

## Sharon Fairless



Sharon Durene Fairless, age 76 and longtime resident of Irving, died surrounded by her loving family on Monday, May 4, 2015. She was born March 9, 1939 in Farmersville, Texas the daughter of Aileen Janelle Bass. Sharon was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. She loved life but most of all she loved her family. She is preceded in death by her mother, but to carry on her loving memory are son Rick Fairless and wife Susan; son Randy Fairless and wife Shirl; daughter Micah Doerr and husband Michael; daughter Denise Bays and husband Glenn; 10 grandchildren, Steve, Chelsey, Lena, Zack, Andrea, Janelle, Bailye, Hayden, Codie, and Mallory; sister Phyllis Jean Getz; niece Roni Allen and numerous great grandchildren. Family will receive friends, 6 pm till 8pm Thursday May 7, 2015 at Brown's Memorial Funeral home. A funeral will be held Friday May 8, 2015, 1 pm at Brown's Memorial Funeral Chapel with interment to follow service at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. Memorials can be made to the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children @ [www.tsrhc.org](http://www.tsrhc.org) or mailed to 2222 Welborn Dallas TX, 75219 in Sharon's name.

## Nancy Farina



Nancy Ann Campanella Farina completed her earthly journey on Sunday, March 15, 2015 and went home to be with her Lord and Savior. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Ben F. Brown Funeral Home in Irving, with the rosary at 7:00. Celebration services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, at Calvary Hill Mausoleum North Chapel in Dallas with Father Richard Bezzegato officiating and John Schell giving the eulogy. Graveside services will follow the Eucharistic Mass. Nancy was born on April 3, 1920 in Dallas, Texas to Mary Anello Campanella and Vito Campanella. She grew up in Dallas, and was married for 71 years to the love of her life, Pete M. Farina. They lived in Irving where they raised their family and operated many successful businesses. Nancy was a loving daughter, sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother and friend. She was known for her sweet, compassionate nature, and one of her greatest joys was dancing. She had a wonderful sense of humor, a joyful smile, and a contagious laugh. Nancy and Pete moved to Irving in the mid-1940s where they owned and operated a grocery store for many years. Following that, they owned restaurants in Irving and Dallas starting in 1951. The Farina family is best known for their popular restaurants featuring delicious homemade family recipes. They worked side-by-side for many decades in the restaurant business. Although they were involved in other business ventures, such as commercial real estate, the restaurants remained their passion. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband Pete M. Farina, her parents, sisters Lena Schell and Rose Cash, and brother Vito Campanella, Jr. Surviving to cherish Nancy's memory are son, Danny Farina and wife Maria of El Paso, TX; daughter, Cindy Crook and husband Jim of Irving, TX; son, Gary Farina and wife Robbie of Grapevine, TX. She leaves a wonderful legacy to her grandchildren, Dawn Landon, Carlo Crook, Angela Brown, Danny Farina, Jr., Isabella Farina, Peter Pinon, Joshua Pinon, Matthew Douglas and Michele Douglas, and great grandchildren Caleb Crook, Timothy Crook and Brandon Brown, many nieces and nephews, and dear friends. Pallbearers are Michael Cash, Steve Cash, Carlo Crook, Matthew Douglas, Tim Farina, Victor Schell and Charles Schell. The family would like to extend gratitude to her dedicated caregiver Dee Clark. If desired, memorials may be given to Dallas Heritage Village (Nancy Kay Farina Lecture Series) at [www.dallasheritagevillage.org](http://www.dallasheritagevillage.org).



