sports injuries forced him out of the Navy ROTC program; so his son, Christopher, carried the Plekenpol name back into the military as a distinguished Army Captain and combat company commander. When Don entered Valparaiso he was planning on becoming a pastor. But things changed along the way and he went right from Valparaiso University to working for IBM in New York City and the New York Jets was one of his early customers. Chris has since taken Don’s place by becoming a pastor of the small but rapidly growing, Wells Branch Community Church in Austin, TX. Don was currently employed at Usability Sciences Corporation in Irving, TX. He was also President of his own consulting company, Webify, Inc. from 1997 – 2013 (16 years) working on IT type projects for a number of corporations. He had a long and distinguished career with IBM in multiple positions in the USA, Asia and Europe from 1971 – 1996 (25 years). He was preceded in his journey to heaven to be with his Lord, by his father Loyal in 1950, his mother Bernice in 2005 and by his grandparents Irene and Louis Stern & Mabel and Lester Plekenpol. He is survived by his son Christopher and wife Adrienne, and 4 month old grandson, Austin, who reside in Austin TX; his wife Virginia whom he married in 1997; Chris’s mother JoAnne Plekenpol of Trophy Club, TX whom he married in 1975; his stepfather Norbert Sternitzky of Sheboygan, WI; his brother David and wife Arnita of Oostburg, WI; his aunt June [Gib] Sternitzky of Howards Grove, WI; his cousin Mary Sternitzky of Brooklyn WI; his nephews Jonathan Plekenpol and wife Kelly Sowanke of Sheboygan, Matthew Fillebrown and wife Jessie of Appleton WI, Jason Fillebrown and wife Tina of Sugar Grove, IL and Heath Fillebrown and wife Rachel of Whitewater, WI; and eight young grand nieces and nephews [plus one on the way] and a world full of friends made throughout his life. He could build anything or fix anything and loved to do both. He’d give you the shirt off his back if you needed it. He was generous, loyal, and dependable. He was a diehard Republican and proud of it. He was an American and proud of it. He loved cars [especially his MG’s], sports car racing, golf, and was a devout Green Bay Packers fan. The team he loved the most was his family. His last visit to Wisconsin was for the 4th of July and we are so very grateful he had a chance to come home to Idl-A-Yi before Jesus called him home. His last visit to Wisconsin was for the 4th of July and we are so very grateful he had a chance to come home to Idl-A-Yi before Jesus called him home. Don will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He was deeply loved. He was a forceful presence, and the “go- to-guy” who would have the answers you needed. He was a loving son, husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin, friend, Co-worker, advisor, teacher, leader, confidant, and on and on. Texas visitation and memorial service will be held at 11:30 AM on September 25 at Irving Bible Church 2435 Kinwest Pkwy, Irving, TX 75063. Wisconsin visitation and memorial service will be held on Nov 2nd at the Wenig Funeral Home in Oostburg. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Oostburg, WI. The family has requested that donations in lieu of flowers be sent to Wells Branch Community Church, c/o Chris Plekenpol, http://www.wellsbranchchurch.com or the church of your choice.
Martha Ann Pistole of Irving, Texas, passed away on May 12, 2013 at the age of 72. Martha was born in Cisco, Texas and spent her life devoted to her daughter, Pam and her four granddaughters. She retired from AT&T after 30 years of service and was a long-time member of North Irving Baptist Church. She enjoyed traveling the world with her soul mate Ed. Martha had a love for children, a kind heart, and a giving soul that no words can express. God blessed us with the best mother, Nana, wife sister and friend we could imagine. She will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched. She is preceded in death by her husband Edward Pistole and sisters, Joanne Anthony and Sue Lamar. Martha is survived by her daughter, Pam Mahaffy (Kirk); stepdaughter, Terri Floyd; sisters, Betty Moses (Don), Linda Pannell (Roy), Randie Thompson (Stanley); grandchildren, Aubrey Kistler, Abigail Kistler, Analia Kistler, Maribelle Mahaffy, Christopher Mahaffy, Trevor Mahaffy, Many Flowers, Stephanie Church and Nathan Floyd as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m., on Friday, May 17th at North Irving Baptist Church. Interment will be 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18th at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene, Texas.
Shirley E. Pitts
(January 10, 1942 - April 4, 2013)

SHIRLEY E. PITTTS, age 71, a resident of Dallas since June 2012, formerly a twenty-seven year resident of The Bronx, New York, died Thursday, April 4, 2013 at Doctor's Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Dallas. Born January 10, 1942 in Honduras, she was the daughter of Charles Webster and Gladys Donaldson Webster. A home care attendant, she was a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church in The Bronx, New York. Survivors include her children, Marion Jones of Belize City, Belize, Dana Hamilton and Kevin Webster of Dallas, Kenneth Pitts, and Phyliss McKoy of New York; sisters, Leonora Blyden of New York and Etta White of Philadelphia, PA; brothers, Herbert Donaldson of Honduras, George Webster of New York, and Ivan Webster of Maryland; sister-in-law, Glorianna Webster; sixteen grandchildren; and 1 great grandson. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2013 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving, Texas. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Dallas.

