

Wise County Messenger Obituaries

2009

Last Names

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The following obituaries are in alphabetical order by last name.

Abbott, Lorene

1922-2009

Published Sunday, August 23, 2009

Graveside service for Lorene Abbott, 87, of Fort Worth was to be at noon, Saturday, Aug. 22, at Lonestar Cemetery.

Abbott died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009. Born March 23, 1922, she was a member of Smithfield Baptist Church and was a 50-year member of Rebekah Lodge 251. She loved people and dancing, winning several trophies. She is survived by her daughters, Imogene Chilton of Fort Worth and Margaret Moore of Blair, Okla. ; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; sister, Opal Geer of Hurst; and brother, Lynn Mowery of Chico.

Adamo, John Henry

1957-2009

Published Sunday, November 8, 2009

Graveside service for John Henry Adamo, 52, of Poolville is 2 p. m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Boonsville Cemetery with the Rev. Craig Orb officiating.

Adamo died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born April 16, 1957, in Biloxi, Miss., to Vincent and Lucille (Jeter) Adamo, he married Lori Jean Shelley March 24, 1977, in Dallas. He was a chef for Lowes Anatole. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Joy Cunningham and husband, Jeremy, of Azle; sons, Ernest and Jerromy Adamo of Poolville; grandchildren, Jerromy, Alex, Savannah, Matthew and Caitlynn; sisters, Faye Kendricks, Pat Tuccine, Phyllis Vargas and Mary Lindsey; and stepfather, Phillip Busby.

Adams, Linda Pearl Teal

1946-2009

Published Sunday, November 22, 2009

Funeral for Linda Pearl Teal Adams, 63, of Newark is 2 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at Christian-Hawkins Chapel with the Rev. Cliff Spain officiating. Burial will be at Aurora Cemetery.

Adams died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, in Weatherford. Born March 14, 1946, in Fort Worth to Jesse Lee and Pearl Opal (Drain) Teal, she was a retired airline reservationist for Frontier. She traveled and painted. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Adams; and sisters, Rosie Mouser, June Johnson and Pat Cloud. She is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Taliaferro and husband, Rick, of Newark; son, Billy Jack Mouser and wife, Eddy Sue, of Nemo; grandchildren, Nicholas, Christopher, Teal, Brad, Brandi, Billy Gene, Zachary, Jesse, Spencer, Wayne and Jeffery; great-grandchildren, Zackary, Matthew, Katlyn, Hayden, Triston, Karsyn and Kennedy; and brother, J. L. Teal.

and wife, Evelyn, of Springtown. Pallbearers will be Sammy Teal, Richard Teal, Corkey Cloud, Ronnie Cloud, Kenny Cloud and Steve Cloud.

Alvarez, Juan 'El Cubano'

1919-2009

Published Sunday, March 29, 2009

Graveside service for Juan 'El Cubano' Alvarez, 90, of Bridgeport was Friday at Cemeterio De Mexicano in Bridgeport with the Revs. Juan Rodas and Manuel Salinas officiating.

Alvarez died Wednesday, March 25, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Jan. 27, 1919, in Mantanza, Cuba, to Lucio and Maria (Gill) Alvarez, he was a retired rancher. He came to America in 1981 and was a member of the Primera Iglesia Baptista Church in Decatur. He is survived by his son, Juan Alvarez Jr. ; and his sisters, Carmen and Maria.

Allen, Wanda Lynn

1953-2009

Published Sunday, March 22, 2009

Graveside service for Wanda Lynn Allen, 55, of Bridgeport will be at 10 a. m. Monday, March 23, at East Bridgeport Cemetery with the Rev. Fred Villa officiating. Visitation is 3 to 5 p. m. Sunday at Hawkins Funeral Home.

Allen died Wednesday, March 18, 2009, in Bowie. Born Dec. 22, 1953, in Xenia, Ohio, to Robert and Mary Olson, she was a teacher. She married Danny Allen Dec. 10, 2008, in Sanger. She is survived by her husband; sons, Robert McDonald and wife, Tara, and Paul McDonald and wife, Samara, all of Dayton, Ohio; daughter, Melinda Allen of Bridgeport; grandson, Charlie Thomas McDonald; her parents; and sisters, Linda, Debbie and Vanessa.

Allensworth, Matt Lamar

1958-2009

Published Sunday, May 3, 2009

Funeral for Matt Lamar Allensworth, 50, of Paradise is at 3 p. m. Sunday, May 3, at the First United Methodist Church in Bridgeport. The Rev. Dana Coker and Chaplain Pat Thorpe will officiate, and burial will follow at Paradise Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Saturday at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Allensworth died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in Paradise. Born Oct. 30, 1958, in Austin to Jack and Connie Valeria Beeson Allensworth, he hunted, fished, boated and rode motorcycles. He is survived by his daughters, Renee Lynn Allensworth and CayCe Elliott Allensworth; his father; a brother, Jackson Lyle Allensworth; a sister, Kelly Ann Allensworth; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Don Stricklen, Kenny Hahs, Jose Esquivel, Burt Hahs, Dylan Allensworth, Zack Allensworth, Weston Peters and Jackson Allensworth. Honorary pallbearer will be Cody Stricklen.

Alston, Wanda Joyce

1932-2009

Published Thursday, November 26, 2009

Funeral for Wanda Joyce Alston, 77, of Boyd was Nov. 24 at the Briar Church of Christ with burial in Boyd Cemetery Phillip McIntosh and Tom Wacaster officiated.

Alston died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, at her home in Boyd. Born Sept. 19, 1932, to John and Anna Mae McNeal in Paris, she married Al Alston Nov. 11, 1949, in Haltom City and was a housewife. She was preceded in death by a son, Jack Alston; brother, Gene

McNeal; and sisters, Johnnie Mae Harvey and Shirley McNeal. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Johnnie Ann Wacaster and husband, Tom, of Clarksville and Susan Cole and husband, Terry, of Ragley, La. ; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews and other relatives. Pallbearers were Tommy Wacaster, Joel Alston, Michael Hicks, John Hicks, Don Mason and Tim Bradberry. Honorary pallbearers were Murl Stafford and Joe Harris.

Amaya, Catarino

1918-2009

Published Sunday, September 6, 2009

Funeral for Catarino Amaya, 91, of Bridgeport is at 6 p. m. Monday, Sept. 7, at Funerales Hernandez Durango, Mexico. Burial is to follow at Cemeterio Valle de los Sabinos.

Amaya died Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born April 30, 1918, to Francisco Amaya and Josefa Arreola in Rodeo, Durango, he was a farmer and a Catholic. He is survived by his children, Hermelinda Amaya Perez of Bridgeport, Maria Davis of Irving and Maria Elena Amaya Ibanez, Silvestre Amaya Ibanez, Maria Gloria Amaya Ibanez, Sonobia Amaya Ibanez, Hever Alan Amaya Ibanez and Avid Anuhar Amaya Ibanez, all of Durango.

Amon, Margaret 'Margie'

1941-2009

Published Thursday, January 29, 2009

Funeral for Margaret "Margie" Amon, 67, of Paradise is at 10 a. m. Thursday, Jan. 29, at First Baptist Church in Cottdale with the Rev. Charles Pugh, the Rev. Joseph Jernagin and Bob Boughton officiating. Burial is at 3 p. m. at Richland Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at Hawkins Funeral Home.

Amon died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in Paradise. Born April 25, 1941, in Waxahachie to Charlie and Anna (Varner) Wray, she married Jack Amon on March 24, 1984, in Arlington. She was a realtor for RE/MAX and Preferred Properties, a member of the Texas Real Estate Commission, the Greater Denton-Wise Board of Realtors, the Texas Association of Realtors, the RE/MAX Platinum Club, Eastern Star, Nocona Hills Ladies Bible Study, the First Baptist Church of Cottdale and the RE/MAX Hall of Fame. She was preceded in death by her father; brother, Jerry Wray; and a grandchild, Jennelle Fuller. She is survived by her husband of 24 years; her mother; sons, William Fuller of Whitney and Brett Fuller and wife, Debbie, of Paradise; step-children, Ruth Norvell and husband, Phil, of Tulsa, Okla., Dan Amon and wife, Pam, of Austin, Dave Amon of Tulsa, Okla. and Rachel Tusberg of New Hampshire; brother, Jimmy Wray of Austin; 24 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Bob Boughton, Duane Read, Johnny Zuniga, James Thompson, Justin Thompson and James Hugh Major. Honorary pallbearers will be Billy Skidmore, Ashley Langley, Buddy Patterson, Darrell James, Bill Drug and Cash Houpt. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the First Baptist Church in Cottdale.

Anderson, Monty Paul

1947-2009

Published Thursday, June 11, 2009

Graveside service for Monty Paul Anderson, 62, of Rhome was to be at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, June 10, at Aurora Cemetery with the Rev. Ron Canatzer officiating.

Anderson died Sunday, June 7, 2009, in Decatur. Born Jan. 9, 1947, in Fort Worth to

Emmitt Aaron and Gladys Virginia (Hutchinson) Anderson, he graduated from Northwest High School in 1965. He served in the U. S. Army in Germany from 1966 to 1968. He worked for the Fort Worth Stockyards for many years and also as an independent truck driver. He was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia; and a brother, Andy Brent. He is survived by his wife, Jerrie; nephews, Mark Anderson of Crockett, Matt Anderson and wife, Tammy, of Crockett and Michael Anderson and wife, Debbie, of Richardson; and numerous other family members. Honorary pallbearers were to be Robert Pitts, Don Taylor, Tim Taylor, Clayt Smith, Charlie Robertson, Brant Cross, Tony Dickey, Raymond Dickey and Dan Maeyers. Memorials may be made to the Rhome Volunteer Fire Department.

Anderson, Rickard Philmore

1930-2009

Published Thursday, May 7, 2009

Funeral for Rickard Philmore Anderson, 79, of Slidell was to be at 11 a. m. Wednesday, May 6, at the First Baptist Church of Slidell with Bobby Cates officiating.

Anderson died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in Denton. Born March 20, 1930, in Cooke County to Arther and Annalee (Durham) Anderson, he married Martha Montalvo June 28, 1983, in Ardmore, Okla. He was a retired farmer and bus driver. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Herman, Erroll and Lorn Anderson, and sisters, Wanda Hachtel and Barbara Heastande. He is survived by his wife; sons, George Anderson and wife, Paula, of Roanoke and Kenneth Anderson of Denton; daughter, LeeAnna Anderson of Gainesville; granddaughter, Kimberland Anderson of Gainesville; nieces, Joan Johnson, Kay Riley and Martha McCasland; and nephew, Dan Hachtel. Pallbearers were to be Blake Fortenberry, Leslie Fortenberry, Tutor Pruett, Roydney Yard, Marvin Smith, John North, J. W. Irick and Chris Waskan. Memorials may be made to Interfaith Ministries, care of Apple Tree Project, 1109 N. Elm, Denton, TX 76201.

Andrews, Jeane Kemp

1923-2009

Published Thursday, July 23, 2009

Graveside service for Jeane Kemp Andrews, 85, of Bridgeport was July 26 at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park in Colleyville.

She died Monday, July 13, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born July 26, 1923, in Oklahoma City to Lem Evan Foster and Mamie Ella, she was a member of Northwest Church of Christ at Lake Worth and the Bridgeport "Red Hat Diva Dames". She lived in various places including Colleyville, Grapevine, Bowie, Lake Country and Bridgeport. She is survived by her daughter, JeanElane Kemp Murphree and husband, Gene; son, L. D. Kemp and wife, Lavonne, all of Lake Bridgeport; grandchildren, Laticia Kemp Cloud of Decatur, Brent Jones and wife, Norma, of Lake Bridgeport, Joe Dale Jones and wife, Nada, of Key Largo, Fla., and Blake Pearson Murphree and wife, Jennifer, of Miami Beach, Fla; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to Christ Haven of Keller and St. Jude's Hospital.

Appleby, Denise

1950-2009

Published Thursday, January 29, 2009

Memorial service for Denise Appleby, 58, of Okauchee, Wis., was Jan. 23 in The Woodlands.

Appleby died Jan. 19, 2009, in Okauchee. Born Aug. 15, 1950, in Decatur to Fred and

Dorothy Dowell, she was employed for many years by Sirius Computers as an account executive. She lived in the Tomball/Magnolia area prior to her move to Wisconsin and was a member of the Fellowship of The Woodlands, where she was involved in children's ministry. She was preceded in death by her father; her mother; stepfather, Fred Rynearson; and brother, Bob Dowell. She is survived by her husband, Rick; daughters, Terri David and husband, Jon, and Kim Leeker and husband, Eric; stepdaughters, Lauren Mims and husband, Jason, Lindsay Appleby and Kristen Appleby; and grandchildren, Tyler Sorrell and Evan and Allison David.

Archer, Joyce June Wilson

1935-2009

Published Sunday, June 28, 2009

Funeral for Joyce June (Wilson) Archer, 70, of Paradise was June 26 at Balsora Baptist Church with the Revs. Sonny Smith and Kenneth Woods officiating. Burial followed at Cottondale Cemetery.

Archer died Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born June 20, 1939, in Corsicana to Leroy and Bessie Wilson, she married A. C. Archer June 29, 1957, in Durant, Okla. She was a hairdresser for 32 years. She was a member of Balsora Baptist Church, Good Sam RV Club and AARP. She was preceded in death by her brother, Johnny Lee Wilson, and granddaughters, Stacy Archer and Beth Bruce. She is survived by her husband; sons, Dwight Archer and wife, Vinessa, C. D. (Dwayne) Archer and David Archer and wife, Mendy; grandchildren, Lorie, Dallas, Randy, Cindy, Holly, Stephanie, Carlie, Lorenda and Allison; great-grandchildren, Chris, Dustin, Mayson, Ellie, Gunner, Tianna, Kaleisha, Lanie, Maddox, Arianna, Bryan and Rebecca; sisters, Joy Brawner and husband, Dale, and Sammie Shackelford and husband, Wally; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Cindy Teague, Stephanie Archer, Randy Eyster, Lance Erwin, Matt Taylor and Ryan Ellis.

Ashmore, Judy B.

1931-2009

Published Thursday, December 10, 2009

Memorial service for Judy B. Ashmore, 78, of Azle is 1 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home with Jim Wofford officiating. Visitation is at noon prior to the service.

Ashmore died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in Azle. She was born Sept. 25, 1931, to H. D. and Oleta (Dickerson) Posey in Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her sons, James S. Ashmore and John T. Ashmore. She is survived by her daughter, Candy Cothran and husband, Craig, of Azle; granddaughter, Jennifer Ann Collins of Fort Worth; great-grandchildren, Brandon Thomas Baker and Jaxon Cody Collins; and sister, Martha Illene Hill of Irving.

Atkins, Joseph Glenn

1962-2009

Published Thursday, February 19, 2009

Funeral for Joseph Glenn Atkins, 46, of White Settlement was to be at 10 a. m.

Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Mountain Valley Funeral Home Chapel in Burleson. Burial was to be at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Atkins died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in White Settlement. Born Aug. 22, 1962, to Glenn Atkins and Donna Harbour in Decatur, he graduated from Brewer High School in 1979. He worked as a home repairman and also for Fort Worth Motor Escort Service, and was

a wood crafter. He is survived by his wife, Rebekah Atkins; father and stepmother, Monica; brothers, Blake Atkins and wife, Valerie, of Round Rock and Marc Young of Florida; and sister, Yvette Johnson and husband, Ricky, of Fort Worth.

Bahena, Alexia

2009

Published Thursday, May 21, 2009

Graveside service for Alexia Bahena, the infant daughter of Hector and Adriana Bahena, is at 3 p. m. Thursday, May 21, at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Alexia was born and died Saturday, May 16, 2009, in Fort Worth. She is survived by her parents; sister, Jaslene Bahena; grandmother, Martha Vargas; grandparents, Gregorio and Maria Bahena of Mexico; and aunts, Claudia, Alicia and Daniella.

Bailey, Deborah Ann

1962-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Funeral for Deborah Ann Bailey, 46, of Justin was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd with the Rev. Gary Sessions and Gene Bloomfield officiating. Burial was to be at Cottondale Cemetery.

Bailey died Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009, in Denton. Born Dec. 18, 1962, in Azle to Bill and Robbie Jean (McKinney) Bailey, she married William D. Lowery Nov. 5, 1986, in Fort Worth. She is survived by her husband; sons, Keith Allan Geiman Jr. and wife, Leigh, of McKinney and Matthew Lowery of Justin; sisters, Linda Gober and Becky Ledbetter, of Springtown, Brenda Kelley of Weatherford and Glenda Anderson of Helena, Mont. ; brothers, Larry and John Davis, of Watauga; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were to be Patrick Kelley, Christopher Kelley, Bryan Davis, Nic Davis, Dustin Ledbetter, Johnny Steward and Cody Gober. Memorials may be made to the autism program at Northwest ISD.

Baker, Beverly Harris

1929-2009

Published Thursday, February 26, 2009

Funeral for Beverly Harris Baker, 79, of Albuquerque, N. M., and formerly of Decatur, was Feb. 17 at French Chapel in Albuquerque. Burial was at French Mortuary.

Baker died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009. She was born Oct. 2, 1929, in Pennsylvania to James and Pauline Matter. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ele Baker; daughter, Paula Ladue; and grandson, Tod Storey. She is survived by her children, Dennis Harris and wife, LuAnn of Alvord, Brad Ladue and wife, Wendy, of Terrell, Tony Baker and wife, Simone, of Denver and Jeannette March and husband, Joe, of Los Lunas, N. M. ; sister, Lynn Bodenweiser and husband, Kirby, of Albuquerque; nine grandchildren, including Allison Harris of Alvord and Rena Storey of Paradise; five great-grandchildren, including Calahan Sandvick of Paradise; and nephews.

Barclay, Donna Marie

1928-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Funeral for Donna Marie Barclay, 80, of Alvord is 10 a. m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at First Baptist Church of Alvord with the Rev. Bill Cleveland officiating. Burial will follow at Alvord Cemetery. Family visitation was to be 7 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

Barclay died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009, in Bowie. Born Nov. 13, 1928, in Waynesville County, Mo., to Charles Edward and Gertrude Cora Elizabeth (Cole) Parson, she was raised by Will and Etta McMath after her mother's death in 1936. She owned Donna's Beauty Shop in Alvord. She is survived by sons, Alan Troy Barclay of Alvord and Dale Alton Barclay of Grapevine; a daughter, Cheryl Elizabeth Franks of Grapevine; grandchildren, Waylon Barclay, Cory Franks, Culley Franks, Brandii Barclay and Samantha Barclay; great-grandchildren, Cassandra and Shelby Barclay and Clayton and Cooper Franks; a sister, Vesta Fern Parson of Alvord; a half-sister, Lois Ann Bell; a half-brother, Richard Lee Parson; and special friend, Bill Spain of Alvord.