**Lila Farmer**  
**(November 30, 1936 - January 20, 2015)**



**LILA FARMER, age 78, a resident of Farmers Branch for 21 years, died Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Heart Hospital Baylor in Plano. Born November 30, 1936 in Paris, Arkansas, she was the daughter of Paul Shirley and Hazel Weaver Shirley. Lila was preceded in death by her parents, and husband James Harvey Farmer in 1996. Survivors include her sons, Michael Farmer and wife Kalley of Wylie, and Alan Farmer and wife Leilah of Anna; nine grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; sisters, Pauline Fowler of Denton and Ruth Summers of Grapevine; brothers, John Shirley of Plano and Dr. Phil Shirley of Arkansas. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 23 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Funeral service is 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 24 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at Bear Creek Cemetery in Euless.**

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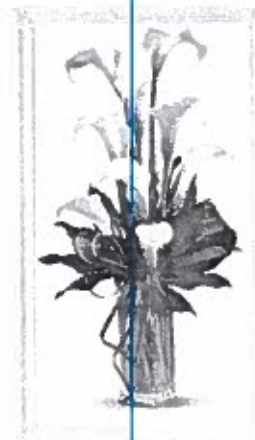
## Ada "Bobbie" Barbara Fellers

(May 3, 1931 - September 10, 2015)

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ADA "BOBBIE" FELLERS, age 84, died Thursday, September 10, 2015. Born May 3, 1931, she was the daughter of August and Mary Burger Henzler. She was a retired school teacher and was Catholic. Preceded in death by her husband Morris "Moose" Fellers, she is survived by three sisters, Janie Daugherty and husband Roy of Dallas, Clara Faber and husband Al of Irving and Mathilda Strange of Montgomery; and numerous nieces and nephews. A Rosary will be said at 10:00 a.m., Monday with the Mass of Christian Burial to follow in the North Mausoleum Chapel of Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Lane in Dallas, Texas.



**Eileen Ficken**

Eileen O'Connor Ficken, resident of Irving, died at age 77 on December 26, 2015. She was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland on May 12, 1938 to Joseph and Catherine (Russell) O'Connor. Eileen moved to New York with her sister where she met and married John Ficken, her beloved husband of 50 years, and devoted most of her time to the care and nurturing of their family. She was reunited in paradise with her parents and brother, Danny O'Connor. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 50 years, John Ficken of Irving; daughter Deirdre Botts also of Irving; son John Ficken, Jr. and wife Laresa of Dallas; grandchildren Heather Zipper and husband Mychal of Sacramento, CA, Stacie Botts of Dallas and Thomas Botts, Jr. of Irving. Eileen's family would like donations made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or 8900 John W. Carpenter Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75247.

Amaryllis J. Fischer  
(March 9, 1927 - January 16, 2015)



AMARYLLIS J. FISCHER, age 87, a resident of Irving, Texas since 1985, went to be with the Lord Friday, January 16, 2015 at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital HEB. Amaryllis was born March 9, 1927 in Bertha, Minnesota to John Gjerstad and Matilda Dalby Gjerstad. She was stricken with polio at 17, and spent her entire life conquering those challenges. Amaryllis married Rev. Alvin P. Fischer on September 29, 1946 in Bertha, Minnesota. She committed her life to her family and Christian faith, raising five children and ministering alongside her husband who pastored congregations in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Texas. Amaryllis was a member of Living Word Global Church in Irving. Survivors include her husband, Alvin of Irving; daughters, Diane Bjornlie and husband Curtis of Euless, Marella Thomas and husband James of Roanoke, Mary Beth Redlin and husband Terry of Goodland, Kansas; sons, Barry Fischer and Debra of Irving, Timothy Fischer and wife Mary Kaye of Holmen, Wisconsin; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Service will be held at 12:00 noon, Thursday, January 22, 2015 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow at 2:00 pm at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, Texas.

