

Dana William VonVoss

May 13, 1954 - September 3, 2015

Dana William VonVoss, age 61 of Irving, Texas, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, September 3, 2015. He was the son of Robert and Alice Voss and was born on May 13, 1954 in Buffalo, NY. Dana married Carla Brown on February 14, 1998 in Irving, where they were members of First Baptist Church of Irving. Dana loved life, he loved people, Carla teased him that he was always picking up strays - including her. He did window tinting for 37 years and worked for the Lord doing mission work, which was his true passion. Dana loved his many dogs and was always kind to a stranger. He was unconventional, which was one of the many things we all loved about him. His long flowing locks endeared him to people even those who would usually disapprove or feel threatened by a man with long hair. He did not have an enemy, he always saw the best in people. Dana was so funny and could make Carla laugh hysterically. He loved his motorcycle and rode until he was too sick to do so. Dana also loved flowers and made sure that anyone who passed by his house could enjoy them through their car windows. He was kind, sweet, thoughtful, generous and always eager to help people out. Dana loved the Lord and ran the house always asking God's direction and will. He read the Bible and began his days in the word. He loved his church and all that it stood for. Dana loved our three sponsor kids and even made a special trip to Uganda to meet with them and their families. Dana fought his battle with cancer with dignity and grace, some who knew him didn't even know he was sick - at least not as sick as he really was. He showed us the glory of God even as he battled for his life. I believe God greeted him saying, well done good and faithful servant. Survivors include, wife Carla VonVoss; mother, Alice Voss; brother, Dale Voss and wife Vicky; brother-in-law, Juan Brown and wife Annie; nieces and nephews, Jed Martinez, Sara Voss, Melaine Voss, Amber Brown; 4 furry kids, Wolfgang, Ivan, Grady and Andy. Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10th at Chism-Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 11th at First Baptist Church of Irving with the Rev. John Durham officiating.

Valdivia, Eduardo

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March 18, 1952 - May 30, 2015

Eduardo Valdivia, 63, of Arlington, Texas passed away on Saturday, May 30th, 2015.

There will be a visitation on Sunday, June 7th, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Aria Irving Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, June 8th, 2015 at 10:00 am., at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 2021 New York Avenue, Arlington, Texas 76010, with burial to follow at Southland Cemetery, 1205 SW 3rd St, Grand Prairie, TX 75051.

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

Arrangements are under the direction of:

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Jose P. Vasquez

(May 21, 1931 - June 22, 2015)

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JOSE P. VASQUEZ, age 84, a resident of Irving for 43 years, died Monday, June 22, 2015 at his home. Born May 21, 1931 in Illiff, Colorado, he was the son of Ramon C. and Maria Pinedo Vasquez. He married Erma Hinojosa on May 4, 1955 in Immokalee, Florida. Jose was employed at Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing for 18 years and Vecta Steelcase in Dallas for 18 years. He was a member of Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church in Irving, and a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus there. Survivors include his wife, Erma H. Vasquez of Irving; children, Johnny Vasquez and wife Christine of Stonewall, Louisiana, Rose Dickson and husband Austin of Irving, Rudy Vasquez and wife Lisa of Irving, Joe Vasquez and wife Jen of Firestone, Colorado; eleven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and sister, Santa Perez of Dallas. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 24 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 606 West Airport Freeway in Irving with the Rosary to be said at 7:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, June 25 at Holy Family of Nazareth Catholic Church, 2323 Cheyenne Street in Irving with Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman as celebrant. Burial will follow at Calvary Hill Cemetery, 3235 Lombardy Lane in Dallas.



Evelyn Lorene Venable

(July 11, 1918 - March 28, 2015)



Evelyn Lorene Venable was born in Amarillo Texas on July 11, 1918 to Veda and Asa Baggett. Evelyn was valedictorian of her high school class in Spring Lake, Tx and earned a scholarship to attend Hardin Simmons University. She later married Olan Thomas Venable. They were married 49 years. Her beloved Olan preceded her in death in March of 1983 but were joyfully reunited early on Saturday morning, March 28th. With children by her side, Evelyn left her earthly home to be with her Heavenly Father and all those loved ones who had been waiting for her.

Evelyn and Olan (known to friends as O.T.) had 3 children, Arthrene McGinnis (Ronnie Mac), Ronnie Venable and Darlene Allen (Steve Bakalars), 12 grandchildren, of whom she lovingly referred to as "the Grands", 24 Great Grands and 2 Great Great Grands. In 1953, she and Olan and family moved to Irving Tx where they were one of six couples who started Plymouth Park Baptist Church. Other than family, the Church was their life where Evelyn sang in the choir, played the piano, Olan served as Deacon and both taught the Adult Sunday School class for 15 years. After Olan's death, Evelyn continued to teach for 8 years. She was a loyal, compassionate, wise, and beautiful Matriarch to her family who adored her more than can be explained. She loved the Lord with all her heart. She was an inspiration and beautiful woman and will be missed by all.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 pm, Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home, 606 W. Airport Freeway in Irving, TX. The funeral will be 11:00am, Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Plymouth Park Baptist Church, 1714 N. Story Road, Irving, TX 75061. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens, 1413 E. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX 75060.