Barker, Don

1926-2009

Published Thursday, August 6, 2009

There is no service planned for Don Barker, 83, of Sunset. His body is being donated to science with cremation to follow.

Barker died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, in Sunset. Born April 9, 1926, in Glenwood, Minn., to Clair and Verna (Morris) Barker, he was a former resident of Park Rapids and Brainerd, Minn., before moving to Texas in 1980. He worked for Texstyrene Plastics from 1981 to 1994. He was a life member of VFW Post 10374 in Fort Worth and a member of Otto Hendrikson American Legion Post 212 in Park Rapids. He restored old tractors. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Jackie Dombrovski of Prior Lake, Minn., and Bonnie Brothers of Eustis, Fla. ; son, Brad Barker of Las Vegas; sisters, Vivian Lee of Audobon, Minn., June Barsness of Minneapolis and Donna Gausman of Morris; stepchildren, Roger of Prior Lake, David, Johnny and Jimmy of Hickman, Ky., Mona of Texas City and Terri of Grand Prairie; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bates, Cleota

1924-2009

Published Sunday, November 22, 2009

Funeral for Cleota Bates, 85, of Decatur is 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the Victory Family Church in Decatur with her son, Allen Bates with Victory Family Church, officiating. Burial will be at Archer City Cemetery.

Bates died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, in Decatur. Born Dec. 12, 1924, in Chandler, Okla., to William Ray Smith and Annabelle Harrison Smith, she graduated from Holliday High School. She married George Bates Feb. 7, 1942, in Walters, Okla. She lived in Irving and Bowie, then moved to Decatur in 1989. She was a homemaker and a charter member of Victory Family Church. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Diane Sartain of Sherman and Gloria Purdy and Evelyn Ryan of Decatur; sons, George L. Bates of Bowie and Allen Bates of Decatur; brother, Kenneth Smith of Houston; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Victory Family Church-Missions to Israel, P. O. Box 32, Decatur, TX 76234.

Beard, Gladys Jennie

1914-2009

Published Thursday, September 3, 2009

Graveside service for Gladys Jennie Beard, 95, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Lone Star Cemetery with Elaine White officiating.

Beard died Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born April 1, 1914, in Santa Rosa, N. M., to Leonard L. and Sophie Louise (Gerhart) Irwin, she was a homemaker. She was a member of the Morris Memorial United Methodist Church in Chico. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Edd Prince Beard, and a son, George Dale Beard. She is survived by her sons, Eddie Joe Beard and wife, Dianna, of Arlington, Leonard L. Beard and wife, Kathy, of Alvarado, Fred Wallace and wife of Tullarosa, N. M., and James (Leroy) Wallis and wife, Brenda Ann, of Eules; daughters, Martha Jean Beard of Chico and Darla Susann Bowyer of Bridgeport; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Beard, Rodney Lynn

1962-2009

Published Thursday, April 23, 2009

Funeral for Rodney Lynn Beard, 47, of The Woodlands will be at 2 p. m. Saturday, April 25, at Pleasant Grove Baptist No. 2 in Boyd with Lonnie Davis officiating. Burial will follow at Boyd Cemetery.

Beard died Thursday, April 2, 2009, at home. He was born Feb. 8, 1962, in Bridgeport to George and Barbara Beard. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; his mother, Barbara Luster and husband, Johnny, of Boyd; sisters, Teresia Slaughter and husband, Steve, of Arlington and Melissa Dickenson and husband, Gary, of Boyd; brothers, Brent Beard of Azle and Jason Rodgers and wife, Sandy, of Boyd; stepchildren, David Love, Angie Goff and Nicole Love; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Bentley, Dorothy Elliott

1937-2009

Published Sunday, May 31, 2009

No service was held for Dorothy Elliott Bentley, 71, of Arlington.

Bentley died Wednesday, May 20, 2009, in Arlington. She was born June 13, 1937, in Clarksville to Myrtle and Rainee Elliott. She was preceded in death by a son, Wyman Bentley Jr. She is survived by two daughters, Sue Kennan and Tracy Bentley of Newark; eight grandchildren, Michael, Jason, Helen, Summer, L. J., Rene, Kolton and Holly, all of Newark; eight great-grandchildren, Kylie, Hannah, Richard, Erica, April, Jack, Carl and Ayden; and three brothers.

Berry, Betty Atkinson McFarland

1927-2009

Published Thursday, July 23, 2009

Memorial service for Betty Atkinson McFarland Berry, 81, of Springtown is 11 a. m. Saturday, July 25, at Cornerstone Community Church in Springtown with Ron Ebert officiating. Visitation will follow.

Berry died July 19, 2009, in Azle. Born Oct. 24, 1927, in Frederick, Okla., to Katie and A. H. Atkinson, she graduated from Poly Technical High School in 1944 and City County nursing school in 1947. She worked in hospital healthcare systems and in disaster situations. She worked at County Hospital, now John Peter Smith Hospital, was a nursing manager at All Saints Hospital and was director of nursing for more than a decade at Glenview Hospital in North Richland Hills. She worked at St. Paul Insurance Co. as an internal review inspector and surveyor of hospitals in Texas. She traveled and was a member of the ladies auxiliary of the VFW Post 8235. She was preceded in death by her stepdaughter, Mary Lynn Panzera; and step-grandchildren, Joshua Allen and Joy Allen; sister, Joan Elizabeth Atkinson Cosby. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Chuck" Berry of Springtown; daughter, LuAnn McFarland Teague and husband, James "Rusty" Teague, of Boyd; stepdaughter, Becky Allen and husband, Lenny, of Ruidoso, N. M. ; grandson, Mike Teague of Boyd; step-grandchildren, C. W. Harwell of Sanford, N. C.,

Joseph Allen, Jacob Allen and wife, Christa, Jane Allen, Jewel Allen, Jorah Allen and Jericho Allen, all of Ruidoso; great-grandchildren, Lauren and Hunter Harwell of Sanford; brother, James H. Atkinson and wife, Claudia, of Fort Worth; sister, Joyce Evelyn Randall of Haskell; nephews and a niece and great nephews and nieces. Her body was donated to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

Bible, Nolan Bible aka Dolton Edward Hill

1967-2009

Published Thursday, March 26, 2009

Funeral for Nolan Bible, 41, of Bridgeport will be at 1 p. m. Saturday, March 28, at Central Fellowship Church in Decatur with Ty Lovell and Doug Vaughn officiating.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p. m. Friday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Sept. 12, 1967, to James Arthur and Lurisa Faye (Gentry) Hill, he was employed by CO2 Cleaning/Mom's Touch as a field technician. He was preceded in death by his father, James Hill, and grandfather, Charles Bible Sr. He is survived by his wife, Shonna Samuel of Bridgeport; mother, Martha Bible of Decatur and biological mother Lurisa Hill of Dallas; sons, Brandon Case of Oklahoma City, and D'Antae Bible of Bridgeport; daughter, Mikhalia Hockenhull of Bridgeport; brother, Kerry Avant of Decatur; sister, Marissa Bible Avant of Decatur; grandmother, Esther Bible of Decatur; and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Monty Caraway, John Case, Joe Driver, Cliff Garvin, Chris Pewitt and Chris Sterling.

Biffar, Clyde Raymond

1919-2009

Published Sunday, May 17, 2009

Graveside service for Clyde Raymond Biffar, 89, of Chico was to be at 10 a. m.

Saturday, May 16, at Chico Cemetery with the Rev. Larry Potts officiating.

Biffar died Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in Chico. Born May 22, 1919, in Arlington, Neb., to John and Winnifred Biffar, he married Corinne Warrick Feb. 23, 1956, in Onawa, Iowa. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps and was a retired mechanic from Chrysler. He collected clocks. He was preceded in death by his sons, Glenn Biffar and James Biffar, and daughter, Elaine Biffar Sheffler. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Looie Biffar and Penny Pierce; son, Chuck Biffar and wife, Mary; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bishop, Joseph Warren

1941-2009

Published Thursday, March 26, 2009

Funeral for Joseph Warren Bishop, 67, of Decatur was March 24 at First Baptist Church in Decatur. The Rev. Ken May officiated, and burial followed at Mansfield Cemetery.

Bishop died Friday, March 20, 2009, in Decatur. Born April 17, 1941, in Dallas, to Warren Harding and Frances Luellen (Crisman) Bishop, he was a Navy veteran and co-owner of Capital Consultants in Austin. He married Theresa "Terri" Beckler Sept. 30, 1989, in Dallas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur. He was preceded in death by three sons, Dennis, Danny and Joshua Bishop. He is survived by his wife; four sons, Tony Bishop and wife, Mary, of Rowlett, Brandon Bishop and wife, Jill, of Franklin, Tenn., Ryan Bishop and wife, Kelli, of Louisville, Ky., and Dusty Bishop and wife, Jennifer, of Roanoke; a daughter, Pamela Kay Pierson and husband, David, of Oroville, Calif. ; 19 grandchildren, Sam, Alex, Markus, Michael, Michelle, T. J., Taylor,

Olivia, Brian, Billy, Brandi, Linda, Joshua, Aby, Isabel, Aurora, Cheyenne, Scott and Tommy; two great-grandchildren, Halle and A. J. ; a brother, David Bishop and wife, Sherry, of Center; a sister, Pamela Jean Rogers and husband, Mike, of Kaufman; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Alex Hewitt, Markus Pierson, Sam Hewitt, T. J. Bishop, Taylor Bishop and Tom Rogers. Honorary pallbearers were Danny Scheraga, Sidro Olivas, Sain Joseph, David Ramsey, C. E. Crenshaw, David Beckler, Michael Decker, Jim McGlamery and Jose Menendez. Donations may be made to the U. S. Polo Training Foundation and Bobby Barry Scholarship Fund.

Bishop, Richard Dwain

1968-2009

Published Sunday, August 2, 2009

Funeral for Richard Dwain Bishop, 41, of Arlington is at 12:30 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Moore Funeral Home Chapel in Arlington. Graveside service is at 3:30 p. m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Bethel Cemetery in Decatur. Visitation is 6 to 8 p. m. Monday, Aug. 3, at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington.

Bishop died Thursday, July 30, 2009. Born July 27, 1968, in Bridgeport to Richard Waldon Bishop and Mildred Joyce Davidson, he graduated from Decatur High School in 1987. He enjoyed photography, NASCAR, bull riding, car shows and football. He worked for Progressive Concepts in Fort Worth for 10 years. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife, Regina Christine Bishop; daughter, Lindsey Michelle Bishop; son, Richard Dillon Bishop; stepson, Ryan Jason Stewart; mother; stepfather, Billy M. Davidson; brother, Raymond Riley Bishop and wife, Michaele; sister, Brandy Nocolle Thomas; two stepbrothers, Tony and Terry Davidson; two stepsisters, Sharon Whitaker and Stacey Sandlin; and numerous other relatives.

Black, Ruby B.

1918-2009

Published Thursday, October 1, 2009

Graveside service for Ruby B. Black, 91, of Bridgeport is at 2 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 28, at East Bridgeport Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Sessions officiating. Visitation was to be from 7 to 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Black died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Feb. 23, 1918, in Decatur to Coy and Jewell (Cook) McEntire, she was a retired nurse. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Black; grandchildren, Bruce and Sammy; sister, Lena Tackel; and brother, Hugh McEntire. She is survived by her daughter, Doris Hill of Bridgeport; sons, Sam J. Black and wife, Sue, of Chico and Richard Black and wife, Debra, of Decatur; grandchildren, Lee, Doug and Russell; great-grandchildren, Brandie, Skylar and Braiden; and sister, Eula Neighbors of Springtown.

Bloodgood, Joyce Ellen

1957-2009

Published Sunday, March 8, 2009

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Joyce Ellen Bloodgood, 51, of Decatur. Bloodgood died Thursday, March 5, 2009, in Decatur. Born Sept. 25, 1957, in New Jersey to Frank and Maryanne (Gilley) Natonick, she married John Bloodgood in 1986 in Lancaster. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Shawna Brooks of New Jersey; and brothers, Richard and Keith Natonick.

Blount, Jean 'Nana'

1955-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Funeral for Jean "Nana" Blount, 54, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with burial at East Bridgeport Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Langdon was to officiate.

She died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Aug. 25, 1955, in Gainesville to Preston and Claranelle (Dennis) Breeze, she was a licensed vocational nurse. She married Warren Blount Oct. 31, 1976, in Ardmore, Okla. She was preceded in death by her father; and a daughter, Tracy Dalynn Blount. She is survived by her husband; son, Greg Blount and wife, Betty, of Burleson; daughters, Kerri Breeze of Bridgeport, Sharon Rose and husband, Pete, of Nocona, Trina Marie Bradley and husband, James 'Peanut', of Bowie, Tammy Jean Green and husband, Joe, of Bridgeport and Melissa Renee Ouzts and husband, Jeffrey, of Caster, La. ; mother; 22 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were to be Greg Blount, Greg Franks, Wesley Hall, Lee Butler, James Bradley, Marten Herrera, Jesse Salgado, Jeffrey Ouzts, Justen Starnes, Cameron Starnes, Joe Green, Bobby Starnes, Harry Daves, Larry Bouldin, John Wayne Williams and John Cortez Sr.

Boles, Mary Hunter

1925-2009

Published Thursday, January 15, 2009

Funeral for Mary Hunter Boles, 83, of Granbury will be at 1:30 p. m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Mount Olivet Chapel in Fort Worth. Burial will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Boles died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Granbury. Born May 3, 1925, in Patterson, N. J., to Helen and Joseph Montanye, she married John Edward Hunter Jr. April 12, 1943. She was active in the Senior Citizen's Center of Granbury. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hunter, in 1999; three brothers; one sister; and one great-granddaughter, Heather Joann Griffeth. She is survived by her husband, J. W. Boles; daughters, Rosemary Ann Hunter Griffeth and husband, Nolen Alba, of Decatur, Sharon Kay Broom and husband, Jerry, of Granbury and Theresa Hunter Fisher and husband, Bobby, of Montgomery; sister JoAnn Heidt of Wayne, N. J. ; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bolin, Abner Thomas 'Tom'

1922-2009

Published Thursday, September 24, 2009

Funeral for Abner Thomas "Tom" Bolin, 88, of Blue Mound was Sept. 21 at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home in Boyd with the Rev. Jimmy Winters officiating. Burial was at Boyd Cemetery.

Bolin died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, in Blue Mound. Born Dec. 22, 1922, in Drop to Alfred Anderson and Ida Clara Bolin, he served in the military during World War II. He married Ray Nell Stokes Dec. 31, 1945, in Decatur. He was retired from Trinity Portland Cement as a maintenance man and traveled in his motor home with his wife. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, John Y. "Mo" Gilbert; sisters, Ethel Earnest, Freida Pitts and Jessie May Followill; and brothers, J. T. Bolin and Alfred Bolin Jr. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Sandra Padgett and husband, Jim, and Donna White and husband, Tommy, all of Blue Mound ,and Sharon Kay Gilbert of Eagle Mountain; son, Randy Carl Bolin of Burleson; 13 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Palmer of

Fort Worth; brother, Virgil Bolin of Newark; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Randy Harris, Tommy White, John Gilbert, Tracy Harris, Travis White, Russell Mize, Mark White and Jeff Nash.

Bolin, Ann

1947-2009

Published Thursday, December 31, 2009

Funeral for Ann Bolin, 62, of Rhome was Dec. 29 at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home. Bolin died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009. Born May 24, 1947, she worked at the North Texas Health and Science Center in Fort Worth for more than 30 years where she started the quilting program. She is survived by her husband, Arnold Bolin; sons, Ricky Sweet and Rob Sweet; mother, Vivian Slayton; brothers, Steve Slayton and Ivan Slayton; sister, Cathy Dillard; grandson, Allen Sweet; and great-granddaughter, Hope Sweet.

Bolling, May

1912-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Graveside service for May Bolling, 97, of Boyd was Oct. 20 in West Bridgeport Cemetery. Jim Steinhauer officiated.

Bolling died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 3, 1912, in Robert Lee to Aaron Franklin and Marietta (Northcutt) Daffern, she was a housewife. She married Jesse Bolling Feb. 23, 1933, in Mineral Wells. She was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Jessie Porter; great-grandson, Kevin Hulsey; sister, Dora Wright; and brothers Jody Daffern, Louis Daffern and Paul Daffern. She is survived by daughters, Mayanell Bolling of Fort Worth and Eleanor Hightower and husband, Tim, of Boyd; sons, Cecil Bolling and wife, Sammie, of Colleyville, Clyde Bolling and wife, Regina, of North Richland Hills, Odell Bolling and wife, Barbara, of Reno and Kenneth Bolling and wife, Debra, of Boyd; 23 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews.

Boner, Judy Ann

1954-2009

Published Sunday, July 12, 2009

Graveside service for Judy Ann Boner, 55, of Decatur was to be at 11 a. m. Saturday, July 11, at Bethel Cemetery with Monty Tuttle officiating.

Boner died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Fort Worth. She was born May 24, 1954, in Decatur to A. B. and Ruth (Maples) Cooper. She is survived by her daughter, Tracy Lambert and husband, Justin, of Aubrey; granddaughters, Tessa Lambert and Ashlynn Lambert-Wicks; sister, Janice Holbert of Chico; brothers, Steve Cooper of Justin and Archie Cooper of Weatherford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Boner, Odis Randel

1951-2009

Published Sunday, March 29, 2009

Memorial service for Odis Randel Boner, 58, of Decatur was March 26 at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home chapel with Rick Ross officiating.