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**Paula Flatley**

Paula Fuller Flatley, of Arlington, previously of Irving, entered into eternal rest on September 28, 2015. Born May 19, 1943 in Dallas, Paula was a resident of Grand Prairie, Houston, The Woodlands, Irving and Arlington during her lifetime. Devoted daughter of the late John and Doris Fuller, sister of the late John Cosby Fuller, and also preceded in death by her beloved husband Francis X Flatley. She is survived by her children Bret Bowman and wife Deirdre of Tampa, Florida and Catherine Bundick and husband Joel of Aurora, Colorado; grandchildren Elizabeth Anne Bowman, Garrett Bundick, Grayson and wife Jenae Bundick; step-grandchildren including Melissa and husband Ryan; Andrew, Christine, Gabby, Kate, Meghan, Kevin and Michaela. Mrs. Flatley was the forty-third heart transplant recipient at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas on May 22, 1988. She spent much of her time after the transplant speaking for donor awareness and the great need of donors in the field of organ and tissue donation. Paula was proud of her single engine pilot's license and instrument rating along with the awards for proficiency racing and spot landing contests she had earned. Her "Aunty Ariel" cartoons regarding pilot safety were published in *Ninety Nine Magazine* and newsletters for women pilots. She was a member of the "99" Chapter of Houston and charter member of the Northwest "99" Chapter of Women Pilots. Paula also won ribbons and awards at the state level for her needlepoint. She was an active member of the Irving Symphony League and past Trustee of the Irving Symphony Orchestra Association. Having studied piano, wind instruments and voice during her years in Grand Prairie and at the University of Texas at Arlington, she possessed a deep love of music. She was the first recipient of the Irving Symphony League's distinguished Service Award of Excellence. An active alumna in the Delta Delta Delta Sorority, Paula served as President of the Houston Braes Bayou Chapter and was a charter member of the Northwest Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter. She frequently attended their state and national conventions and chaired "special projects" in the Irving Tri Delta Alumnae Chapter, continuing to be active in the organization until her death. Mrs. Flatley served on the Board of Directors for the Crossroads Interfaith Housing Program that assists families in homeless situations return to productive lives in the community through education in the areas of financial, emotional and spiritual changes in their lives. With her husband, Frank, she was honored by the City of Irving and the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau as "High Spirited Citizens" for their contributions. Her favorite service was, however, as TexasFest Chairman for the Irving Healthcare Foundation gala which benefits the Baylor Scott and White Healthcare System at Irving/Coppell. She is quoted as having said, "The joy of serving as TexasFest Chairman and the elation of that evening will only be extended when I joyously enter into the gates of Heaven to stand in the presence of my Lord and Savior." Mrs. Flatley was a religion student at Houston Baptist University and a member of Plymouth Park Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 3, 2015 in Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Joel Bundick of Aurora, CO and Father Brian Flatley of Boston, MA officiating. Interment will immediately follow in the family plots at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens also in Irving. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Delta, Delta, Delta Foundation, Irving Symphony Orchestra Association or Irving Healthcare Foundation.

## General Information

Full Name Mary Jane Flores (Compton)  
Date of Birth  
Sunday, October 22nd, 1933  
Date of Death  
Thursday, June 11th, 2015

## Visitation

When Monday, June 15th, 2015, 9:00am - 11:00am  
Location  
California Lane Church of Christ  
Address  
1906 California Lane  
Arlington, TX  
76015  
[Map & Directions](#)  
Additional Information Visitation just prior to the service

## Service Information

When  
Monday, June 15th, 2015, 11:00am  
Officiating  
Pastor David Kelley  
Location  
California Lane Church of Christ  
Address  
1906 California Lane  
Arlington, TX  
76015  
[Map & Directions](#)  
[Book Travel](#)

## Interment Information

Location  
Oak Grove Memorial Gardens  
Address  
1413 E. Irving Blvd.  
Irving, TX  
75060  
[Map & Directions](#)  
[Book Travel](#)  
Interment Extra Info  
Interment immediately following the service



**Sally Ford**

Sally Ann Ford, 88 of Irving passed away Friday, January 2, 2015 surrounded by her family. She will be missed by her family and many friends. Sally was born on September 9, 1926 in Lima, Ohio to Eugene & Helen Devor. Sally was preceded in death by her husband Robert Ford and brother William Devor. She is survived by her daughter Candace Thornburg and her husband William of Arlington; son Jack Ford and his wife Rita of Haltom City, her son Tony Ford of Houston and her son Mark Ford of New Orleans and 9 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 6, 2015 At Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving with a private burial earlier at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made to Plymouth Park United Methodist Church at 1615 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062.