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Jacqueline Marie Porter
(October 21, 1932 - March 15, 2013)

Jacqueline Marie Porter, 80, of Irving, Texas was born October 21, 1932 in Leavenworth, Kansas. This beautiful, strong, courageous woman passed to heaven on March 15, 2013.

After attending St. Mary's College in Kansas and teaching first through eighth grade in a one room school house, she met and married Leo E. Porter on February 17, 1953.

Shortly after they moved to Irving and started their family of seven children. Michael David Porter, Kathryn Elizabeth Davis, Thomas Leo Porter, Richard Joseph Porter, Theodore Daniel Porter, Sally Marie McKinney, and James Patrick Porter. She is preceded in death by her mother Bessie Wosser and is survived by her husband, Leo E. Porter, Jr., her children, and a sister Betty Reed of Leavenworth, Kansas. In addition she is survived by 15 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and more than 25 nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held at 6:00 p.m. and a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving. Rev. Monsigner Jerome Duesman will officiate. The Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Of Nazareth Catholic Church, 2323 Cheyenne in Irving where she was a founding and active member for 49 years. Rev. Monsigner John Bell and Rev. Monsigner Jerome Duesman will co-celebrate the Mass. Entombment will follow at Calvery Hill Cemetery in Dallas. Another Rosary will be held in the North Chapel of the Main Mausoleum at Calvery Hill prior to the Burial. Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church.

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After completing military service in 1959, Jerry worked at GTE in Muskegon, Mich., as an equipment and transmission engineer. He was transferred within GTE to Durham, N.C., in 1965, to GTE corporate offices in New York City and Stamford, Conn., in 1972, living in Ridgefield, Conn., and to corporate headquarters in Irving in 1985. He retired from GTE in 1994. From 1996 to 1999 he was a consulting engineer for start-up telephone companies in Dallas.

Jerry's great interest in the Civil War and genealogy prompted the writing of four books. The latest is the third edition of "First Guide to Civil War Genealogy and Research," published in 2010. His other interests were astronomy, amateur radio, hiking the Appalachian Trail, golf, tennis and travel. He was always active in the Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry in three different states. In Ridgefield, he was active in Boy Scouts and served as scoutmaster for two years. He was on the board of directors for N.E.E.D. in Hurst, delivered meals on wheels for Tarrant County and served on its advisory board.

SURVIVORS: His loving wife, Polly; children, Charles and his wife, Lisa Post, and her husband, Martin Vasquez, Lynn and her husband, Ian Sheridan, and Sarah and her husband, David Ward; grandchild, Charles Alexander, Maxwell and Samuel Post, Daniel and wife, Nicole, Christopher and Jonathan Vasquez, Keleen, Connor and Cullen Sheridan, and James and Thomas Wards; great-grandson, Evan Vasquez; and brother, John, nephew, Stephen, and niece, Mary Post. Jerry was loved by his family and friends and will be dearly missed.

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Sunday, May 26, 2013
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Deborah Powell
Born on December 18, 1921
Died on September 15, 2013
Chism-Smith Funeral home  Irving, Texas
Charles Powers, of Irving, passed away Friday, February 15, 2013. He was born January 19, 1926 in Grapevine. He bravely served in the U.S Navy aboard the U.S.S. Alpine during WWII. Charles worked for Continental Trailways for 32 years before retiring in 1982. Survivors include his wife of 56 years Myra Powers of Irving; sister Betty Worcester of Baytown; brother James Powers of Washington; and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services with Military Honors will be held at 2 PM Monday, February 18, 2013 at Bethlehem Cemetery in Farmersville, Texas. The family will receive friends 2-4 PM Sunday at the funeral home.

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Charles Powers

Powers, Charles Age 87, of Irving, TX, died on February 15, 2013. Graveside: 2 PM Mon., February 18, 2013 at Bethlehem Cemetery, Farmersville, TX

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Thomas Lynn Pressly  
(March 20, 1953 - November 1, 2013)

Thomas (Tom) Lynn Pressly, of Highland Village, Texas passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, November 1, 2013 after a courageous battle with Renal Cell Carcinoma Cancer. Tom was born in Houston, Texas on March 20, 1953. He was preceded in death by his father, Thompson Pressly. Tom is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Jan Nicholas Pressly of Highland Village, TX; son, Ryan Pressly of Highland Village, TX; mother, Juanita Pressly of Irving, TX; brother, Greg Pressly of Plano, TX; aunts, Marjorie Coffey of Houston, TX and Nancy Jordan of The Woodlands, TX; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins. Tom was a graduate of Nimitz High School in Irving, TX and Arizona State University. He was employed by Aid Electronics for over 20 years. Tom enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his good friends Martin, Steve, Art, Chuck, Paul, Jim, and countless others. Tom’s greatest passion was watching his son Ryan play baseball. His proudest moment came earlier this year as Tom and Jan attended and watched Ryan pitch in one of his first MLB games for the Minnesota Twins. Tom continued to watch Ryan successfully complete his first Major League season with the Twins, fulfilling one of his lifelong dreams for his son. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00AM on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the First Baptist Church, 403 S. Main St., Irving, TX. 75060. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society.