Boner died Monday, March 23, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 2, 1951, in Decatur to Odis Willie and Frances Winnell (Morris) Boner, he was a member of the Decatur Church of Christ. He was also a member of the Iron Worker's Union No. 263. He is survived by his father, Bus Boner of Decatur; daughter, Tiffney Watson and husband, Jeremy, of

Rhome; sister, Sheryl Christian and husband, Rick, of Decatur; grandchildren, Blaine and Cash Watson of Rhome; a niece, nephew and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Bonesio, Jessica Ashley Gage

1981-2009

Published Sunday, June 7, 2009

Funeral for Jessica Ashley Gage Bonesio, 28, of Carrollton was to be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, June 6, at the First Baptist Church in Lewisville with David Williams and Paul Sackett officiating. Burial was to be at 3 p. m. at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Bonesio died Thursday, June 4, 2009, in Carrollton. Born Feb. 27, 1981, in Plano to Ronnie and Stephanie Gage, formerly of Decatur, she was a 1999 graduate of Lewisville High School where she was a cheerleader. After graduation, she attended the University of North Texas. She was employed by First Choice Emergency Care in Flower Mound and was a member of Bent Tree Bible Fellowship in Carrollton. She married Ryan Bonesio Dec. 29, 2007, in Denton. She was a sports fan, and she and her husband went to the movies and family lake house together. She is survived by her husband; her parents of Sherman; sister, Julianne Gage of Carrollton; brother, James Gage of Abilene; grandmother, Penney Wren of Decatur; and great-grandmother, Geneva Penney of Corsicana. Pallbearers were to be Jason Wren, Landon Wren, Nolan Schutze, Justin McGraw, Jordan McGraw, Chris Gage and Drew Gage. Memorials may be made to the Jessica Gage Bonesio Scholarship, Lewisville Education Foundation.

Bounds, Lona Jean

1955-2009

Published Sunday, July 19, 2009

Funeral for Lona Jean Bounds, 53, of Mansfield was to be at 10 a. m. Saturday, July 18, at the First Baptist Church in Slidell. Burial was to follow at the Slidell cemetery.

Bounds died Monday, July 13, 2009, in Mansfield. Born Sept. 18, 1955, in Decatur to Edwin Duaine and Velma Lucille (True) Pruett, she graduated from Slidell High School and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Slidell. She worked for the U. S. Postal Service. She is survived by a daughter, Erin Nicole Bounds of Waxahachie; son, Edwin Jay Bounds of Waxahachie; sister, Ava Nell Manoles of Anchorage, Alaska; brothers, Bert Pruett of Slidell and Allen Duaine Pruett of Savannah, Ga. ; and three grandchildren.

Bowling, Mae O'Neal

1917-2009

Published Thursday, December 31, 2009

Graveside service for Mae O'Neal Bowling, 92, of Fort Worth was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Bowling died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009. Born Aug. 9, 1917, in Decatur to Ray and Ethel North O'Neal, she was a member of Rosen Heights Baptist Church, where she was active in teaching vacation Bible school for several years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Bowling in 2002. She is survived by daughter, Connie June Bowling Hull and husband, Darryl, of Costa Rica; son, Dodd Bowling and wife, Gail, of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Darryl Hull II of Royce City, Clayton Shawn Hull of Fishers, Ind., Kevin Bowling of Fort Worth and Keely Forrest of Allen; six great-grandchildren; brother, Ray O'Neal of Hurst; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Boyd, Kelly Lynn

1983-2009

Published Sunday, June 21, 2009

Funeral for Kelly Lynn Boyd, 26, of Boyd was June 19 at the Christian-Hawkins Chapel with Doyle Brookshire officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1. Boyd died Monday, June 15, 2009, in Boyd. Born March 20, 1983, in Denison to John David and Lana (Cramb) Hill, she was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Chris Boyd; daughter, Emily Boyd; and mother, Lana Simpson, all of Boyd; father, John Hill of Grand Prairie; brothers, John Hill Jr. and Cory Simpson of Liby, Mont. ; sister, Jennifer Mulske of Butte, Mont. ; grandfather, Richard Gary of Boyd; aunts, uncles and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Jack Ward, John Hill Jr., Paul Griffin and David Boyd.

Bradberry, Sallie Mae

1942-2009

Published Sunday, June 7, 2009

Funeral for Sallie Mae Bradberry, 66, of Boyd was June 5 at Briar Church of Christ with Kenton Harvey, Phillip McIntosh and Tom Wacaster officiating. Burial followed at Boyd Cemetery.

Bradberry died Monday, June 1, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Dec. 2, 1942, to Lawrence and Jessie Marie Ring Furst, she married Tim Bradberry July 21, 1966, in Lubbock. She was a member of the Briar Church of Christ, a bookkeeper, the South Wise County Chamber of Commerce and active in the Republican Party. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kelli Marie Norris. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Andra Cash and husband, Hollis, of Plano; sons, James Lee Bradberry and wife, Tiffany, of North Richland Hills and Arron Wesley Bradberry and wife, Alisha Susan, of Azle; grandchildren, Rhonda, Mark, Tiffany, Amber, Michael, Cheyenne, Ashton, McKenzie, T. J., Grandt and Avery; great-grandchildren, Mattie, Ryan, Shawn, Stetson, Payton, Evan, Kelli and Kaydence; sisters, Suzanne Howell and husband, Buddy, of Ben Wheeler and Nancy Furst of Eureka, Calif. ; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Mark Bradberry, Jack Bryant, Don Mason, Jordon Bryant, Jessi Johnson and Mural Stafford.

Bradfield, James Calvin

1935-2009

Published Thursday, March 4, 2009

A private memorial service will be held for James Calvin Bradfield, 74, of Decatur. Bradfield died Monday, Feb. 23, 2009, at his home. Born Jan. 4, 1935, in Marion, Ind., to Edward and Mary (Stevens) Bradfield, he married Faye Pearson Feb. 10, 1986, in Denton. He served in the U. S. Army and retired from the Dallas County Sheriff's Office after 23 years of service. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Tomi Navarro and husband, Armando, of Mesa, Ariz., and Toni Williams and husband, Ricky, of Red Oak; nine grandchildren; and two sisters.

Branson, John Edward

1945-2009

Published Thursday, September 17, 2009

Graveside service for John Edward Branson, 63, of Newark was Sept. 12 at Aurora Cemetery with the Rev. Rob Advian officiating.

Branson died Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, in Plano. Born Oct. 5, 1945, in Rushville, Ind.,

to Robert Emmons and Alberta Louise (Owens) Branson, he married Nancy Denise Whitefell May 30, 1967, in West Lafayette, Ind. He was a retired customer service representative for the government. He is survived by his wife; son, Robert Branson of Newark; brothers, James and Kenneth Branson of Shelbyville, Ind. ; sisters, Phyllis Behrends of Franklin, Ind., and Janet Jewell of Shelbyville; and grandson, Aydan C. Branson of Newark.

Brassfield, Floyd Wesley

1932-2009

Published Thursday, September 10, 2009

Funeral for Floyd Wesley Brassfield, 76, of Canyon Lake will be at 2 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Doeppenschmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Canyon Lake. Burial with military honors will follow at Cranes Mill Cemetery. Visitation will be 7 to 9 p. m. Friday, Sept. 11, and 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 12.

Brassfield died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, in Canyon Lake. Born Dec. 6, 1932, in Decatur to Floyd and Cathryn Florine Brassfield, he and his wife, Floyie Dell Burkett, retired to Canyon Lake in 1970. He was a member of Cranes Mill Baptist Church and the masonic lodge. He was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years and two brothers, Charles Brassfield and Bobby Brassfield. He is survived by brothers, Earl Brassfield and Don Brassfield, both of Weatherford; aunt, Jessie Faye Brady and husband, Vern, of Canyon Lake; uncle, Dennis Walker of Marshall; sons, Wesley Dale Brassfield and wife, Delphia of Inola, Okla., and Stephen Gary Brassfield and wife, Mary, of Schertz; daughter Valerie Joyce (Brassfield) Hathaway and husband, John, of Dillon, Mont. ; grandchildren, Robert, Josh, Brandi, Jennifer Alicia, Jennifer Rae, Mackenzie, Katelyn, Stephen and Connor; great-grandchildren, Myles, Tenley, Tymbr, Joshua and Parker.

Bridges, Helena L.

1933-2009

Published Sunday, June 28, 2009

Graveside service for Helena L. Bridges, 76, of Paradise was Thursday, June 25, at Cottondale Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Sessions officiating.

Bridges died Monday, June 22, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Nov. 2, 1933, in Bridgeport to Joseph Lawrence and Julia (Beggs) Taylor, she was a homemaker. She married Joe Quint Bridges March 10, 1951, in Bridgeport. She was preceded in death by her husband June 2, 2009. She is survived by her son, Jackie Bridges and wife, Dona, of Campbell; and grandchildren, Tonya and Heather Bridges. Pallbearers were Randall Clark, Terry Hardin, Joe Key, Donnie Reed, Jason Mitschres and Glenn Hughes.

Bridges, Quint

1930-2009

Published Sunday, June 7, 2009

Graveside service for Quint Bridges, 78, of Cottondale was June 4 at Cottondale Cemetery.

Bridges died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Cottondale. Born Sept. 10, 1930, he was a retired employee of Eastman Kodak and a rancher. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Wynell Clifton, Veneta Moll and Gracie Rowland; and his brothers, Allen Bridges, Lowell Bridges and Big Lynn Bridges. He is survived by his wife, Helena Bridges of Cottondale; son, Jackie Bridges and wife, Dona, of Campbell; grandchildren, Tonya Bridges and Heather Bridges; and sisters, June Schilling, Mary Jewel Hughes, Kay Clark

and Jane Burgess. Pallbearers were Leslie Hughes, Andy Stevenson, Randall Clark, Jason Mitschre, Terry Hardin and Sam Erwin.

Brock, Charles Luther

1933-2009

Published Thursday, March 12, 2009

Funeral for Charles Luther Brock, 76, of Decatur was March 10 with Rick Ross officiating. Burial was at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Brock died Sunday, March 8, 2009, in Decatur. Born Jan. 24, 1933, in Decatur to Charles L. and Gertie Lee (Ford) Brock, he married Betty McCasland Oct. 24, 1952, in Decatur. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War and was a retired parts manager for Wise Equipment of Decatur. He was a member of the Decatur Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by two brothers. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Deborah McCullough and husband, Bobby, and Teresa Broach and husband, Joe, all of Decatur, Claressa Zoorob and husband, Adib, of Murphy; son, Charles Brock and wife, Lydia, of Decatur; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Brock, Tommy G.

1946-2009

Published Thursday, May 7, 2009

Memorial service for Tommy G. Brock, 63, of Boyd was to be at 11 a. m. Wednesday, May 6, at White's Azle Funeral Home Chapel.

Brock died Saturday, May 2, 2009, in Keeter. Born Feb. 25, 1946, in Hillsboro to Thomas and Jo Nell Brock, he lived in the Boyd area for 25 years after moving from Fort Worth. He was a member of the Baptist church and a U. S. Marine Corps veteran. He retired from Lockheed Martin after 27 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Emily; son, Adam Brock and wife, Joyce, of Jacksboro; daughter, Anita Cole and husband, Tim, of Chico; sister, Joy Ogle; brother, Mark Brock; grandchildren, Ashley Brogdon, Isaac Cole, Amy Cole, Lilly Brock, Diana Brock and James Brock; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Community Hospice, 6100 Western Place, Ste. 500, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

Brown, Donna Veldene

1946-2009

Published Sunday, February 1, 2009

Funeral for Donna Veldene Brown, 62, of Bowie was Jan. 22 in the Drawing Room of the White Family Funeral Home in Bowie. James William Hurst officiated. Burial followed at New Harp Cemetery.

Brown died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, in Little Elm. Born Dec. 11, 1946, in Decatur to Bennett Elba and Vivian Lorene (Lee) Freeman, she worked for Haggard Slacks in Bowie. She was a homemaker, a cook and babysitter for her nieces, nephews and brothers. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dennis and Mack Freeman. She is survived by her daughter, Billie Jo Brown of Little Elm; two sons, Robert Wesley Brown of Denton and Jeremy Lewis Peyton of Chico; grandchildren, Jim Hurst and Anthony Bass of Little Elm, Jeffrey White of Carrollton and Kandle Brown and Robert Brown Jr. of Bridgeport; a sister, Treva Simmons and husband, Shorty, of Jacksboro; brothers, Elba Freeman and wife, Donna, of Perrin, Morris Freeman and wife, Marilyn, of Muskogee, Okla., Dolen Freeman of Bowie and Marlon Freeman and wife, Terri, of Alvord; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Brown, George Macon

1930-2009

Published Sunday, September 13, 2009

Funeral for George Macon Brown, 79, of Springtown was Sept. 11 at the Faith Baptist Church with the Rev. P. G. Powell officiating. Burial followed at Elmwood Cemetery. Brown died Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009, in Decatur. Born June 7, 1930, in Wichita Falls to Houston and Beatrice Brown, he was raised in several area communities. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1954, earning a National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with a service star and United Nations Service Medal. He worked in the oil field industry and played music, built fiddles and guitars and fished. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jesse Brown and James Brown, and a son, Norman Brown. He is survived by his daughter, Gail Bishop and husband, Don, of Bowie; sons, Bill Brown of Wichita Falls, David Brown and wife, Vickie, of Springtown, and Darrell Brown and wife, Sylvia, of Chico; brothers, Gene Brown of Bowie and Robert Brown of Walters, Okla. ; sisters, Thelma Demoss of Ringgold, Martha Parker of Wichita Falls and Marge Ellington of Bridgeport; seven grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and one step great-great-grandchild.

Brown, Gordon

1925-2008

Published Thursday, January 1, 2009

Funeral for Gordon G. Brown, 83, of Bridgeport was to be at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with the Rev. Gary Sessions officiating. Burial was to follow at 3 p. m. at Morgan Cemetery in Morgan. Brown died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, in Decatur. Born Nov. 26, 1925, in Whitney to Marion G. Brown and Maude Stanley, he served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was a retired maintainer operator. Brown married Alice Marie Watts on April 6, 1978, in Durant, Okla., and was a member of the Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Reno. He was preceded in death by a son, Johnnie Glen Brown; and a grandson, Christopher Hendricks. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Helen Wallace and husband, Clarence, of Chico and Johnetta Allred and husband, Scott, of Springtown; sons, David Lee Hendricks and wife, Shirley, of Terrell, Eddy Hendricks and wife, Pam, of Georgia and Lynn Hendricks and wife, Dee Ann, of Oklahoma; seven grandchildren, Carla, Brad, Michael, Tracy, Chad, Jennifer and Paula; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were to be David Brown, Johnny Brown, Tony Wood, Jimmie Austin, Clarence Wood and Monte Reynolds. Honorary pallbearers were to be Ray Bennett, Robert Bachhofer, Lee Watts and Blue Brown.

Brown, LaVerne 'Granny'

1922-2009

Published Sunday, July 12, 2009

Funeral for LaVerne "Granny" Brown, 86, of Paradise was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, July 11, at Jones Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with Bill Harmon and Melvin Castleberry officiating. Burial was to follow at Paradise Cemetery. Brown died Thursday, July 9, 2009, in Paradise. Born Sept. 26, 1922, in Bridgeport to John and Betty Adams, she played Nintendo and fished, and she also watched the Texas Rangers and Dallas Cowboys. She was a lifetime member of the Bridgeport Riding Club and the East Mound Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; daughter, Paulette McQuinn; three sisters; and two brothers. She is survived by a son,

Joe Brown and wife, Wanda; granddaughters, Missy Martinez and husband, Ed, and Stacey Williams and husband, Jimmy; step-grandchildren, Joyce Stearns, Danny Abney and Tammy Clayton; sister, Martha Starnes; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were to be Doyle Gene Smith, Henry Kaker, Nole Gilley, Kevin Huffman, Bud Buck and David McIntyre. Honorary pallbearers were to be J. D. Williams, Nick Martinez, Justin Williams, Ray Kenyon, Tom Wilson and Don Jackson.

Broxson, Larry Charles

1948-2009

Published Thursday, December 17, 2009

Funeral for Larry Charles Broxson, 61, of Chico was Dec. 15 at First Baptist Church of Newport with Tommy John Mayo and Roland Hodge officiating. Burial was at Newport Cemetery.

Broxson died Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009, in Chico. Born Nov. 12, 1948, in Pampa to Charles and Gloria (Burris) Broxson, he graduated from Crane High School in 1967 and attended Midland College and the University of Texas at Arlington. He served in the Navy on USS Tecumseh for nine years. He married Christine Blaikie June 19, 1971, in Amesbury, Mass. He retired from Exxon-Mobil as an electrical communications technician with 25 years of service. Broxson owned Gaited Corners Farm in Chico and was known for raising Rocky Mountain and Kentucky Mountain gaited horses. He also showed horses. He was preceded in death by his brothers-in-law, Lewis "Skip" Blaikie and Lance Blaikie and sister-in-law, Celine Blaikie. He is survived by his wife; son, Eric Broxson and wife, Maryanne, of Nashville, Ill. ; daughter, Lorelei Farley and husband, Lance, of Saginaw; grandchildren, Kavan and Kayla Farley of Saginaw and Raevin, Sydney and Maia Broxson of Nashville; mother and father of Bowie; father-in-law, Lewis Blaikie and wife, Tina, of Amesbury; sisters, Linda Hodge and husband, Roland, of Boyd and Jan St. John and husband, Thomas, of Bowie; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Buibal, George Amador

1934-2009

Published Thursday, September 17, 2009

A private memorial service will be held for George Amador Ruibal, 75, of Decatur. Ruibal died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009. Born Feb. 28, 1934, in Del Norte, Colo., to Joe and Cora (Thomas) Ruibal, he married Carol Lynn Trujillo April 1, 1989, in Brighton, Colo. He served in the U. S. Navy and retired from Great Western Sugar Co. in Brighton as an equipment operator. He is survived by his wife; son, Gilbert Ruibal of Colorado; daughters, Yvonne Figueroa of Decatur, Carol Lee Figueroa of Colorado; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bullington, Helen Maples

1920-2009

Published Sunday, February 8, 2009

Funeral for Helen Louise Maples Bullington, 88, of Lugoff, S. C., was Nov. 18, 2008, at Springvale Baptist Church in Lugoff. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Bullington died Nov. 15, 2008. Born June 13, 1920, in Acton to Charles Alfred and Gertrude Maples, she was raised in Wise County. She graduated from Decatur Baptist College and taught elementary school in Wise County for three years after attending Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She married the Rev. Paul H. Bullington in 1944 and the couple moved to South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her

husband; a son, Allan G. Bullington; a sister, Zena Thompson of Decatur; and a brother, Fred Maples of Decatur. She is survived by son, Richard A. Bullington, and wife, Mary Ann, of Richton Park, Ill. ; daughter, Paula B. Rhyne of Lugoff; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Burdine, Larry Paul

1952-2009

Published Sunday, February 1, 2009

Funeral for Larry Paul Burdine, 56, of Alvord will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the First Baptist Church in Alvord with Bill Cleveland officiating. Burial will be at the Alvord Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p. m. Monday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur. Burdine died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, in Alvord. Born Feb. 11, 1952, in Magnolia, Ark., to Otis Franklin and Ora Bell (Butler) Burdine, he was a self-employed welder and member of the First Baptist Church of Alvord. He is survived by his son, Jonathan Burdine of Alvord; brothers, Donald Burdine of Alvord and Earl Burdine of Denton; sister, Linda Blake and husband, Josh, of Alvord; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Vernon Hardee, Jerry Terry, Gary Bell, Frank Anderson, Glenn Geron and Monty Nivens. Honorary pallbearers will be Bubba Johnston, Leonard Dunaway, Harper Baucum and Mike Williams.