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**John A. Forsthoffer(1932 - 2015)**

FORSTHOFFER, John A. John A., 83, of Irving, formerly of Duquesne, PA, passed away Aug. 12, 2015. Husband of the late Patricia (O'Shanick) Forsthoffer; father of Diana (Brent Spanton) Forsthoffer of Pittsburgh, PA; brother of Elizabeth Sloss, Joseph Forsthoffer, George Forsthoffer, Ruth Croyle, Patricia Lonzo and Mary Kraykovic. He was preceded in death by parents Stephen and Elizabeth Forsthoffer, sister Margaret Misko and brother Stephen Forsthoffer. Services private. Interment Calvary Hill Mausoleum, Dallas.



**Funeral Home**

**Metrocrest Funeral Home**

1810 N PERRY RD Carrollton, TX 75006  
(972) 242-3646

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**Buddy Francis**

Louis "Buddy" Francis, Jr., longtime Irving resident, died in Irving on December 27, 2015 at age 85. His journey began in Dallas, Texas where he was born to Louis and Lucile (Taylor) Francis, Sr. on July 10, 1930. Buddy proudly served as an Airman in the United States Navy from 1947 to 1954. He was a Quality Engineer with LTV/Vought and he and his wife, Peggy Francis, owned and operated Southwest Land and Title Company in Irving, TX. Buddy was also a longtime member of Irving Ambucs. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife of 60 years, Peggy in April 2015. He will be forever missed and treasured by daughters Terry Story and husband Keith; Vicki Dann and husband Jeff; grandchildren Stacy Smith, Colton Dann, Ashley Cates and husband Caleb, Polly Shupe and husband Corey; great grandchildren Parker, Cooper and Lola; nephew Rod Green along with numerous other nieces, nephews and cousins; sister-in-law Babe Whitson and brother-in-law Kenneth Whitson and wife Lin. A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 31, 2015 in Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Wallace Philpot officiating. A private committal service with military honors to follow at Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. The family will receive friends just prior to the Funeral Service at the funeral home from 9:00 to 10:00 AM and requests memorial donations in Buddy's honor to Irving Ambucs at [www.irvingambucs.org](http://www.irvingambucs.org) or P.O. Box 153425, Irving, Texas 75015.

## **Peggy Francis**



Peggy Francis, age 81 of Keller and longtime Irving resident, died on April 9, 2015. She was born on March 1, 1934 in Itasca, Texas to Stephen Eldon Whitson and Thelma Cottingame Whitson and was a graduate of North Dallas High School. Peggy owned and operated Southwest Land and Title Company in Irving for many years with her husband Buddy Francis. She belonged to the Irving Women's Council of Realtors and was awarded Woman of the Year. Along with being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Peggy enjoyed making porcelain dolls and will be remembered for always having a smile on her face along with her love and kindness to everyone who was lucky enough to have met her. She was especially fond of her dog, Missy. Peggy is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Jean Meeks and an infant child. Left to cherish her memory are her beloved husband of 60 years, Buddy Francis; daughter Terry Story and husband Keith; daughter Vicki Dann and her husband Jeff; sister Earleen "Babe" Whitson; brother Kenneth Whitson and wife Lin; adored grandchildren Stacy Smith, Colton Dann, Ashley Cates and husband Caleb and Polly Shupe and husband Corey; three precious great grandchildren Parker, Cooper and Lola and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A funeral service will be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with private family interment following. The family requests memorial donations to Irving Ambucs at [www.irvingambucs.org](http://www.irvingambucs.org) or P.O. Box 153425, Irving, TX, 75015-3425.

## Jack Franklin



Jack Lee Franklin, age 91, died at home, surrounded by his loving family on April 17, 2015. He was born February 16, 1924 in Dallas, TX to Robert Franklin and Love Lee Allen. Jack was a brave member of the Army Airborne military, who fought to defend our country during WWII. Later in life he retired from General Motors, in Arlington after 30 years of service. Jack is preceded in death by his wife Agnes Ann Franklin, in 2009; left to carry on his loving memory is his son, Jack Franklin and wife Linda of Arlington, daughter Elaine Modrell of Arlington, Robert Franklin and wife Leilani of Schertz, brother George Franklin and wife Maxine of Sanger, 4 grandchildren, Bryon Franklin, Joseph Franklin, Joshua Franklin and Elizabeth Hosselkus, also 9 great grandchildren. Family will receive friends at the funeral home 6-8 pm Wednesday April 22, 2015. Service will be held at Oakview Baptist Church 12:30 PM. A burial with honors will be conducted Thursday April 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