Jose Villa



Jose Villa, age 94 of Dallas, died Thursday May 21, 2015. He was born December 15, 1920 to Miguel Villa and Maria Villa in Oklahoma. Jose worked 19 years for Lone Star Cement and then another 19 years at AW Cullum. He is preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and five sisters. Left to cherish his memory are wife Benita Villa; daughter Maria Gonzales and husband Jesse; sons Jose M. Villa, Lucio Villa and Ruben Villa; daughters Molly Villa, Belinda Villa, Benita Villa, and Rosie Villa along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren who meant the world to him. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 10:00 am in Brown's Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with interment immediately following at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday, May 24, 2015 from 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

Gwenda Counce Vittitoe

VITTITOE, Gwenda Counce Age 64, of Arlington, TX, died on 3/1/2015. Please send the family condolences and/or share memories at www.northdallasfuneralhome.com



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Anice Voss



Anice Voss, age 72 of Waxahachie, died on April 15, 2015. She was born in Grand Prairie, Texas to James Robert Bowles and Hallie Marie Bailey Bowles on August 17, 1942 and worked as an Electronics Assembly Supervisor for Texas Instruments. Anice will be remembered as a hardworking, simple woman who loved her family and will be deeply missed. She is preceded in death by her parents and her beloved husband Marvin Levan Voss and left to cherish her memory are her daughter Kimberly Kay Banks; sons James Levan Voss and Timothy Wayne Voss; daughter Patricia Marie Wilson; grandchildren Colten Levan Voss, Walker Bailey Wilson, Emma Anice Wilson, Hallie Marie Wilson and Olive Mae Wilson along with sisters Patricia Johnette Couch and Janie Marie Couch.

Lee Roy Voss
(May 15, 1926 - January 10, 2015)



Lee Roy Voss, known for his love and great hugs, was born in Levita, Texas and died in Irving. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Doris Coleman Voss, his daughter and her husband, Tonna Miller Brock and Wayne Brock of McKinney, daughter-in-law, Nikki Potter Voss of McDonough, GA, five grandchildren, Myka Miller of Los Angeles, CA, Mekala Miller of Dallas, Luke Miller of Richmond, VA, Amy Loffredo and her husband, Stephen of McDonough, GA, and Austin Voss and his wife, Sofia of Tucson, AZ, and two great-grandchildren, Alex and Sophia Loffredo. He had many "adopted" children, Arnoldo Briceno, Janice Kurtz, Debbie Hranicky, and Randal Schaeper - to name a few. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters, wives, Joan Copeland Voss and Linda "Scottie" Jenkins Voss, and son, Roger Voss.

He enlisted in the Army on his 18th birthday and fought during World War II on Okinawa and loved his country very much. He will be buried at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery as he wished.

He worked in the aerospace industry and was proud of working on the first Apollo mission that sent man to the moon. He was a scheduling engineer first in McGregor, TX and then at LTV (Vought Corporation) in Grand Prairie where he retired twenty-six years ago.

The Voss house was the local hangout while Tonna was in high school and he is well remembered for his "hospitality, good advice, and spoiling us rotten".

Lee could fix nearly anything and helped many elderly people – from pedicures to plumbing, never accepting any payment. He said one of his best years was when he helped a dying homeless man during the last year of his life and was successful in re-connecting him to his family.

He started working on a computer in his late seventies and would edit and format his style of the Presidential Prayer Request at three in the morning to send out to friends and family. He continued this using several magnifiers at a time until last year when his macular degeneration and vision issues prevented him from doing so.

Lee was a member of First United Methodist Church in Irving and he and Doris were the sponsors of the Agape Single's Sunday School Class where they "adopted" many children. He loved and accepted people unconditionally. He was so excited about building a new sanctuary and tirelessly worked on the committee. He loved and served members of his church and community.

He said many times that having cancer 15 years ago was one of the best things that ever happened to him because of all the beautiful people who became another part of his family.

Lee had his first bypass surgery with 7 "jumps" at age 51 and had 4 arteries re-done at age 65. He had carotid surgery at 80 and a defibrillator implanted at 85. We feel he was a miracle man who just kept ticking and are so blessed to have had him in our lives all these years.

He often told friends and family not to worry, "Worry is a darkroom where negatives are developed." We will miss hearing him tell everyone he met, "I'm too blessed to be stressed."