Burgin, Frances P.

1924-2009

Published Sunday, June 21, 2009

Graveside service for Frances P. Burgin, 85, of Sulphur Springs, was June 18 at Restlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Tommy Hall officiating.

Burgin died Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Born March 26, 1924, in Hawkins, to Roy and Pearl Rodeck Pugh, she was a homemaker. She married Samuel Hebert Burgin and was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Kathy Potteiger; a sister and a brother. She is survived by a son, Don Burgin and wife, Virginia, of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Jamie Price of Sulphur Springs, Steva Smartt of Dallas, Michael Burgin of Lafayette, La., and Rachel Burgin of Sanger; and great-grandchildren, Shelby Rae Burgin and Preston and Jada Price.

Burris, Delvis Fay

1924-2009

Published Thursday, May 14, 2009

Funeral for Delvis Fay Burris, 84, of Decatur, was to be at 10 a. m. Wednesday, May 13, at the Pleasant View Baptist Church in Bridgeport with the Revs. Gary Demmitt and Glen Smith officiating. Burial was to follow at Thomas Cemetery.

Burris died Sunday, May 10, 2009, in Decatur. Born April 24, 1924, in Snyder to Ernest and Dessie (Merritt) Burris, he married Billie Sue (Wood) March 9, 1949, in Paris. He was a retired mechanic and served in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Merritt and L. A. Burris; grandson Jeremy Burris; and two sisters, Ermogene Sanders and Ernestine Dockery. He is survived by his wife of Decatur; sons, Gary Dale Burris and wife, Traci, of Waller, Michael Burris and wife, Marlane, of Bridgeport and Brent Burris and wife, Karla, of Liberty; daughter, Kay Waters and husband, Jimmy, of Decatur; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brother, Garvin Burris; and sisters, Ethlyn Garnett and Sue Daniels. Pallbearers were to be Cody, Joshua, Bryan, Caleb, Seth, Nathan and Joel Burris and Tyler Waters.

Burton, Lena L. Archer

1910-2009

Published Thursday, March 12, 2009

Funeral for Lena L. Archer Burton, 98, of Troup was March 7 in the chapel of Burks Walker Tippet Funeral Home with the Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiating. Burial was at Hopewell Cemetery in Swan.

Burton died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, in Tyler. Born Sept. 22, 1910, near Needville to Emil H. and Sophia Schmalriede Linnstaedter, she was the fifth oldest in a family of five brothers and two sisters. She moved with her family to Lindale at an early age and attended Swan and Tyler public schools and Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton. She was a homemaker and an elementary school teacher. She also sewed, gardened and cooked. She was preceded in death by her husbands, James C. Archer, Leonard F. Taylor and Fulton Burton; and a son, Dr. Stanley L. Archer. She is survived by her son, James Archer and wife, Dee Ann, of Decatur; daughter, Ann McElroy Walker of Troup; sister, Erma Mooreman of Tyler; grandchildren, Carl McElroy, Kevin McElroy, Karen Garland, Chloe McElroy, Kyle Archer, Ken Archer, Glen Boyd Jr. and Dr. Kerstin Archer; eight great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Luke McElroy, Ken Archer, Ervin Linnstaedter, Ben McFadden, Casey McElroy and Matthew Garland. Honorary pallbearers were Billy Linnstaedter, Gaines Wansley, Kevin McElroy, Carl McElroy, Danny Cassity and John David Taylor.

Butterick, Charles Joseph

1953-2009

Published Sunday, May 24, 2009

Mass of Christian burial for Charles Joseph Butterick, 55, of Justin was May 20 at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Decatur with Father Sojan Jorge officiating.

Butterick died Sunday, May 17, 2009, in Denton. Born June 27, 1953, in Greenville, Miss., to Orin Daniel Jr. and Mary Jeanette (Kimble) Butterick, he married Karri Ann Bush June 4, 1981, in Indianapolis. He was a chemist/scientist for Poco Graphite Inc. in Decatur for six years, was a past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and taught Bible and Catholic Continuing Education classes. He is survived by his wife; sons, Samuel Butterick of Germany and Thomas Butterick of Afghanistan; daughter, Jenny Butterick of Justin; brothers, Chris, Jack, Mike, Tom and Robert Butterick; sister, Mary Mackin; and several nieces and nephews.

Byers, Denice

1963-2009

Published Sunday, April 12, 2009

Graveside service for Denice Byers, 45, of Chico was April 10 at Chico Cemetery with the Rev. Glenn Randall officiating.

Byers died Monday, April 6, 2009, in Decatur. Born July 19, 1963, in Bridgeport to Jurden and Linda Byers, she fished, watched movies and spent time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Otis Baird; sons, Nick Parsons and wife, Alisha, and Brandy Byers and wife, Krystal; her parents; brother, J. W. Byers; sister, Rhonda Mitchum and husband, Lee; and grandchildren, Aubrey and Gage Parsons and Kayla and Decota Byers.

Cain, Wayman Dale

1952-2009

Published Thursday, February 26, 2009

A private memorial service will be held for Wayman Dale Cain, 56, of Rhome. Cain died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, at his home. Born June 27, 1952, in Snyder to Wayman Carroll and Ola Gertrude (Wilson) Cain, he was a storage manager at Alliance Raceway Storage in Justin. He is survived by his sons, Michael Dale Cain and wife, Kelli, of Red Oak and Billy Cain and wife, Kiesha, of Arlington; six grandchildren, Breanna, Dixon, Staci, Morgin, Chance and Stormi; sister, Jimmie Stewart and husband, David, of Justin; and brothers, Billy Cain of Rhome and Harvey Cain of Atlanta.

Campbell, John Earl

1928-2009

Published Sunday, April 12, 2009

Graveside service for John Earl Campbell, 80, of Bridgeport was to be at 3 p. m. Saturday, April 11, at East Bridgeport Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Sessions officiating. Campbell died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, in Weatherford. Born Aug. 13, 1928, in Bridgeport to Elmer and Ioma (Hudson) Campbell, he was a retired heavy equipment operator. He was in the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II, and he married Lula Mae White May 29, 1948, in Weatherford. He was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Ray Campbell and a brother, Weldon Campbell. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Linda P. Motley and husband, Travis, of Midlothian; son, Larry Earl Campbell of Azle; brother, Billy Campbell of Mesquite; sisters, Bobbie Caldwell of Kaufman and Naoma Campbell of Oregon; grandchildren, Cynthia Threadgill, Meloney Campbell, Kevin and Stuart Motley and Brian Campbell; nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Cantrell, Ernest

1940-2009

Published Sunday, April 5, 2009

Funeral for Ernest Cantrell, 69, of Bridgeport was April 3 in Bridgeport. Burial followed at Wizard Wells Cemetery. The Revs. Tommy Hull and Gary Sessions officiated the service. Cantrell died Wednesday, April 1, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Feb. 29, 1940, in Gallatin, Tenn., to Melvin and Gladys Cantrell, he was a retired welder and a fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Christine Cantrell; sons, Scott Cantrell and wife, Connie, Rock Cantrell and wife, Marsha, and Todd Cantrell and wife, Bridy, all of Bridgeport; brothers, Bobby Cantrell and wife, Carol Sue, and Wesley Cantrell and wife, Nadine, all of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Summer Cantrell and Melvin Cantrell, both of Alvord, Ernie Cantrell of Bridgeport and Courtney Darden of Bowie; six great-grandchildren; as well as nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Ernie Cantrell, Ronnie Barnes, Paul Cantrell, Mark Cantrell, Sam Womack, Randy Crunk, Joe Gilliland and Chris Darden. Honorary pallbearers were Dan Stack, David Smith, Jerry Clyde Stinnett and Richard Shawn.

Cantrell, Phyllis Delaine

1943-2009

Published Sunday, June 7, 2009

Graveside service for Phyllis Delaine Cantrell, 66, of Mesquite was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, June 6, at Laurel Oaks Memorial Park in Mesquite Tuesday with Jimmy Withers officiating.

Cantrell died Tuesday, June 2, 2009, in Dallas. She was born May 26, 1943, in Union City, N. C., to Billie K. and Tommy Mills. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Roy E. Cantrell; daughters, Sherita A. Williams and husband, David, of Monroe, N. C.,

and Lorie Pack and husband, Johnny, of Boyd; adopted son, Keith W. Steel and wife, Sarah, of China Grove, N. C. ; granddaughters, Amanda K. and Madelaine L. Pack, both of Boyd, and Chrissy Steel McKenzie of Wingate, N. C. ; great-grandchildren, Jacob Keith and Ava Grace Steel, both of China Grove, N. C. ; and sister, Carole L. Thomas of Wingate, N. C.

Carney, Vesta Verlyene

1916-2009

Published Sunday, January 18, 2009

Graveside service for Vesta Verlyene Carney, 92, of Bowie will be at 2 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Sunset Cemetery with the Rev. Doyle Wade and Dr. Jarrett Armstrong officiating.

Carney died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, in Bowie. Born April 19, 1916, in Crafton to E. T. and Bessie (Price) Love, she married Frank Carney in 1965 in Fort Worth. She was a homemaker and a member of the Zion Valley Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Alvord. She was preceded in death by her husband; daughter, Carolyn Harvick; son, David Able; grandson, Ricky Harvick; and sister, Clarice Kemp. She is survived by her daughter, Jan Armstrong and husband, Joe, of Sunset; grandchildren, Joey, J. Lee and Jarrett Armstrong and Robin Kuntz; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; brother, Travis Love of Tulsa, Okla. ; and several nieces and nephews.

Carter, Robert Lee

1931-2009

Published Sunday, October 25, 2009

A private service will be held for Robert Lee Carter, 77, of Chico.

Carter died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, in Bowie. Born Oct. 19, 1931, in Duncan, Okla., to June Milton and Stella Mae (Teague) Carter, he married Elois Hardin Feb. 2, 1951, in Clovis, N. M. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Alvord and was a retired operations manager at Gifford Hill. He is survived by his wife; sons, Randy Carter of Fort Worth, Ozie Carter and wife, Cindy, of Chico; granddaughter, Connie Davidson of Bridgeport; and great-grandchild, Cooper Lane Davidson of Bridgeport.

Casteel, Pleasant, Jr.

1923-2009

Published Sunday, August 2, 2009

Funeral for Pleasant Casteel Jr., 85, of Newark is at 10:30 a. m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the House of Prayer in Newark with the Rev. Lewis Coomer officiating. Burial will follow at Aurora Cemetery. Visitation is 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Sunday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Casteel died Friday, July 31, 2009, in Newark. Born Oct. 23, 1923, in Dallas, to Pleasant and Berth (Bullock) Casteel Sr., he served in the U. S. Navy and was a member of the House of Prayer. He married Mary Shaddox Jan. 13, 1945, in Rockwall. He was preceded in death by six sisters; three brothers; and two grandchildren. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Joann Bergeaux and husband, Floyd, of Louisiana, Fran Casteel of Newark, Janie Reed and husband, Les, of Pauls Valley, Okla., Wanda Casteel of Ft. Collins, Colo., Cathy Beaty and husband, Gary, of Watauga, Bettie Adair and husband, Loyd, of Haltom City and Lois Ruth Smith and husband, Roger, of Newark; sons, Max Ray and David Casteel, both of Newark; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cato, Roy Keith

1930-2009

Published Thursday, November 5, 2009

Graveside service for Roy Keith Cato, 79, of Newark was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

Cato died Nov. 1, 2009. Born Oct. 13, 1930, in Vernon to Lois and Buck Cato, he operated a bulldozer for 50 years. He also fished and hunted. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Billie Cato. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Cato; daughters, Gloria Prock and husband, Jim, of Haslet and Lana Gales and husband, Ted, of Boyd; grandchildren, Teddy Gales Jr., Kimberly Campbell, Wendy Cook, Stacey Parker and Trey Prock; great-grandchildren, Chance Parker, Kamryn Cook and Bryden Campbell.

Cearley, Mary Jane

1928-2009

Published Thursday, November 12, 2009

Funeral for Mary Jane Cearley, 81, of Decatur was Nov. 10 at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Sparkman officiating. Burial was at Sweetwater Cemetery. Cearley died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 6, 1928, in Decatur to Benjamin Franklin and Ella Katherine (Hudson) Hale, she was a member of Cornerstone. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Frank Cearley. She is survived by her brothers, Joe Hale and Lee Roy Hale of Decatur and James Marco Hale of Henrietta; sisters, Joyce Horton of Fort Worth, Lois Davidson of Rockdale and Patt Spode of Denison; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Pallbearers were Leslie Hale, Johnny Hale, Ronnie Hale, Rodney Terrell, Tony Redwine, Bucky Bowling, Jerry Ivy and Monty Wells.

Chambers, Raymond 'Carl'

1928-2009

Published Thursday, March 26, 2009

Funeral for Raymond "Carl" Chambers, 80, of Paradise will be at 2 p. m. Thursday, March 26, at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Matt Edwards officiating. Burial will follow at West End Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday, March 25, at the funeral home.

Chambers died Monday, March 23, 2009, in Decatur. Born Sept. 29, 1928, in Dublin to James Milton and Elma Mayfield Chambers, he married Rosemary Jones in December 1946 in Stephenville. He was a member of the Paradise First Baptist Church, the Scottish Rite and Boyd Masonic Lodge No. 479 and was a Shriner. Chambers served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 87th district in 1983. He grew up in Erath County and lived several years in Arlington before moving to Paradise in 1964. He retired from Chance Vaught Corp. and Bell Helicopter where he was an aircraft assemblyman and shop foreman. His hobbies included farming and restoring automobiles. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lela Rose Chambers; a son, Gary Dean Chambers; and a sister, Esta Lee Chambers Jones. He is survived by his wife; sons, Rodney Carl Chambers and wife, Linda, of Buffalo Gap and James Donald Chambers and wife, Bonnie, of Paradise; grandchildren, Kristina Dawn and husband, Chuck Rhoades, James Brandon Chambers and Amber Rose Chambers; great-grandchildren, Jayson Rhoades and Zoe Elizabeth Rhoades; and a niece.

Chance, William Earl 'Bill'

1932-2009

Published Sunday, June 14, 2009

Memorial service for William Earl "Bill" Chance, 77, of Boyd is at 1 p. m. Monday, June 15, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Home with Fred Chance and Tim Sipes officiating. Chance died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born May 13, 1932, in Palestine to Gorman and Bernadean Rice Chance, he was a retired maintenance man for Texas Woman's University. He was preceded in death by his brother, David Chance; son, Chuck Chance; stepson, Ron Williams; and the mother of his children, Dorothy Johnson. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Patsy; sons, William Earl "Billy" Chance Jr. of Tennessee Colony, Michael Thomas Chance and wife, Patricia, of Denton; daughters, Rebecca Deene Poteet of Duncanville, Kathleen Kay Sumerlin of Krum and Maxine Gay Shaw and husband, Brian, of Tulsa, Okla. ; stepchildren, Greg Williams of Granbury, Ronna Wilson of Boyd and Patti Basting of Weatherford; 19 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and brothers, Fred Chance of Lewisville and Gorman Chance of Watagua. Donations may be made to the Boyd High School athletic department.

Chilton, Ralph

1922-2009

Published Sunday, July 5, 2009

Graveside service for Ralph Chilton, 86, of Decatur was July 2 at Thomas Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Cleveland officiating.

Chilton died Tuesday, June 30, 2009, in Decatur. Born Aug. 29, 1922, in Petrolia to S. L. and Myrtle (Green) Chilton, he was a mechanic for Ford Motor Co. for 33 years and for Tarrant County Water District No. 1 for 22 years. He married Juanita Bryan Dec. 5, 1943, in Bridgeport. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Read; granddaughter, Lindsey Read; grandson, Vance Read; and brothers, Sam and J. P. Chilton. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Carolyn Cain and husband, Bob; son-in-law, Gary Read; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in Alvord.

Clampitt, Morgan

1994-2008

Published Sunday, January 4, 2009

Funeral for Morgan Clampitt, 14, of Chico, was Jan. 2, at Central Fellowship Church in Decatur with Monty Tuttle and Jeff Gary officiating. Burial followed at Cumby Cemetery. Clampitt died Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, in Dallas. Born Nov. 3, 1994, in Fort Worth to Brad and Connie (Jones) Clampitt, she grew up in Chico and attended school there until the eighth grade. She was a member of the Chico Lady Dragons volleyball, basketball, softball and track teams, and was a Chico Junior High School cheerleader. She was finishing her eighth grade year at Alvord Junior High School and was a member of the Alvord Lady Bulldogs basketball team and Alvord Junior FFA. She was also a 4-H member, showed market goats and was raising market hogs for the upcoming Wise County Youth Fair. She was a member of Central Fellowship Church in Decatur and was a member of its youth group. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Paul Binyon; her aunt, Tanya Chancellor; and her cousin, Ethan Chancellor. She is survived by her mother; her father and his wife, Jamie, of Runaway Bay; sisters, Courtney and Kayla Clampitt of Chico; stepsister, Lexi Cobb of Runaway Bay; grandparents, Edward and Connie Browning of Chico, Sharon Binyon of Chico, and Jim and Cathy Clampitt of Sunset; great-grandparents, Pauline Clark of Bowie and Walton Clampitt of Fort Worth; aunts and uncles, Jimmy and Paula Smith of Bowie, Jerry and Tammie Klein of Alvord,

and Brian and Christi Clampitt of Alvord; cousins, Coby and Casey Smith of Bowie, Paige, Jacob, and Ransom Klein, and Aundie and Abby Clampitt, all of Alvord. Pallbearers were Johnny McDaniel, Paul Cantrell, Jason Younger, Topper Lopez, Danny Daniels, Allen Dethloff, Cody Burdine and Larry Stark.

Clark, Thomas Elby

1943-2009

Published Sunday, August 9, 2009

Funeral for Thomas Elby Clark, 66, of Fort Worth was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel in Decatur with the Rev. Wesley Huggins officiating. Burial was to follow at Jonestown Cemetery in Alvord.