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Ronald "Ron" L. Preston
(January 5, 1943 - October 3, 2013)

RONALD "RON" L. PRESTON, age 70, a resident of Irving for 25 years, died Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Baylor Medical Center in Irving. Born January 5, 1943 in Boca Raton, Florida, he was the son of Oakley Leon Preston Jr. and Margaret Jane Oakley Preston. Ron was an I.T. computer technician for UNISYS Company in Dallas for ten years and an Air Force Veteran. Preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Janice Preston, he is survived by his wife of 26 years, Carla Preston of Irving; daughter, Michelle Beasley and husband Kuni of Frisco; grandchildren, Rachel Adams, Bryce Adams, Lawrence Adams and Rebekah Adams; sister, Kay Eggleston and husband Don of Colorado; and brother, David Preston and wife Yu Seng of Ohio. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2013 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice.
Peter Proper

- July 17, 1938 - January 29, 2013
- Irving, Texas
- Peter was born on July 17, 1938 and passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2013.
- Peter was a resident of Irving, Texas.
Darlene Pullen
(April 19, 1961 - December 30, 2013)

Darlene Mary Pullen, age 52, a resident of Bedford, Texas passed away on Monday, December 30, 2013 after a brief illness. Born April 19th, 1961 in St. Clair, MI, daughter of Jack and Meredith LaGruth of Marysville, MI, Darlene was a member of Compass Christian Church in Colleyville, TX. She was an employee of Trane and a member of DORBA, Dallas Off Road Bicycle Association.

Darlene was preceded in death by her father, Jack LaGruth in 1991 and her best friend Renee Tibbets, Baylee’s godmother.

She leaves behind her children, Shea Pullen of Austin, TX and Baylee Pullen of Bedford, TX, and their father, Brian Pullen of Euless, TX; mother Meredith Nelson LaGruth of Port Huron, MI; one brother, Robert LaGruth and wife Nadine of Marysville, MI; four sisters, DiAnne Sopha and husband Dan of Port Huron, MI, Denise LaGruth-Bowman of Kimball, MI; Debbie Stringer and husband Mark of Carrollton, TX; best friend Antonio Herrera of Euless, TX; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and honorary grandchild Luke.

Funeral and celebration of Life is Friday, January 3, 2014 at 2:00 pm at Compass Christian Church, 2600 Hall Johnson Road, Colleyville, TX with Pastor Jay Franks officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, 1413 E. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX. Pallbearers are Cory Bowman, Casey Bowman, Andrew Stringer, Brett Stringer, Matthew Stringer and Michael McDaniel.

Please join family friends at the celebration of Darlene’s life and take a moment by leaving your memories in the guestbook.

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Rebecca Alice Puryear
(January 12, 1943 - May 1, 2013)

REBECCA ALICE PURYEAR, of Irving, a beloved wife, mother and friend, passed away on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at the age of 70. She was born January 12, 1943 to Alice and Louis Nelson in Beaumont, Texas. She attended the University of Texas in Austin and Texas Tech University where she received a Bachelors Degree in math. She taught math in the Irving ISD for 34 years. She is most remembered for her love of horses and going to movies with friends. Her proudest accomplishment being her family. Rebecca is survived by her husband, James Puryear of Irving; son, Rodney Puryear and partner Michael Marchetta; son Steven Puryear; brothers and sisters, Louis, Gretchen, Jennifer, Michael, Erik and Jessica. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 10 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 2630 West Freeway, Suite 100, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

Rebecca Alice Puryear

Puryear, Rebecca Alice Age 70, of Irving, TX, died on May 1, 2013. Memorial Service 11am Friday. To view full obituary go to www.donnelyscolonial.com

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GENELL PYLE, age 86, a resident of Allen, Texas for 19 years, formerly of San Benito, Texas died Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in a Dallas care center. Born May 23, 1926 in Olney, Texas, she was the daughter of Elbert B. Gray and Effie E. Scogin. Genell was a member of High Pointe Church of Christ in McKinney, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Pyle; her parents; sisters, Modell Akin and Doris Waters; and daughter, Joy Horse. Survivors include her children, Jackie Ziegler of Garland, John Ziegler and wife Denise of Spring, Diana Cole and husband Bob of Georgia, Sherry Wolf of Waco, Pam Nguyen and husband Huy of Texas, Tricia Stull and husband Jim of Nebraska; five granddaughters, Melanie, Crystal, Ashley, Jennifer and Bailey; five great grandsons, Logan, Easton, Braden, Jaxson and Austin; brother, E. B. Gray and wife Pat of Clifton. Service is 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 9, 2013 at Donnelly’s Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving with Pastor Rodney Knous officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends prior to the service beginning at 12 noon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Matthew and Andrew Akin Foundation, 11503 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

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