He had a packet of information he prepared for handling his passing and he had this quote on it:



Billy Sam Vowell M.D.(1927 - 2015)



VOWELL M.D., Billy Sam Billy Sam Vowell, M.D., a family physician in practice in Irving, Texas for thirty-five years, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, December 26, 2015, in Dallas. He was 88. Born in rural Henderson County near Mabank, Texas to Lee S. Vowell and Finis Cook Vowell on February 8, 1927, Bill volunteered at age seventeen, in 1944, for the U.S. Naval Reserve and served aboard the USS Eppingham, a troop transport amphibious ship, in the invasion of Okinawa in the Pacific Theater of World War II. After his honorable discharge from USNR in June, 1946. Bill met and fell in love with Mary Mitchell, daughter of Lucille F. Mitchell and Clarence Mitchell, at a Valentine's Day party. The couple married on October 4, 1947, enjoying a happy marriage for 65 years, until Mary's death on April 10, 2012. They had one son, Timothy Sam Vowell, born May 16, 1959. Bill and Mary enjoyed playing bridge, ballroom dancing and being with their close-knit family at every opportunity. Bill Vowell received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Methodist University in 1957 and a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree from Southwestern Medical School Branch of the University of Texas, Dallas in 1959. After scoring the highest general average grade of 92.5 on the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners licensing examination given that year - which he credited to Donald Seldon, M.D., and other faculty members at Southwestern - and serving an internship at St. Paul Hospital in Dallas, Bill entered practice with The Medical and Surgical Clinic of Irving, where he enjoyed taking care of his patients until his retirement at age 70. Bill loved his profession as a medical doctor, delivering his best efforts of professional care to each patient. He often told his family that the respect and affection he felt for his patients they generously returned to him, many-fold. Bill served as a Federal Aviation Authority medical examiner and also as the official team physician for MacArthur High School, the latter for 27 years. Bill spent treasured time hunting, fishing and golfing with his son, Tim, and many friends. An avid golfer, Bill was a charter member of Las Colinas Country Club, claiming seven holes-in-one over five decades of membership. After his retirement, Bill and Mary moved to Georgetown, Texas, where they continued to enjoy playing bridge and dancing, and where Bill enjoyed taking long daily walks in the Texas Hill Country. Six years later, the couple returned to family and friends in Irving, including their church community at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church. In 2012, Bill lost Mary after a long illness, and he moved to Dallas to be with his nieces, Nelda Cain Pickens and Nancy Cain Marcus. In 2013, Bill joined a two-month, four-generation family trip to Europe, where he received the United States flag for his military service in an official ceremony at Normandy. This trip began a period of extensive travel, during which Bill enjoyed friendships old and new, while always spending holidays with his adoring family. Bill's last meal was a traditional Christmas dinner at home where, surrounded by four generations of family members, he was seated at the head of the table. Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary L. Mitchell Vowell, and her mother, Lucille F. Mitchell; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Vowell; two sisters, Bobbie Lee and Mary Katherine; and three brothers, David, Pat and Mike; brothers-in-law, James Carl Cain and Richard C. Gregg; and sister-in-law, Nelda Jane Mitchell Cain Gregg. Bill is survived by his beloved companion, Dr. Joanne Stroud; his son, Timothy S. Vowell of Madison, Wisconsin; his nieces, Nelda Cain Pickens and Nancy Cain Marcus, both of Dallas; his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Robert Morrison of Amarillo; his niece and family, Cindy, Chuck and Jeremy Thomas Hassell of Amarillo; his nephew and family, Keith and Kimberly Morrison, and Holly Morrison of Denver; his grand-nephews and their wives, Rod Cain Jones and Nancy Perot of Dallas; David Mitchell Marcus, M.D. and Leslie Gaston Marcus of Carbondale, Colorado; his grand-niece and her husband, Rebecca Marcus Fernandes, M.D. and Alexandre Fernandes of Sao Paulo; his great-grand nieces and nephews and other relatives: Caroline Cain Jones, William O'Brien Jones and their mother, Geraldine O'Brien Jones; Elizabeth Jane Marcus, Matthew Reid Marcus; Isabella Cain Marcus Fernandes, Joao Fernandes and Pedro Fernandes; Jonathan Pierce and Brandon Pierce and their mother, Heidi Hamilton; and many friends. A close family friend of Bill Vowell, Monsignor Donald Fischer, officiated at a private Funeral Mass on Monday, December 28, 2015, which was followed by burial with military honors. Serving as Pallbearers: Rod Cain Jones, David Mitchell Marcus, William O'Brien Jones, Brandon Pierce, Jeff Patterson, Steve Patterson; Honorary Pallbearers: Timothy Sam Vowell, Alexandre Fernandes, Jeffrey A. Marcus, Donald Oberlin, John Goad, Marshal Dooley, Coley Clark, Jonathan Pierce, Eric Stroud, Ethan Stroud, Ethan Stroud, IV, and Will Stroud. Uncle Bill as he was affectionately known to many, left a legacy of honor, integrity, wisdom, wit and devotion to friends, family and country. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dr. Harold Jeskey Scholarship Fund at Southern Methodist University, or to the Nancy C. and Jeffrey A. Marcus Endowment for Scholars of Medical Research in honor of Bill S. Vowell, M.D., at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas.



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