Clark died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Feb. 5, 1943, in Childress to Leon William and Gladys (Stafford) Clark, he married Linda Upchurch March 23, 1991, in Boyd. He was a pastor at the House of Mercy Holines Church in Fort Worth and a part-time roofer. He was preceded in death by his son, Jasper Lynn Green; a brother; and a sister. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Elizabeth Renea Spencer of Godley; sons, Thomas E. Clark Jr. and wife, Stephanie, of Godley, Anthony T. Clark and wife, Joy, of Azle, Quinton L. Clark of Godley, Cliff Fuentes and wife, Pamela, of Runaway Bay, Andrew Fuentes of San Antonio, Thomas Green and Caylon Deon Green; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, A. J. Clark and wife, Kathleen, of Decatur; sister, Lorene Bond of Leon, Okla. ; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were to be Casey Clark, Darrell Huggins, A. J. Clark Jr., Cleve Clark, Billy Minyard and Randy White.

Clayton, Brad

1958-2009

Published Sunday, March 8, 2009

Memorial service for Brad Clayton, 51, of Jacksboro was to be at 10:30 a. m. Saturday, March 7, at the First Baptist Church of Jacksboro.

Clayton died Wednesday, March 4, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Jan. 7, 1958, in Amarillo to Raymond E. and Martha Hubbard Clayton, he was a graduate of George Washington High School in Guam. He was a welder, hunted and rode motorcycles. He is survived by his parents of Paradise; brother, Jimmy Clayton and wife, Cindy; and a niece and nephew. Memorials may be made in Clayton's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, <http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org>

Coan, Comello Modelle

1913-2009

Published Sunday, August 9, 2009

Funeral for Comello Modelle Coan, 96, of Decatur was to be at 10 a. m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur with the Rev. Ken May officiating. Burial was to be at 3:30 p. m. at DeLeon Cemetery in DeLeon.

Coan died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 2, 1913, in Comyn to Oscar Oswald and LuNettie (Hazard) Blanton, she married S. W. Coan Jr. in 1940 in Stephenville. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers, Dewey and Johnny Blanton; sisters, Ozella Farris, Garnet Jones and Catherine Jenkins. She is survived by her daughter, Priscilla Lou Shepherd of Fort Worth; sons, Charles Coan and wife, Sandy, of Portland, David Coan and wife, Dianne, of El Campo and Richard Coan and wife, Karen, of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Deanna, Clay, Cara, John, Clint, Rich, Cole, West, Austin and Kevin; six great-grandchildren; and numerous

nieces, nephews and cousins. Pallbearers were to be John Wayne Shepherd, Clint Jackson Shepherd, Clayton Coan, Rich Coan, Cole Coan, West Coan, Austin Coan and Kevin Coan.

Collier, Oran W.

1919-2009

Published Sunday, March 22, 2009

Memorial for Oran W. Collier, 90, of Kerrville, was March 19 at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Kerrville with the Rev. Gene Thompson officiating.

Collier died Monday, March 16, 2009, in Kerrville. Born March 8, 1919, in Weir, to Calvin and Sudie Collier, he was a native of Williamson County and a 1941 graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in chemical engineering. He worked for Freeport Sulphur and Nicaro Nickey, before beginning a 36-year career with Amoco Chemicals. He was the plant manager for Amoco's Chocolate Bayou plant when he retired. He was preceded in death by a son, George Collier; and a grandson, Chris Collier. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ellyn; son, Dr. Robert Collier of Harlingen; daughter, Ruth Ann and Dr. Tom Long of Decatur; grandchildren, Shane Collier of Harlingen, Allison and Kamal Benhayoune of San Antonio, Russell and Leesa Long of Austin, Steven and Liv Long of Torrance, Calif., and James Long of Decatur; and five great-grandchildren, Adam and Noah Benhayoune and Isabella, and Ryan Long and Lochner Long. The family requests memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Comeaux, Marie V.

1915-2009

Published Sunday, November 22, 2009

Graveside service for Marie V. Comeaux, 94, of Decatur will be held at a later date at McDonoughville Cemetery in New Orleans.

Comeaux died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, in Decatur. Born Sept. 26, 1915, in New Orleans to William and Ruby Bess Van Hees, she was a retired educator for the New Orleans school system and volunteered her time in Decatur at the library and hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Preston Joseph Comeaux; brother, John William Van Hees of Metairie, La; and sister Ruby Bess Brumfield of Kenner, La. She is survived by a son, Van Comeaux of Hammond, La. ; daughters, Linda C. Whiddon of Decatur and Nancy Comeaux of Limon, Costa Rica; sister Janet Scaruffi of Metairie; granddaughter Christi Duncan Perkins and husband, Shane; and great-granddaughter, Chryslyn B. Perkins. The family requests memorials be made to the Decatur Public Library or the Decatur Education Foundation.

Cook, Jane Elizabeth

1956-2009

Published Thursday, August 6, 2009

Visitation for Jane Elizabeth Cook, 52, of Chico was Aug. 3 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Cook, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, in Chico. Born Oct. 10, 1956, in Lexington, Mo., to Marvin James and Alice (Leach) Alexander, she married Curtis Lee Cook Feb. 8, 2008, in Chillicothe, Mo. She was an office assistant for NGS in Bridgeport. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ron Null. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Tanya Null of Bridgeport; granddaughter, Niki Limback of Knobnoster, Mo. ; mother of Carrollton, Mo. ; brother, Eugene Alexander and wife, Meredith, of Carrollton, Mo. ; and stepchildren, Tanna and Curtis Cook of Azle.

Cook, Jesse Wayne

1932-2009

Published Thursday, January 8, 2009

A private graveside service for Jesse Wayne Cook, 76, formerly of Decatur, was Jan. 6, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1 in Decatur.

Cook died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, in Longview. Born May 3, 1932, in Bryson to J. Lee and Emma (Walker) Cook, he married JuAnna Horner in 1955 in Bryson. He was preceded in death by his wife; and a brother, Don Cook of Graham. He is survived by his sons, Phil Cook and wife, Teresa, and Terry Cook, all of Longview; two grandchildren, Amber Herrington and David Cook; and one great-grandson, Christian Herrington.

Cooper, Joe L.

1934-2009

Published Sunday, November 29, 2009

Funeral for Joe L. Cooper, 75, of Southlake is 11 a. m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel in Colleyville with the Rev. Scott Somers officiating.

Cooper died Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, in Southlake. Born Oct. 24, 1934, in Morton to Daisy and Lee Cooper, he graduated from Decatur High School in 1952 and received a bachelor of science in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1956. After completing military service with the Army Ordinance Corps, he was discharged as a captain and then began a 37-year career with Mobil Oil Corp. He was president of Mobil Pipeline, president and CEO of Container Corp. and at his retirement had the dual role of executive vice president of the North American Division and vice president of Mobil Oil Corp. He managed the design and launch of Mobil's pipeline across Saudi Arabia and was Mobil's representative on the Trans Alaska Pipeline. He was a member of Texas A&M's Century Club for 37 years and endowed numerous scholarships to the school's engineering scholarship program. He supported charities, including the Salvation Army. He was a member of Baptist and Methodist churches and was most recently a member of the Bethesda First Baptist Church. Cooper golfed and was a member of Prestonwood, Congressional, Chicago Golf and Timarron. He took various cruises with his wife. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nelda Cooper; daughter, Janice Kramer and husband, Jeff; son, Mitch Cooper and wife, Pam; granddaughters, Kate Cooper and Grace Kramer; sister, Vivian Shimanek; and brother, George Cooper. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, P. O. Box 2333, Fort Worth, TX 76113-2333.

Corlett, Emma 'Kate'

1923-2009

Published Sunday, November 22, 2009

Funeral for Emma "Kate" Corlett, 86, of Runaway Bay was to be at 10:30 a. m.

Saturday, Nov. 21, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Bridgeport with burial at Eternal Oaks Cemetery in Runaway Bay.

Corlett died Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009, in Decatur. Born April 2, 1923, in Covington, Okla., to C. Early and Maurine Sue (Kidwell) Senning, she married Frank M. Corlett Jr. Aug. 3, 1943, in Wichita Falls. She was a member of Runaway Bay Community Church. She was preceded in death by her husband and brother, R. C. Senning. She is survived by her sons, Frank Corlett and wife, Nancy, of Terrell and Ledru Corlett of California.

Cottrell, Thelma Novella

1927-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Memorial service for Thelma Novella Cottrell, 81, of Gainesville, will be held at a later date.

Cottrell died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, in Gainesville. Born Nov. 1, 1927, in Montgomery, Tenn., to Luther and Lois Myrtle (Pierce) Richardson, she married Elwood Henry Cottrell in 1961. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Jean Cavanaugh of Decatur; sons, James William Talk and wife, Velma, of Seguin and Billy Joe Burgess II and wife, Barbara, of McQueeny; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Covington, Mary Elizabeth

1916-2009

Published Thursday, February 26, 2009

Funeral for Mary Elizabeth Covington, 92, of Waco was Feb. 23 at Wilkerson-Hatch-Bailey Chapel with the Revs. Grayson Glass and Hal Farnsworth officiating. Graveside service was Feb. 24 in Alvord with the Rev. Bill Cleveland officiating.

Covington died Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at St. Catherine's Center. Born July 4, 1916, in Alvord to Otis and Eva Dabney, she was salutatorian of her Alvord High School class. She married William Covington Jr. Dec. 28, 1934, and they raised two sons in Alvord. The couple was active in the Alvord First Baptist Church, where she played the piano and organ. She moved to Waco in 1984 and was active in the First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school. She also volunteered at Hillcrest Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister, Sylvia Shelton. She is survived by her sons, James O. "Spud" Covington and wife, Sammie, of Las Cruces, N. M., and Dr. R. W. "Bill" Covington and wife, Sandra, of Waco; granddaughters, Julie Covington of Waco, Jill Underwood and husband, Paul, of Brownwood, Mary Jane Covington of Houston, Nicole Covington of Fort Worth and Noelle Sheaffer and husband, Charles, of Missouri City; great-granddaughters, Sarah and Meredith Underwood of Brownwood; sister, Jonnie Drew of Lubbock; and many nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers were Gordon Riley, Grant Teaff, James Bowden, Willard Still, Dan Hull, Al Ringle, John Drew, Jerry Drew and Jackson Drew III. Memorials may be made to the William Jr. and Mary Covington Church Music Scholarship at Baylor University, to the First Baptist Church of Alvord or to the Alvord Cemetery Association.

Cox, Benny Joe

1933-2009

Published Sunday, November 22, 2009

Graveside service for Benny Joe Cox, 75, of Arlington, and formerly of Alvord, was to be at 11 a. m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Alvord Cemetery with the Rev. Ken May officiating. Cox died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, in Arlington. Born Dec. 10, 1933, in Alvord to E. T. and Lexie Mae Peyton Cox, he graduated from Texas Tech University and was a retired financial service consultant. He served in the Marine Corps. He is survived by his children, Brad Cox and wife, Kim, and Kaylah Johnson and husband, Jef, all of Arlington; mother of Decatur; grandchildren, Shay and Kendra Cox and J. L. and Bradley Johnson, all of Arlington; and great-grandson, Kalven Cox.

Crouch, Charles E. 'Three Beers'

1939-2009

Published Sunday, August 16, 2009

Memorial service for Charles E. "Three Beers" Crouch, 69, of Springtown was Aug. 14 at White's Funeral Home in Springtown.

Crouch died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009. Born Aug. 28, 1939, in Stuttgart, Ark., to Jennie and Jesse Crouch, he was a longtime resident of Springtown and drove a truck all of his life. He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Crouch; and a granddaughter, Taylor Lee Dennis. He is survived by his wife, Ruth N. Lingle; son, Charles E. Crouch Jr. ; daughters, Cindy Perry and husband, Fred, Dawn Parton and husband, Tim, and Charlene Troyce Dennis; eight step-children; 32 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; sisters, Peggy Baker and husband, Lewis, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Karen Russel and husband, William of Clinton, Ark.

Culpepper, Donald Monroe

1933-2009

Published Sunday, December 13, 2009

Funeral for Donald Monroe Culpepper, 76, of Haughton, La., was Dec. 10 at Haughton First Baptist Church.

Culpepper died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, in Denton. Born April 21, 1933, in Paducah, he was a manager of a construction equipment business. He was preceded in death by four brothers, one sister and three great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Betty (Glass) Culpepper; daughters, Rene' Bryson and Laura Stever; sons, Kevin Culpepper and Darren Culpepper; brother, Eddie Culpepper; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Culps, R. L.

1927-2009

Published Thursday, August 20, 2009

Graveside service for R. L. Culps, 81, of Paradise was Aug. 17 at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington.

Culps died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 20, 1927, to Robert Lewis and Beulah Culps, he worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his first wife; two sisters and one brother. He is survived by his wife, Rumell; daughter, Patsy Randolph; brothers, George Culps and wife, Dee, and Wiley Culps; sister, Billie Lester and husband, Raymond; stepdaughters, Ronnie McIlroy, Jayne Pitts and Connie Wood; stepson, Joe Morgan; granddaughters, Michelle Moore and Stacie Ruddick and husband, Scott; great-granddaughters, Cheyenne, McKenzie, Kolbie and Peyton; 10 stepgrandchildren; 17 stepgreat-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Culver, Grant Arnold, Sr.

1930-2009

Published Thursday, December 17, 2009

Funeral for Grant Culver Sr., 79, of Hobbs, N. M., formerly of Park Springs, was Dec. 4 at Hobbs First Assembly of God in Hobbs. Rev. Johnny Lee officiated, assisted by Gerald Anderson and Orville Cottrell, son-in-law. Burial followed at Prairie Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Culver died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 in Tulsa, Okla. Born Jan. 19, 1930, in Kamay to Tom and Ruby Culver, he married Iva Jean Barber Culver March 7, 1953, in Eunice. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean conflict. He was the owner of the Grants Motor Co. for 14 years before he started his two businesses: Interstate Battery and OK Auto Sales. He was a member of Trinity Free Holiness Church. He is survived by his wife; sons, Grant Culver Jr. and wife, Sheryl, of Hobbs, and Darryl Culver and wife, Becky, of Hobbs; daughters, Karen Smith of Hobbs, Becky Cottrell and husband, Orville,

of Stratford, Okla., and Cindy Campbell and husband, Marcus, of Sabastopol, Miss. ; brothers, Bill Culver and wife, Jaynell, of Nadine, N. M., James Culver and wife, Barbara, of Seminole, and Curtis Gilbert and wife, Dee, of Fort Worth; sister, Sylvia Darter and husband, Tommy Sr., of Sachse; 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Cunnius, George Lee

1910-2009

Published Thursday, November 19, 2009

Funeral for George Lee Cunnius, 99, of Decatur is 10:30 a. m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with the Rev. Raymond Johns officiating. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Cemetery. Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

Cunnius died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009, in Decatur. Born Feb. 22, 1910, in Stony to James T. and Mary Dement Cunnius, he was a rancher, farmer and dairyman. He married Maxine Cunnius May 22, 1933, in Marietta, Okla., and he was a charter member of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Decatur, formerly Fundamental Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife and sisters, Willie Mae Foster and Florene Green. He is survived by a daughter, Beth Rawle and husband, Russell; sons, Tommy Cunnius and wife, Kathy, and Jimmy Cunnius and wife, Lynn, all of Decatur; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Lorene Green of Bridgeport; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Pallbearers are Ryan Cunnius, Ed Cunnius, John Schnase, Mike Rawle, Brandon Kelton and Brent Kelton. Honorary pallbearers are Gary Willis, B. J. Yerby, Jeremy Rawle, David Maxey, Calvin Buchanan, Casey Fain, Tom Woodward, Jacob Hartsell, W. M. Lewis and Bob Stallard. Memorials may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Mission Fund, 701 West Hale, Decatur, TX 76234.

Dahlin, Merlyn W.

1927-2009

Published Thursday, November 19, 2009

Funeral for Merlyn Walter Dahlin, 82, of Fort Worth and formerly of Wise County was Nov. 16 at the United Methodist Church in Saginaw with the Rev. Mel Bishara officiating. Burial was at Greenwood Memorial Park.

Dahlin died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born July 3, 1927, in Brocket, N. D., to Gustaf and Belle Dahlin, he graduated from school in Brocket. He joined the Army and served three years during World War II. He was honorably discharged Dec. 30, 1948, and came to Fort Worth to attend Texas Wesleyan College in 1949. He graduated with honors in 1951 and graduated from Texas Christian University with a master's in business and accounting. He earned his CPA certificate in 1955. Dahlin worked for Danziger Oil, Southern Production Co. and Barney Holland Oil Co. He started his private practice in 1957, which grew to become Dahlin, Fitch, Alexander and Seymund P. C. He sold his interest in the accounting firm and retired in 2001. He was also an entrepreneur, involved with nursing homes, apartments, warehouses and farms. Dahlin and his wife, Ruth, traveled to many countries. He was an active member of the Moslah Shrine Patrol and served as president in 1979. He received a lifetime achievement award in 2004 for dedicated service to the patrol for 30 years. He was a member of the Royal Order of the Jesters. He is survived by his wife of 36 years; daughters, Merlya Wright and Amy Dahlin; stepchildren, Everette Andrews and wife, Patricia, and Adelaide Thomsen and husband, Jim; grandchildren, Holly Holland, Amanda Holland, Blake Andrews and Matthew Andrews; great-grandchildren, Josh, Kaleb, Bethany, Sarah, Anna

and Marly; brother, Dean Dahlin; sisters, Marlene Rogers, Vernae Trudeau and Germaine Polak; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Bill Alexander, Dr. Bob Brennan, Hank Carroll, John Deib, Wil Gilchrist, Paul Johnson, Don Kelley, Ken Noel and Charles Sweeney. Honorary pallbearers were John Anderson, Otis Bakker, Paul Sandstrom, Murray Brown and members of the Moslah Shrine Patrol. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Drive, Clarksburg, MD 20871 or Shriner's Hospital for Children, P. O. Box 1320, Fort Worth, TX 76101.