**Dan Fread**

Dan Fread, born in Purdon, Texas to Lewis Don Fread and Alberta (Robbins) Fread on January 17, 1919, died on October 4, 2015 at the age of 96. He proudly served his country in the United States Army Air Corps, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant in the 23rd Fighter Group. He was a longtime Irving resident who was supportive of churches, enjoyed reading his Bible and sharing the word with others. Dan earned his living as a pipefitter for Alcoa until his retirement. A graveside committal service with military honors will be held at 10:15 am on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

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## Donna J. "Memaw" Fread

(February 25, 1931 - August 26, 2015)

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DONNA J. "MEMAW" FREAD, age 84, a resident of Irving since 1958, died Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at a Euless care center. Born February 25, 1931 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, she was the daughter of Raymond Lee Phillips and Ruby Lucille Bartlett Phillips. Donna was a concert pianist. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don Fread; a brother, Paul Craig Phillips and a sister, Carolyn Brown. Survivors include son, Dane Sanderson and wife April of Irving; son, David Sanderson and wife Vicki of Saginaw; daughter, D'Lyn Alarcon and husband Gus of Pecos; daughter, Cyndi Bembenek of Grand Prairie; thirteen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and brother, David Phillips and wife Mary of Rockdale. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 28 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. Service will be 12 noon, Saturday, August 29 in the funeral home chapel with Chaplain Dwane Owen officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, 1413 East Irving Blvd in Irving. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



**Michael P. and Paula J. Fritzel(1952 - 2015)**



Michael P. Fritzel and Paula J. Johnson Fritzel, both 63, of Keller died Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Service: Memorial Mass at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 2016 Willis Lane, Keller. Memorials: Angel Flight and Christian Community Storehouse, 4640 Keller Hicks Road, Keller, Texas 76244. They were married Oct. 23, 1976, in Galesburg, Ill. Mike, the son of Edward and Joanne Fritzel, was born April 21, 1952, in Galesburg, Ill. Paula, the daughter of Dale and Eileen Johnson, was born Sept. 2, 1952, in Galesburg, Ill. Mike was a graduate of Costa High School in Galesburg and Chadron College in Chadron, Neb. Paula was a graduate of ROVA High School in Oneida, Ill., and Western Illinois University in Macomb, Ill. Mike was the owner and president of LinkUp International in Roanoke. They were preceded in death by their parents and one brother-in-law. Survivors: Their sons are Nathan (Jackie) and Adam (Mallory), both of Roanoke. Their grandchildren are Owen and Baeya Fritzel. Mike's siblings include Barbara Linnenberger (Mike) of Fort Meade, Md., Tony Fritzel (Debbie), Jim Fritzel (Diane), Pat Fritzel (Diana), Anne Fritzel and Carol Lohmar (Mark), all of Keller. Paula's sisters are Linda Harding of Rio, Ill., and Marcia Brandenburg (Al) of Clinton, Ill.

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## Herbert "Herbie" Frugia

(January 29, 1935 - April 18, 2015)



HERBERT "HERBIE" FRUGIA, age 80, a resident of Irving, Texas, died Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Carrollton. Born January 29, 1935 in Beaumont, Texas, he was the son of Perry Frugia and Emma Ashworth Frugia. Herbie was formerly employed at Dr. Pepper. Preceded in death by brothers, James Perry Frugia and Jerry Russell Frugia, he is survived by his daughter, Jana Leos of San Antonio; grandchildren, Tiffany Vasquez, Keri Howard and Jeffrey Salazar; great grandchildren, Mariah, Evony, Evan, Alyssa, Olivia and Alyna; sister, Julia Lee Stover of Irving; nephews, James, Raymond, Willie, Eugene; nieces, Sandra, Deborah, Sharon, Darlene, Charlene; and several great nieces and great nephews. A visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, April 23 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving. A memorial service will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 25 in the funeral home chapel.