Dale, Sherry Lynn Whitehead

1948-2009

Published Sunday, February 1, 2009

Funeral for Sherry Lynn Whitehead Dale, 60, of Bridgeport will be at 2 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at Victory Family Church in Decatur with Allen Bates officiating. Burial will be at Chico Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Saturday at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Dale died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Aug. 8, 1948, in Denton to Dan and Sherry Whitehead, she worked cattle, rode horseback, sang and gardened. She is survived by her companion, Bobby Murphrey; sons, Scott Stanford and wife, Amy, and Steve Stanford and wife, Tashia; daughters, Sabrina Weatherly Polk and husband, Jeremy, and Carol Bush and husband, Paul; brother, Doug Whitehead and wife, Beverly; sister, Dana Whitehead Rigg; and grandchildren, Jordan and Brianna Polk, Ashlyn Stanford, Derrick, Christian, Camden, Kaitlyn and Trey Stanford. Pallbearers will be members of the Bridgeport Police Department. Honorary pallbearers will be Randy Malone, Charlie Mann, William Mann, Gary Mann and Daniel Derrington.

Davidson, John Phillip

1964-2009

Published Thursday, March 26, 2009

Funeral for John Phillip Davidson, 45, of Alvord was March 23 at the First Baptist Church in Alvord with the Rev. William Turner officiating. Burial was in the Giles Family Cemetery in Alvord.

Davidson died Friday, March 20, 2009, in Alvord. Born Jan. 6, 1964, in Houston to John Booth and Vonitta Dale (West) Davidson, he married Linda Giles March 16, 1985, in Hurst. He worked as a parts counterman and was a member of Trinity Baptist Temple Church. He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Heather Nicole Watt and husband, Brian, of Alvord; sons, Keagan and Sean Davidson of Alvord; his parents; a brother, Richard Davidson of North Richland Hills; sisters, Jaque Myers of Arlington and Catherine Shaver of North Richland Hills; a grandson, Samuel Edward Watt; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Ron Butler, Ray Murphy, Gregg Jones, Darren Ferguson, Lou West and Dale Tice.

Davidson, Nelda Faye

1932-2009

Published Thursday, July 2, 2009

Funeral for Nelda Faye Davidson, 77, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, July 1, at Pleasant View Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Demmitt officiating.

Funeral for Nelda Faye Davidson, 77, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, July 1, at Pleasant View Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Demmitt officiating. Davidson died Sunday, June 28, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Feb. 23, 1932, in Gilmer to Charlie and Lillie (Robinson) Holland, she married J. W. "Bud" Davidson Sept. 8, 1952, in Gilmer.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Bridgeport. She is survived by her husband; daughter, Kathy Smith and husband, Mark, of Bridgeport; son, Pete Davidson and wife, Cyndie, of Amarillo; grandchildren, Jennifer Wilson, Amy Morgan, Sarah Carney, Charlie, Dustin and Christopher Davidson; great-grandchildren, Ava, Caroline, Ali and Grant; and other relatives. Pallbearers were to be Charlie Davidson, Dustin Davidson, Christopher Davidson, Reese Landers, Eddie McKinley and Marvin Read.

Davis, Beverly A. Wenham

1935-2009

Published Thursday, August 20, 2009

Funeral for Beverly A. (Wenham) Davis, 74, of Ottawa, Ill., was to be at 11 a. m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, in Ottawa. The Rev. Quentin Mullinix, pastor of First Baptist Church in Marseilles, Ill., was to officiate. Burial was to follow in Oakwood Memorial Park in Ottawa.

Born Jan. 21, 1935, in Detroit, Mich., to George and Effie (McKnight) Wenham, Davis died Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, in Ottawa. She is survived by sons, Randy Lowell Davis and wife, Tammy, Dwayne Davis and Bruce E. Davis and wife, Kelly, all of Ottawa; daughter, Tami Sims and husband, Jim, of Rhome; sister, Kathryn Crothers and husband, Bill, of Ottawa; and grandchildren, Tanya Davis, Randy Davis, Caleb Davis, Shelby Davis, Ryne Davis, Katie Hays, Chaz Sims and Tanner Sims.

Davis, Jackie

1941-2009

Published Sunday, May 17, 2009

Funeral for Jackie Davis, 67, of Decatur was May 15 at Shannon Rose Hill Chapel with burial at Shannon Rose Hill Cemetery.

Davis died Monday, May 11, 2009, in Decatur. She was born Aug. 24, 1941, in Fort Worth to John and Jewel Mathis. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Roy and Paul Mathis. She is survived by her husband of almost 50 years, Harold; sons, Montie and wife, Tracie, Brad and wife, Jill, and Jeff and wife, Gina; brothers, John Ed Mathis and Harold Mathis; 16 grandchildren; and other family members.

Dawson, Betty Combs

1931-2009

Published Thursday, May 14, 2009

Graveside service for Betty Combs Dawson, 78, of Forth Worth, formerly of Bridgeport, was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, May 13, at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Brian Fisher officiating.

Dawson died Saturday, May 9, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Jan. 11, 1931, in Jackson, Mich., to Harry and Imo (Pool) Miller, she married Earl Combs in 1944, and he preceded her in death in 1972. She married Wayman "W.C." Dawson June 12, 1973, in Fort Worth. She was a retired nurse and was a member of the Poly Citizens on Patrol and the Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by both husbands; four children; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by a son, John Combs and wife, Gwen, of Benton City, Wash. ; daughters, Sharon Jackson and husband, Michael, of Starr, S. C., and Florance Savell and husband, Jimmy, of Idabel, Okla. ; 28 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were to be Timothy Helen, Billy Wright, Michael Combs, Larry Jennings, Jay Jackson and Joe Jackson.

Dawson, Frances Geneva

1929-2009

Published Thursday, June 4, 2009

Funeral for Frances Geneva Dawson, 79, of Chico is at 10:30 a. m. Friday, June 5, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel with Tom Merritt and Kenneth Wood officiating. Burial will follow at Dawson Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p. m. Thursday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Dawson died Monday, June 1, 2009, in Chico. Born Sept. 3, 1929, in Madill, Okla., to John Franklin and Raney (Brunson) Grooms, she married Alvin Henry Dawson Feb. 16, 1947, in Alvord. She was a member of the D. A. V. Auxiliary and attended the Crafton Baptist Church. She was a nurse's aide. She was preceded in death by her husband; son, Henry Alvin Dawson; brother, Jalmer Ray Grooms; and grandson, Matthew Sloan Dawson. She is survived by her daughters, Frances Beebe and husband, Paul, of Levelland, Fraya Nell Meyer of Chico, Priscilla Loper and husband, Topper, of Chico and Regina Moody and husband, Gene, of Crafton; sons, John Dawson and wife, Lena, of Graham and Bobby David Dawson of Chico; grandchildren, Howard, James, Ramsey, Skipper, Bobby, Eric, Josh, Colby, Casey, Jessica, Jacob, Rachel, Alex, Randal and Timothy; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brother, Doc Eugene Grooms and wife, Willine, of Chico; sisters, Gussie Marie Groves and husband, R. L., of Chico, Nancy Irene Dickinson and husband, Benny, of Chico, Lillian Vivian Thompson of Bridgeport and Laura Yvonne Burgess and husband, Scott, of Chico; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are Howard Elkins, Ramsey Meyer, Bobby David Dawson II, Colby Loper, Skipper Martin, Randall Dawson, James Elkins and Jacob Moody. Honorary pallbearers are Eric Dawson, Josh Dawson, Casey Loper and Alex Meyer.

De Cordova, Doyle Ralph

1924-2008

Published Sunday, January 4, 2009

Graveside service for Doyle Ralph de Cordova, 84, of Aurora will be at 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at DFW National Cemetery in Grand Prairie.

De Cordova died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, in Justin. Born June 17, 1924, in Floydada to Gus and Maude de Cordova, he married Cynthia Ann Windle on April 17, 1987, in Boyd. He was a retired farmer. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Johnny, Irvin "Doc" Chester, Jack, James "J.R." and Rowland de Cordova; and a half sister, Minnie Maude. He is survived by his wife; and a nephew, Edwin de Cordova and wife, Nancy, of Oklahoma City.

Decker, James Anthony 'Skeeter'

1934-2009

Published Thursday, September 10, 2009

Memorial service for James Anthony "Skeeter" Decker, 75, of Decatur was to be 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the home of Willie Decker, 2604 Lipsey, Decatur.

Decker died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Decatur. Born May 9, 1934, in Munday to Laurence and Opal (Harrison) Decker, he served in the U. S. Marine Corps. He married Wilma Gene Crabtree Nov. 29, 1956, in Corpus Christi and was an operating engineer for Local 819 in Fort Worth since 1955. He was preceded in death by his sons, Len, Joe and James Allen Decker. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Karen Decker of Decatur; grandsons, Curtis and Jacob Warner of Decatur, Fred Jones of Runaway Bay and

Benjamin Decker of Decatur; granddaughters, Amber Kirbie and Jessica Evans of Brownwood; great-granddaughters, Mariah and Maci Kirbie; and nephews. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice.

DeFord, Jon McLaughlin 'Mac'

1954-2009

Published Sunday, June 14, 2009

Memorial service for Jon McLaughlin "Mac" DeFord, 55, of Springtown was to be at 3 p. m. Saturday, June 13, at The Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Arlington. DeFord died Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at his home. Born March 18, 1954, in Abilene to John DeFord and Jean McLaughlin DeFord Kahle, he graduated from McCallum High School in Austin and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University where he met and married Lena Kirkpatrick. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul and a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Lena; son, Shawn DeFord of Arlington; brothers, Ron DeFord of Austin and Jeff DeFord of Fort Worth; sister, Deborah Dunkum and husband, Gary, of Houston; sisters-in-law, Rena Kirkpatrick Lee and Rita Kirkpatrick Wilson; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Memorials may be made to the St. Peter and St. Paul Memorial Garden or the American Cancer Society.

Delgado, Kathryn Jean

1951-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Graveside service for Kathryn Jean Delgado, 58, of Paradise was Nov. 28 at Boyd Cemetery.

She died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, in Paradise. Born Nov. 24, 1951, to Silas and Ester Tackett in Bridgeport, she was preceded in death by her father; husband, Roger Gaskill; grandson, Jonathan Simpson; and brother, Ricky Tackett. She is survived by her mother; daughters, Michelle Simpson and husband, Dale, of Paradise, and Tonya Gaskill of Carrollton; son, Anthony Delgado of Boyd; brothers, Stephen Tackett, Rocky Tackett and Michael Tackett; sisters, Beverly Grubbs and Marlene Wooley; grandchildren, Felicia Simpson, Dale Simpson, Dylan Simpson, Ciarra Morgan, Sophia Morgan, Gunner Hernandez and McCain Cantrell; nieces and nephews.

Denison, Leslie Ann

1992-2009

Published Sunday, August 30, 2009

Mass of Christian burial for Leslie Ann Denison, 17, of Chico was to be at 10 a. m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bridgeport with Father Sojan George and the Rev. Larry Potts officiating.

Denison died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born April 23, 1992, in Round Rock, she was a Bridgeport High School student and a varsity cheerleader. She was a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity cross country team and S. T. A. N. D. She is survived by her parents, Kent and Marcie Cox of Chico and Charles Denison of Austin; brother, Jeffrey Berres of Austin; sister, Jamie Berres of Austin; grandparents, J. Q. and Donilla Cox of Chico and Peggy Schulze of San Antonio; uncle, Russell Miller of San Antonio; stepbrother, Brian Cox of Eagan, Minn. ; and stepsister, Hayli Cords of Evergreen, Colo. Pallbearers were to be Jeff Berres, Brian Cox, Lance Goode, Brian Hoyt, Russell Miller, Ken Murry and Brad Leaf.

Derting, Gene

1923-2009

Published Sunday, July 5, 2009

Graveside service for Gene Derting, 85, of Aurora is 11 a. m. Monday, July 6, at Crawford Cemetery in Crawford with the Rev. Jimmy Withers officiating. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Friday at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Chapel.

Derting died Wednesday, July 1, 2009, in Justin. Born Nov. 1, 1923, in Moody to George Owen and Dovie Lucinda (Kirks) Derting, he served in the U. S. Navy. He married Helen Christen July 4, 1946, in Streetman. He was a member of the American Bar Association and was a Baptist. He was preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters. He is survived by his wife; sons, Steve Derting and wife, Janet, Brian Derting and Curtis Derting, all of Aurora, and Kevin Derting and wife, Melissa, of Cedar Park; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dickens, James

1923-2009

Published Thursday, December 31, 2009

Funeral for James Dickens, 86, of Burnet was Dec. 28 at the East Lake Fellowship Church with burial at Post Mountain Cemetery.

Dickens died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009. Born Sept. 7, 1923, in Bertram to Charles Hubert Dickens and Daisy Burke, he was retired from the highway department. He served in the Air Force as a navigator on a B29 and was the honorary grand marshal in the Bluebonnet Parade in 2009. Dickens was a member of East Lake Fellowship Church since 1962. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Dickens of Burnet; sons, Jimmy Dickens and wife, Beth, of Springtown and Steve Dickens and wife, Debra, of Burnet; daughter, Sherry Henderson and husband, Jim, of Decatur; brother Bob Dickens and wife, Gay; sisters, Adelle "Chick" Wood and Aline Stanford, all of Burnet; grandchildren, Sarah Villareal and husband, Joe, Lindsey and Jason Rindal, and Grady, Krystal, D. J., Casey, Christy Kay, Michelle, Morgan and Hudson; great-grandchildren, Brylee and Payton; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were his grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the East Lake Fellowship Church or Seton Hospice.

Dietrich, Bobbie Marie Morrow

1927-2009

Published Thursday, December 10, 2009

Memorial service for Bobbie Marie Morrow Dietrich, 82, of Brenham is at 2 p. m.

Thursday, Dec. 10, at the First Baptist Church in Brenham with Glen Schoeneberg and the Rev. Patricia Dietrich officiating. Visitation was to be 5 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at Brenham Memorial Chapel.

Dietrich died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, in Brenham. Born July 14, 1927, in Peeltown to Clarence R. and Etti (Richburg) Morrow, she graduated from Kaufman High School in 1944. She received her bachelor of arts from Howard Payne University in 1948 and her master of arts degree in speech and drama from the University of Texas in 1963. She received her doctor of education from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1978. She married Wilfred O. Dietrich Aug. 23, 1969, in Kaufman. She taught for 40 years, teaching in Sweetwater, Fort Worth and Richardson, as well as schools around the world. She was director of speech communications and theatre at Blinn College for 25 years. She published several books and articles, including "Claude Phillippe de Richebourg: A Sense of Noblesse Oblidge," published by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She was a member of DAR, Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Fortnightly. She was active in the First Baptist Church of Brenham, where she taught Christian education to high school students and the Joy Class. She helped organize the Brenham Heritage Museum and logged more than 3,500 volunteer hours at the George Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M University. She was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Morrow. She is survived by her husband; sister, Joyce Keller of Austin; brother, Gary Morrow and wife, Carol, of Tennessee; sisters-in-law, Anita Morrow of Decatur and Nevi Lauter of Brenham; brother-in-law, Raymond Dietrich and wife, Virginia, of Houston; and numerous nieces. Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Bruseth, Don Voelter, Bobby Marek, Gary Appelt, Henry Boehm Jr., William Wiley and Scott Williams, and all of her students. Memorials may be made to the Bobbie Morrow Dietrich Endowed Speech Scholarship mailed to the attention of Richard Graw, College of Communications, University of Texas at Austin, One University Station - A900, Austin, TX 78712.

DiGiovanna, Denis Vito

1947-2009

Published Thursday, December 10, 2009

Memorial service for Denis Vito DiGiovanna, 62, of Rhome was Dec. 5 at the Full Life Fellowship Church in Decatur with the Rev. Chris Brown officiating.

DiGiovanna died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in Corinth. Born Feb. 18, 1947, in Staten Island, N. Y., to Joseph and Marthe Chapuis DiGiovanna, he married Solveig Rasanen June 8, 1980, in Temple City, Calif. He served in the Air Force from 1965 to 1973. He was a self-employed restaurateur. He is survived by his wife; sons, Joseph and Mark DiGiovanna of San Jose, Calif. ; daughter, Veronica Miles and husband, Randy, of Fort Worth; grandchildren, Nicholas and Jocelyn Miles; mother, Marthe Lanza of France; sister, Tina DiGiovanna; brothers, Joseph and Michael DiGiovanna; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Doss, Jimmy Wayne

1947-2009

Published Sunday, December 13, 2009

Funeral for Jimmy Wayne Doss, 62, of Athens, formerly of Decatur, is 10 a. m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel in Athens. Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Park in Athens. Visitation is 4 to 6 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the funeral home. Doss died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, in Athens. Born June 23, 1947, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., to Lester Clyde and Opal Elizabeth Allen Doss, he married Bonnie Lou Millsaps in 1969. He moved to Athens in 1993. Doss retired from Sprint in February 2006. He raised quarter horses. He is survived by a son, Joshua Doss of Manhattan, N. Y. ; daughters, Heather and husband, Richard Millette of Hurst, and Carrie Doss of Fort Worth; brothers, Mark Weiland, Ronnie Weiland, Devin Doss and Darrin Doss, all of Illinois, Doug Doss of Texas and Mike Doss of Alabama; sisters, Melinda Vasquez, Kristen Doss, Judy Dahlem and Janice Woods, all of Illinois; and grandchildren, Emily Overby, Hailey Overby, Skylar Doss and Ryland Millette.

Dougherty, Jim

1936-2009

Published Sunday, February 15, 2009

Graveside service for Jim Dougherty, 72, of Paradise was Feb. 13 at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1 with Stan Cox officiating.

Dougherty died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, in Paradise. Born Aug. 30, 1936, in

Parkersburg, W. Va., to Harry Sherman and Lyda Marie (Dotson) Dougherty, he married Barbara Ann Locke Oct. 31, 1959, in Fort Worth. He served in the U. S. Air Force and was a retired American Airlines maintenance mechanic. He was a member of the West Side Church of Christ in Fort Worth. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Dougherty, and sister, Marjorie Showalter. He is survived by his wife; sons, Todd Colin Dougherty of Fort Worth and Thad Dougherty and wife, Anetta, of Webster, N. H. ; grandsons, Silas and Luke Dougherty; brothers, Francis and Ed Dougherty; and sisters, Lillian Plum, Barbar Jean Dougherty, Becky Petty and Ava Lee Stanley.

Driskell, Eddie Ray

1934-2009

Published Sunday, July 12, 2009

Graveside service for Eddie Ray Driskell, 75, of Nocona was July 10 at Sycamore Cemetery near Decatur with Chris Brown officiating.

Driskell died Wednesday, July 8, 2009, in Nocona. Born June 8, 1934, in Decatur to John Thomas and Susan Catherine McGregor Driskell, he grew up in the Sycamore community and attended school in Slidell. He joined the U. S. Navy at 21 and served on the U. S. S. Shangri-La just off the Vietnam war zone. He enlisted in the U. S. Army Aug. 10, 1960, and served in the Army Engineers. He re-enlisted with the Navy Nov. 20, 1964, and served on the U. S. S. Ranger. He married Angelina Feb. 14, 1991, in Decatur. He was a welder and fabricator for the city of Denton, and after retirement, traveled with his wife. He was an outdoorsman. He was preceded in death by his son, Donald Ray Driskell; brothers, John and Buddy Driskell; sisters, Linda Ruth, Betty and Nelma Driskell, Tommie Jo Scaff and Doris Modrich. He is survived by his wife; stepson, Cody Joe Curren and wife, Vicky, of Alexander City, Ala. ; and sisters, Dottie Howell of San Antonio, Mary Kathline Clark of Decatur, Evelyn Mizell of Houston and Nadine Thompson of Decatur.

Dudley, Mary Belle Garrison

1933-2009

Published Sunday, December 20, 2009

Funeral for Mary Belle (Garrison) Dudley, 76, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Bridgeport, was Dec. 18 at the Calvary Apostolic Church in Wichita. Graveside service is 2 p. m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Eastview Cemetery in Vernon.

Dudley died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, in Wichita. She was born March 20, 1933, in Vernon to Henry and Nona (Kilpatrick) Garrison. She was preceded in death by a brother, Leo Garrison; and sister, Imogene Roe. She is survived by her sons, Nathan Dudley and wife, Wynette, of Valley Center, Kan., and Timothy Dudley and wife, Suson, of Little Rock, Ark. ; grandchildren, Tod Dudley, Matt Dudley, Jonathan Dudley, Annette Carrier and Lauren Dudley; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Makayla and Madelyn; brothers, William Garrison and wife, Reba, and Elzy Garrison and wife, Martha; sisters, Elsie Borders and Lorene Frazier. Memorials may be made to Calvary Apostolic Church, 909 N. St. Paul., P. O. Box 49196, Wichita, KS 67201.

Duke, James 'Jim' Norman

1931-2009

Published Thursday, October 8, 2009

Graveside service for James "Jim" Norman Duke, 78, of Bridgeport is at 2 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at Cumby Cemetery.

Duke died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 3, 1931, in Preskitt, Ark., to

Charles and Grace Duke, he served with the U. S. Army during the Korean War. He worked in the oil field, was a volunteer firefighter and was a television repairman. He played shuffle board, bingo, pool and golf. He was preceded in death by his sister, Dorothy Shannon, and a brother, Charles Duke. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Nita; daughters, Lori Parish and husband, Lawrence, Diane White and husband, Willard, all of Okemah, Okla., Lori Hale and husband, Jabo, of Crafton, Lisa Young of Bridgeport, Patty Goodger and husband, Jeremy, of Cottdale and Kayla McComis and husband, Michael, of Bridgeport; grandchildren, James Williams and wife, Rebecca, Krystal Casey, Bandy Griffin and wife, Jenifer, Rossi Coplan, Kaylee Griffin, Radley Coplan, Kyler Hale, Jacob and Jenna Goodger, Aiden and Abigail McComis, Hannah Young and Casey Young; and five great-grandchildren.

Duncan, Ervin Lester 'Puss'

1927-2009

Published Thursday, June 4, 2009

Funeral for Ervin Lester "Puss" Duncan, 81, of Bridgeport was to be at 1 p. m.

Wednesday, June 3, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel. Burial was to follow at 4 p. m. at Dye Mound Cemetery in Saint Jo.

Duncan died Sunday, May 31, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Dec. 8, 1927, in Terrell, Okla., to Lester "Legs" Duncan and Ila Ione (Shaw) Duncan, he married Mary Sue Maples in 1957. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and served in Germany during World War II. He retired from Natural Gas Pipeline (NGPL) in 1984 after 38 years of service. He was preceded in death by his brother, two sisters, two nieces and a nephew. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Pam Duncan Martin and husband, Steve, of Jacksboro and Sharla Duncan of Bridgeport; son, David Duncan of Bridgeport; grandchildren, Katy Wright Fox, Brandon Wright, Brandy Duncan and Brittany Duncan; great-grandchildren, Ripley, Luke, Cailin and Lauren.

Duncan, Rena Michelle

1971-2009

Published Sunday, February 1, 2009

Graveside service for Rena Michelle Duncan, 37, of Roanoke and formerly of Paradise, was to be at 1 p. m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at West Bridgeport Cemetery with C. O. Farmer officiating.

Duncan died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, in Grapevine. Born Aug. 17, 1971, in Bridgeport to J. F. and Helen Lee, she graduated from Paradise High School. She was a long-time Court Appointed Special Advocate. She is survived by her mother; former husband and father of her daughters, David Duncan; fianc , Patrick Bruce; daughters, Brandy and Brittany Duncan, Ashley, Hailey and Avery Bruce; brothers, Johnny Lee and wife, Susan, and Rick Lee and wife, Audie, Frank Lee and Dennis Lee and wife, Mary; sister, Marion "Tootsie" Ramsey and husband, Richard; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Dunn, Rickie L.

1954-2009

Published Sunday, May 24, 2009

No service is planned for Rickie L. Dunn, 54, of Bowie. Visitation was May 21 at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Dunn died Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 23, 1954, in Bridgeport to George and Selma (Mann) Dunn, he had worked as an oilfield driller. He married Marcia

Ann Anderson June 17, 2000, in Montague County. He is survived by his wife; sons, Shane Dunn and wife, Danielle, and Brandon Dunn and wife, Jennifer, all of Bowie, and Jeremy Dunn of Plano; a daughter, Wendy Dunn and husband, Robert, of Bridgeport; seven grandchildren; brothers, Dickie Dunn and wife, Reba, Ronnie Dunn and wife, Carolyn, and Donnie Dunn and wife, Debbie; sister, Annabelle Brown; mother- and father-in-law, Cliffla and Clifton Anderson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Durham, Darryl 'Jack'

1946-2009

Published Sunday, April 5, 2009

Memorial service for Darryl "Jack" Durham, 62, of East Wise County will be at 2 p. m. Sunday, April 5, at LottaRock Ranch in Krum.

Durham died Friday, March 27, 2009, in Dallas. Born Sept. 28, 1946, in Wichita Falls to Willard and Gertrude Teakell Durham, he graduated from Byers High School, was a member of First Baptist Church of Byers and the United States Team Roping Championships. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and married Donna Brazzel Sept. 26, 1982, in Lake Dallas. He was co-owner and vice president of Compass Steel Erection. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Courtney Cook of Denton, Angela Cooper of Garland and Amy Gulick; a son, Brian Cox; sisters, Paula Landez of Florida and Kay Holman of Lancaster; a brother, Ken Durham and wife, Donna, of Allen; 10 grandchildren, Parker, Macy, Weston, Garrison, Peyton, Hayden, Corah, Clayton, Ty and Carly. The family requests memorials be made to the Jack Durham Memorial Fund, Saint Paul MSICU Waiting Room, UT Southwestern Medical Center, ICU c/o NorthStar Bank of Texas, Attention: Nick Vincent, P. O. Box 1108, Krum, TX 76249.

Dwyer, William L.

1920-2009

Published Sunday, March 1, 2009

Funeral for William L. Dwyer Jr., 88, of Decatur, was Feb. 24 at the Westhill Church of Christ in Cleburne. Burial was at Greenacres Memorial Park.

Dwyer died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, in Decatur. Born July 11, 1920, in Waltham, Mass., to William L. Sr. and Mabel Mae Gorman Dwyer, he married Jimmie Nell Sullivan June 4, 1944, in Quanah. He served in the U. S. Army for six years and received the Silver Star Medal while serving in the Pacific during World War II. He was a clerk for the Santa Fe Railroad for 31 years and was a member of the Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his brother, Melvin Dwyer, and sister, Helen Chamberlin. He is survived by his wife; son, John A. Dwyer of Lake Worth; daughters, Joan Morgan and husband, Winfred, of Decatur, Janet Dwyer of Fort Worth and Judy Myers and husband, Don, of Montgomery, Ala. ; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Eder, Mary Ellen Donahoe

1918-2009

Published Sunday, September 6, 2009

Mass of Christian burial for Mary Ellen (Donahoe) Eder, 91, of Cottdendale will be Friday, Sept. 11, at Holy Redeemer Church in Kensington, Md., with burial following at Gate of Heaven in Silver Spring, Md. Visitation will be 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Robert Pumphrey Funeral Home in Bethesda, Md.

Eder died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Aug. 9, 1918, in Columbus, Ohio, to John A. and Eleanor R. (Maurer) Donahoe, she moved to Washington, D. C., after

high school. She enlisted in the Cadet Nursing Corps during World War II and graduated as a registered nurse from Georgetown University Nursing School. She served in the Catholic missions in Hawaii for 18 months following the war and practiced as a nurse for almost 40 years. She also served on the Wise County Commission on Aging. She was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Joseph P. Eder, and her brothers, John J., Thomas M. and Richard S. Donahoe. She is survived by her sons, Joseph P. Jr. and wife, Sharon, Richard D. and wife, Jill, and John S. and wife, Carmina; grandchildren, Jason T. and wife, Erin, Annamaria, Joseph P. III and Margaret R. ; and great-grandson, Lucas Eder.

Edgington, Sue Maness

1946-2009

Published Sunday, August 9, 2009

Memorial service for Sue Maness Edgington, 62, of McKinney was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at White Family Funeral Home in Bowie with Rick Cooper officiating. Edgington died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, in McKinney. Born Aug. 30, 1946, in Freer to Willard "Bill" and Oreca (Pace) Maness, she graduated from Chico High School in 1964. She was a homemaker and an executive assistant at Tarleton State University. She worked most recently for Sally Beauty Supply Co. She enjoyed reading and writing. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Maness. She is survived by her daughters, Sheresa Edgington of Austin and Stephanie Edgington of McKinney; sisters, Shelly Prost of Bowie and Linda Duck of Bridgeport; brothers, Billy Maness and wife, Glynda, of Las Vegas, Walter Maness and wife, Judy, of Wichita Falls and Jimmy Maness and wife, Patty, of Fort Worth; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Edwards, Bobbie

1936-2009

Published Sunday, October 4, 2009

Graveside service for Bobbie Edwards, 73, of Boyd was to be at 1 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco with Brent Nordan officiating. Visitation was to be 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Saturday.

Edwards died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009. Born June 2, 1936, in Cisco to Arthur and Bertha C. (Tawney) Chancellor, she lived in Balmorhea, Odessa and Lamesa while growing up. She painted houses and was a Baptist. She was preceded in death by her sons, Joe M. Murray and Samuel L. Murray; brother, Lynn Chancellor; and sisters, Audrey Landgoom, Dollie Horn and Bonnie Wallace. She is survived by her daughters, Bonnie P. Hart of Boyd and Leisa McFarland of Palestine; brother, Neal Chancellor of Tulsa, Okla. ; sister, Marie Diggs of Azle; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Elder, Alexander Charles

2009

Published Sunday, September 13, 2009

Graveside service for Alexander Charles Elder, infant son of Caleb and Jennifer Elder of Cundiff, was Sept. 11 at Jim Ned Cemetery.

Elder was born and died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009, in Fort Worth. He is survived by his parents; brother, Joshua William Elder; grandparents, Glen and Rita Moody of Cundiff, Donna and Chris Shuman of Bowie and Chuck and Sylvia Elder of Holliday; great-grandparents, Agnes Tatum of Cundiff, Billie Finley of Tioga and Alfa Holton of Holliday.

Elliott, Brian Patrick

1969-2009

Published Sunday, August 30, 2009

Visitation for Brian Patrick Elliott, 39, of Azle was to be 5 to 7 p. m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at Christian-Hawkins Chapel.

Elliott died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, in Azle. Born Dec. 21, 1969, in Lockney to Gary and Carolyn (Speights) Elliott, he was a heavy equipment operator for Airport Sand & Gravel in Roanoke. He was an avid horseman and had been a foreman on a ranch in Gonzales. He also enjoyed cabinet making. He married Angelia Denise (Beaty) April 3, 2009, in Lake Worth. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Megan and Brittany Elliott of San Marcos; parents of Plainview; sisters, Denise Whitfield and husband, John, of Krum and Dawn Kelly and husband, Mark, of Baytown; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Elsom, James M.

1923-2009

Published Thursday, February 19, 2009

Funeral for the Rev. James M. Elsom, 85, of Paris will be at 2 p. m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Ramseur Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Morton officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m. Thursday at Fry & Gibbs Funeral Home in Paris.

Elsom died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009. Born Aug. 5, 1923, in Alvord to George M. and Goldie May Ledbetter Elsom, he graduated from Pampa High School and attended Texas A&M University. He received his bachelor's and master's of divinity degrees from Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He married Maurice Conner May 7, 1942, in Sayre, Okla. He was the pastor emeritus of Ramseur Baptist Church and partner of Combined Insurance Associates. He was preceded in death by his son, James Randall Elsom, and his brother, Daniel Porter Elsom. He is survived by his wife; children, Linda Kay Wolfgang and husband, Fred, of Phoenix, Ariz., Gregg M. Elsom and wife, Kim, of Rockport and Barry L. Elsom and wife, Pat, of Galveston; grandchildren, Beth Keener and Jim Ledbetter of Phoenix, Brad Rountree and wife, Karin, of Lake Dallas, Gail Blaylock and husband, John, of Norman, Okla., and Cassie Elsom of Wisconsin; great-grandchildren, Adam Keener, Austin and Jack Blaylock and Kyle and Rachel Rountree; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Rick Jordan, Roy Gwinn, Rusty Brewer, Tony Gouge, Willard Hill, Brad Rountree and John Blaylock. Memorials may be made for cancer research to the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486 or call 1-800-525-5841 for more information.

Etter, Royce L.

1941-2009

Published Sunday, December 20, 2009

Funeral for Royce L. Etter, 68, of Boyd was Dec. 13 in Boyd with the Rev. Terry Terry officiating. Burial was at Boyd Cemetery.

Etter died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009. Born May 19, 1941, in Boyd to Roy and Bertha (Taylor) Etter, he was a retired milk truck driver with A. M. P. I. He was an outdoorsman and hunted and fished. He is survived by his sons, Brent Etter of Boyd, Roy Neil Etter and wife, Kathy, of Boyd and Kevin Herrera of Houston; daughter, Tammie Burkhalter and husband, Kurt, of Corinth; brothers, Donald Etter and wife, Pat, of Boyd and James

Etter and wife, Patty, of Boyd; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Darin Etter, Daryl Etter, Chris Etter, Tony Greer, Phillip White and James Pickens. Honorary pallbearers were Paul Lambert and Jim Lambert.

Ewing, Helen Lorraine

1948-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Funeral for Helen Lorraine Ewing, 61, of Decatur was to be 1 p. m. Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. John Johnson officiating. Burial was to follow at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Ewing died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Decatur. Born May 24, 1948, in Belen, N. M., to John Alonso and Gladys Ruth (Murphy) Graham, she married George Colvin Ewing III Dec. 17, 1973, in Durant, Okla. She retired Sept. 30, 2008, as a government contract specialist and material purchaser. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Debra Waites and husband, Michael, of Watauga, and Maria Bowman of Dawson; a son, Jeff Ewing and wife, Cynthia, of Buckeye, Ariz. ; granddaughters, Tiffany Ewing, Miriah Waites, Amber and Michelle Jones, all of Watauga, and Felicia Ewing of Dawson; and a great-granddaughter, Loriann Jones. Pallbearers were to be Larry Dalton, John Greene, Herschel Box, Jimmy Ragan, Michael Waites and Will May.

Faith, Jewel Booth

1915-2009

Published Thursday, May 7, 2009

Funeral for Jewel Booth Faith, 94, of Decatur and formerly of Chico was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, May 6, at Jones Family Funeral Home Chapel in Bridgeport with the Rev. Ken May officiating. Burial was to follow at Chico Cemetery.

Faith died Sunday, May 3, 2009, in Decatur. Born Jan. 27, 1915, in Chico to Ben and Vera Holden Booth, she was a third generation of the pioneer Booth family who settled in Chico in 1874. She was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur. She donated the land for Chico's Jewel Park in 2004. She gardened, watched the weather and cooking shows. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Lloyd Faith. She is survived by her daughter, Virginia Brown and husband, Don, of Runaway Bay; grandchildren, Kris Brown of Chico, Velvet Oberg of Runaway Bay and Vikki Brown-Meeks of Houston; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Louise Gerron of Ennis. Pallbearers were to be Les Gerron, Harold Oberg, Leonard Meeks, Mark Jones, G. A. Buckner and John Brown. Memorials may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church, 1200 W. Preskitt, Decatur, TX 76234.

Fennell, John Henry

1974-2009

Published Sunday, May 17, 2009

Graveside service for John Henry Fennell, 34, of Alvord is at 10:30 a. m. Monday, May 18, at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Kevin Moore officiating. Visitation is from 4 to 6 p. m. Sunday at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Fennell died Thursday, May 14, 2009, in Alvord. He was born July 27, 1974, in Decatur to John Junior and Callie Ozell (Walker) Fennell. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother of Decatur; sisters, Linda Cross of Trenton, Glenda Pryor of Tishomingo, Okla., and Karen Bennett and Robin Fennell, both of Decatur; brothers, Benny John Fennell, Carl Fennell and wife, Brenda, and Marvin Joe Fennell and wife, Regina, all of Decatur; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Ferguson, Beulah Faye

1932-2009

Published Thursday, June 18, 2009

Funeral for Beulah Faye Ferguson, 77, of Pensacola, Fla., was to be at 1 p. m. Wednesday, June 17, at East Brent Baptist Church in Pensacola with Dr. Dale Patterson officiating. Burial was to follow at Barrancas National Cemetery.

Ferguson died Friday, June 12, 2009. Born April 22, 1932, in Decatur to Boney Oliver and Mattie Maye Bramlett, she was a bookkeeper with Ferguson Automotive. She was a member of East Brent Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Corlis G. Ferguson; brother, AZ Bramlett; and sister, Maybelle Watkins. She is survived by her children, Vicki Bass, Bill Ferguson, Lisa Ferguson, Laura Kerry and Pamela Frye; grandchildren, Jason, Michael, Ryan, Carmyn, Ashton, Christina, Patrick, Brantley, Jaclyn, Nicole and Apryl; and sister, Jeneva Brackeen of Newark. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 4400 Bayou Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32503.

Fitzgerald, J.L. 'Hoss'

1922-2008

Published Sunday, January 4, 2009

Funeral for J.L. "Hoss" Fitzgerald, 86, of Bridgeport, will be at 2 p. m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel with Roger Rhodes and James Mike McDonald officiating. Burial will follow at Wilson Prairie Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p. m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Fitzgerald died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008, in Bridgeport. Born June 10, 1922, in Cottdale to Joseph Luther and Callie Crawford Fitzgerald, he married Ollie Dell King March 21, 1949, in Jacksboro. He was a retired farmer and employee of Meeks Hardware. He was a member of the Cates Street Church of Christ in Bridgeport. He is survived by his sister, Pauline Shannon of Paradise; grandchildren, Derrell Harris and wife, Ramona, Joe Harris and Shane Harris; great-grandchildren, Landon Harris, Justin Harris, Joe Harris Jr. and Colton Harris; four great-great-grandchildren; his niece, Lorenella Cooper and husband, Doug, of Decatur; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Pallbearers will be Darrell Harris, Joe Harris Sr., Joe Harris Jr., Shane Harris, Landon Harris, Justin Harris, Colton Harris, Chad Cooper and Chip Cooper.

Fitzgerald-Grothe, Christina Nichole

1985-2009

Published Thursday, May 28, 2009

Graveside service for Christina Nichole Fitzgerald-Grothe, 24, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Thursday, May 28, at Willow Point Cemetery with Monty Tuttle officiating. A memorial service was to be held at 7 p. m. Thursday at Central Fellowship Church in Decatur.

Fitzgerald-Grothe died Monday, May 25, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Jan. 25, 1985, in Bridgeport to Adam Fitzgerald and Sharon Gilmer Grothe, she was a member of Central Fellowship Church. She attended Bridgeport High School. She is survived by a son, Dustin Brooks, and his adoptive parents, Robby and Dana Brooks; mother, Sharon Grothe and husband, Jimmy, of Cottdale; her father, Adam Fitzgerald and his wife, Lorena, of Azle; grandmothers, Dell Keith, Joyce Fitzgerald, JoAnne Parker and Gloria Shephard; grandfather, Pat Keith and wife, Pam; brothers, Michael and Robby Grothe and Adam Fitzgerald; sisters, Montana and Sierra Duvall, Amanda Fitzgerald and Amber Richards; and an aunt, Linda Gitlin.

Fitzsimmons, Paul Edward

1925-2009

Published Thursday, September 10, 2009

Memorial for Paul Edward Fitzsimmons, 84, of Paradise will be at 11 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel with Father Sojan George officiating. Visitation will follow the service.

Fitzsimmons died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, in Paradise. Born Aug. 4, 1925, in St. Louis, Mo., to Edwin and Bridget (Alward) Fitzsimmons, he was a trucking salesman and a member of the St. Louis Traffic Club. He is survived by his wife, Wanda Kincaid Fitzsimmons of Paradise; daughters, Patti Fitzsimmons of Westminster, Colo., and Maureen Hart of Lafayette, La. ; grandchildren, Dennis and Denise Kincaid, Rachel, Michelle, Jessica, Brittany, Kyle, Kerrie and Kevin; great-grandchildren, Breann, J. J., Nicholas, Cameron, Shawn, Jasmin, Jared and Keith; great-great-grandchild, Gavin; brother, Eugene Fitzsimmons of Mesa, Ariz. ; sisters, Margaret Musick of St. Louis and Jane Williams of Rockville, Md.

Forbau, Bernhart 'Bud'

1921-2009

Published Sunday, February 8, 2009

Funeral service for Bernhart "Bud" Forbau, 87, of Decatur was at 2 p. m. Friday, Feb. 6, at the First United Methodist Church in Decatur with the Revs. Johnny Irish and Roy Spore officiating.

Forbau died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Sept. 8, 1921, in Higgins to Ferdinand and Karolina (Betke) Forbau, he married Ida Margaret "Teeny" Cartwright on May 24, 1968, in Dallas. Forbau served in the United States Air Force in World War II where he received the EAME Campaign Medal with six bronze stars. He graduated from West Texas State College and taught for 35 years in Dumas, Canadian, Sterling, Colorado, Chillicothe, Northwest at Rhome and Decatur High School. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Decatur. He was preceded in death by a son, James Howard Cartwright. He is survived by his wife of 40 years of Decatur; daughter, Judy Ratzlaff and husband, Roger, of Willow Park; four grandchildren, Jerl McKinney and wife, Cathy, James McKinney and wife, Candi, Jana Porter and husband, Michael, and Mark Ratzlaff; great-grandchildren, Catherine Larson and husband, Jed, Jessica, James and Kelly McKinney and Evan and Lauren Porter. Pallbearers were Buddy Black, Ron Silvers, Eddie Sampler, Foster Walker, Larry Hicks, Dennis Cobb, Brent Williams, and Gary Scroggins. Honorary pallbearers were Bud Enis, J. E. Carson, Kenneth McKay, Allen Ray Young and Ray Nellis.

Foreman, Jerry Paulette

1944-2009

Published Sunday, October 25, 2009

Graveside service for Jerry Paulette Foreman, 64, of Bridgeport was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, Oct. 24, at East Bridgeport Cemetery with the Rev. Craig Rolen officiating. Foreman died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Dec. 5, 1944, in Bridgeport to Paul and Vaudean (Thomas) Gilliland, she married Dennis Foreman Feb. 14, 1964, in Paradise. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband and a sister, Bertie Murphy. She is survived by her daughter, Kim Cobb and husband, Billy, of Bridgeport; sons, Todd and Brian Foreman of Bridgeport; grandson, Rafe Foreman of

Iowa Park; sisters, Paula Thornhill of Coppell and Sarah Rich of Corinth; and brothers, Joe Gilliland of Bridgeport and Gaylord Gilliland of Rhome.

Foreman, Neta

1933-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Funeral for Neta Foreman, 76, of Richland Hills is 5 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Chapel in Colleyville. Visitation was to be from 5 to 7 p. m. Wednesday at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home.

Foreman died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born April 18, 1933, in Paradise, she moved to Fort Worth in 1951. She worked as a timekeeper in the labor accounting department at Bell Helicopter for more than 30 years. She was a professional photographer and taught photography at Tarrant County College. She traveled, camped, read and fished. She was preceded in death by her son, Mike Newton. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Steele and husband, John; grandsons, Michael Steele and wife, Kim, and Corey Steele and wife, Kasey; great-granddaughter, Cassidy Steele; great-grandsons, Chase, Bryce and Braden Steele; and numerous other family members.

Fortenberry, Shirley Jean Mitchum

1961-2009

Published Sunday, January 25, 2009

Memorial service for Shirley Jean Mitchum Fortenberry, 47, of Edmond, Okla., was Friday, Jan. 23, at Henderson Hills Baptist Church in Edmond.

Fortenberry died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009. Born April 29, 1961, in Bridgeport to Tommy and Mona Mitchum, she was a housewife and member of Henderson Hills Baptist Church. She was a member of the Edmond North High School Band booster club, the PTO, was a school volunteer and a Girl Scout cookie mom. She was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, David; children, Lauren, Emily and Josie Fortenberry, all of Edmond; her mother of Bridgeport; and brothers, Jerry Mitchum and wife, Vickie, Michael Mitchum and wife, Stacy, and Jim Mitchum and wife, Judy, all of Bridgeport. Memorials may be made to the Oklahoma Brain Tumor Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Foster, Paul Moutohn

1930-2009

Published Thursday, July 16, 2009

Graveside service for Paul Moutohn Foster, 78, of Azle, is at 10 a. m. Thursday, July 16, at Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. Gerre Joiner officiating. Visitation was to be from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. Wednesday at Coker Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur.

Foster died Monday, July 13, 2009, in Azle. Born Dec. 29, 1930, in Wichita Falls to Archie Harold and Ida Gertrude (Burk) Forster, he grew up in the Allison Community and lived there until his family moved after World War II. He married Anna Helene Cohen Aug. 4, 1954, in Wickenburg, Ariz. He was a member of the Lynnwood Masonic Lodge No. 600 in California and a member of the Assembly of God Church. He retired from the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local Union No. 494 in Long Beach, Calif., in 1984 after 20 years. After retirement, he moved back to southern Wise County. He is survived by his wife; son, Paul M. Foster Jr. of Azle; daughter, Rachel Ann Lifson of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. ; brothers, Archie Harold Foster Jr. of Clearlake, Calif., and Jesse Burk Foster of Houston; and five grandchildren.

Fowler, James Michael

1958-2009

Published Thursday, November 12, 2009

Graveside service for James Michael Fowler, 50, of Boyd was Friday, Nov. 13, at Boyd Cemetery.

Fowler died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Chehalis, Wash. Born Dec. 5, 1958, to James T. and Betty Jo Fowler, he lived in Boyd most of his life. He was a facility maintenance supervisor for Thermacor Process in Saginaw. He is survived by his wife, Dana; daughters, Samantha Green and husband, Chris, of Crowley, Jacklyn Fowler of Fort Worth, Amie Fowler and Jamie Fowler, both of Boyd; and grandchildren, Wyatt Byrd and Brianna James Smith.

Freeze, Edith Bright

1920-2009

Published Sunday, November 15, 2009

Funeral for Edith Bright Freeze, 89, of Monahans was Nov. 9 at Martinez-Smith and Miller Funeral Chapel in Monahans with Bill Gaston officiating. Burial was at Monahans Memorial Cemetery.

Freeze died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Monahans. Born Aug. 18, 1920, in Mountain View, Ark., to David Raymond Bright and Rachel Hinkle Bright, she married Hansford Freeze Dec. 24, 1934. They moved to Wickett in 1944 during the West Texas oil boom and raised six children. They retired to Stone County, Ark., in 1974 and returned to Monahans in 1997. Freeze was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ in Wickett and Eastside Church of Christ in Mountain View, Ark. She baked, read the Bible and spent time with friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband; sister, Juanita Bright; and brother, Hubert Bright. She is survived by her sister, Lola Canard of Mountain View; daughters, Fay and husband, James Nay, of Monahans, Shirley and husband, Dody Snyder, of Capitan, N. M., Frances Rainey and husband, W. H., of Decatur, Gaylene Blalock and husband, Michael, of Monahans; sons, Wayne Freeze and wife, Fatima, of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Jerry Freeze and wife, Lucille, of Monahans; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Mike Nay, Kevin Snyder, Jim Nay, Steve Nay, Robby Rainey and Skip Freeze.

Fuller, Louise Posey

1917-2009

Published Sunday, September 20, 2009

Funeral for Louise Posey Fuller, 92, of Bedford was to be at 10 a. m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at White Family Funeral Home in Bowie with Larry Kennedy officiating. Burial was to follow at Buffalo Springs Cemetery.

Fuller died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, in Bedford. Born June 16, 1917, in Stoneburg to Lucius and Fannie Lee (Evans) Posey, she graduated from Stoneburg High School in 1935. She married Ira Fuller in 1938 in Walters, Okla. She was a founding member of the W. C. Mounted Patrol Auxiliary and a regular at the YMCA. She shopped and water skied. She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers, Aubrey Posey, Ennis "Pat" Posey and Ocie Posey; and sisters, Gladys Corpening and Lennie Brown. She is survived by her sons, Eddie Fuller and wife, Janice, of Lake Arrowhead and Joe Fuller and wife, Donna, of Bedford; grandchildren, David Fuller and wife, Sheri, of Decatur, Ricky Fuller of Wichita Falls, John Fuller and wife, Janel, of Decatur, Becky Bradford of Bedford and

Gail Lancaster of Granbury; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Gallop, James W. F.

1925-2009

Published Thursday, November 5, 2009

Graveside service for James W. F. Gallop, 84, of Boyd was Sunday, Nov. 1, at Hog Branch Cemetery in Boyd with the Rev. Cabel Roberts officiating.

Gallop died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, in Boyd. Born Sept. 29, 1925, in Petrolia to William and Bertha Mae Gallop, he married Jeannie Clements Sept. 3, 1954, in Fort Worth. He was the retired owner of Gallop Paint & Body Shop. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Johnnie Mouie, Jackie Livingston and Aline Etten, and sons-in-law, Jack Burke and Ronnie Kling. He is survived by his wife; children, Rodney Harris and wife, Fama, of Sunset, Jimmy Gallop and wife, Terri, of Alba, Patti Kling of Boyd, Sandy Duffy and husband, Paul, of Minneola, Bobbie Gardner and husband, Russell, of Arlington, Jana Burke of Richardson and Norma Jean Gallop of Boyd; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and brother, Ernest Gallop and wife, Becky, of Oklahoma City. Pallbearers were Jacob Gallop, Casey Sullivan, Dustin Kling, Casey Harris, Cory Duffy, Damon Drake, Jonathan McBurnett, Ronnie Bowman, Paul Duffy and Russell Gardner.

Galvan, Rogelio 'Roy'

1933-2009

Published Thursday, November 26, 2009

Mass of Christian burial for Rogelio 'Roy' Galvan, 76, of Decatur was to be at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Decatur with burial following in Alvord Cemetery. Father Sojan George will officiate. Galvan died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, in Decatur. Born June 21, 1933, to Gilberto and Maria DeJesus Burziaga Galvan in Zaragaza Coahuila, Mexico, he was a retired rancher and a member of the Catholic church. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Benito and Santiago Nandin. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Enedina Galvan; children, Hermelinda Galvan, Maribell Fernandez and husband, Armando, all of Decatur, Jesus Gilberto Galvan and wife, Virma, of Grand Prairie, Roy Galvan Jr. and wife, Dianne, of Slidell, and Desire Aracely Rangel and husband, Jaime, of Gunter; granddaughters, Brooke and Shyle Galvan, Natalia and Karen Fernandez, and Karissa Rangel; grandsons, Armando Fernandez, Danny, Brian and Chad Galvan, Alex and Giovanna Rangel; great-granddaughter, Juliana Cortez; three brothers and two sisters. Pallbearers were to be Armando Fernandez, Danny Galvan, Brian Galvan, Chad Galvan, Alex Rangel and Giovanni Rangel.

Gardner, James William 'Bill'

1921-2009

Published Thursday, July 16, 2009

Funeral for James William 'Bill' Gardner of Decatur was July 13 at Grace Baptist Church with Dr. Van Gardner and Dr. Bill Hughes officiating. Burial followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1.

Gardner died Friday, July 10, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 9, 1921, in Cleburne to John Ezekiel and Fronie (Lassiter) Gardner, he married Ruth Marie Spain Dec. 15, 1945, in Decatur. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Grace Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife; sons, Van Gardner and wife, Debbie, of Decatur and James Steve Gardner and wife, Cheryl, of

Bedford; daughters, Shawna Paque and husband, Brian, of Decatur and Rebecca Davis and husband, Jeff, of Temple; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Cody Gardner, Brett Gardner, Ronald Lambert, Steve Hunt, Preston McCauley Sr. and Randall McClure. Honorary pallbearers were Ezekiel and Dewey Paque and Dr. Kelley Tibbels.

Gardner, Ova Nell

1913-2009

Published Sunday, February 22, 2009

Funeral for Ova Nell Gardner, 95, of Bowie was to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Central Baptist Church with Larry Cox officiating. Burial was to be at Elmwood Cemetery. Gardner died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2009, in Bowie. Born Nov. 11, 1913, in Crafton to Claude and Mable (Jones) Stockard, she married Jack Gardner June 12, 1930. They owned Gardner's Upholstery and Body Shop from 1944 until they retired in 1975. She was a homemaker and seamstress and had been a member of the Central Baptist Church since 1956. She was preceded in death by her husband; four brothers; two sisters; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and son-in-law, Freddy Howard. She is survived by her children, Bob Gardner and wife, Doris, of Bridgeport, Don Gardner and wife, Marie, of Jacksboro, Glenna Essary of Greenville, Carolyn Howard of Frisco, Charles Gardner and wife, Mila, of Fort Worth, Gary Gardner and wife, Toni, of Decatur and Mary Robertson and husband, Mike, of Bowie; 19 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jo Mercer, of Chico.

Garrett, Ted

1958-2009

Published Sunday, September 20, 2009

Graveside service for Ted Garrett, 51, of Boyd was Sept. 17 at Jaybird Cemetery. Garrett died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009, in Decatur. Born Feb. 15, 1958, to Pier and Leola Garrett in Sangamon, Ill., he lived in the Boyd area for 15 years. He was preceded in death by a sister, Patsy Kimbro. He is survived by his mother; a son, Casey Garrett and wife, Kayla, of Springtown; stepdaughter, Kayla Conway, and other stepchildren; a brother, Don Garrett; and two grandchildren. The family requests memorials be made to an account in Garrett's name at First Financial Bank, 609 E. Rock Island Ave., P. O. Box 1988, Boyd, TX 76023.

Garrett, Velma W.

1920-2009

Published Thursday, July 2, 2009

Graveside service for Velma W. Garrett, 89, of Fort Worth, formerly of Wise County, was to be at 11 a. m. Wednesday, July 1, at West Bridgeport Cemetery.

Graveside service for Velma W. Garrett, 89, of Fort Worth, formerly of Wise County, was to be at 11 a. m. Wednesday, July 1, at West Bridgeport Cemetery. Garrett died Saturday, June 27, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Jan. 2, 1920, in Risco, Mo., to Alpha James and Mable (Reeves) Allen, she was a gardener of flowers and vegetables. She enlisted in the Army Air Corps the Monday after Pearl Harbor was bombed and served until 1946. She was preceded in death by her husband of 35 years, Thomas W. Garrett; and a son, Thomas A. Garrett. She is survived by grandchildren, Amanda Garrett, Caitlyn Garrett and James Garrett; sisters, Lois Norris and Betty Pfeffer; brothers, Sonny Allen and Gary Allen; and great-grandchildren, Angel, Marion and H. W. Jr.

Gary, Trudy Jane 'T.J.'

1945-2009

Published Thursday, January 22, 2009

Graveside service for Trudy Jane "T.J." Gary, 63, of Boyd was to be at 2 p. m.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, in Pleasant Grove Cemetery No. 1 with the Rev. Tommy Carter officiating.

Gary died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Aug. 3, 1945, in Fort Worth to Truitt and Evelyn (Birdwell) Fagan, she married Richard Gary May 31, 1986, in Lake Worth. She was a registered nurse for Texoma Medical Center in Denison and a member of the Pleasant Grove Cowboy Church. She was preceded in death by her grandson, Casey Simpson. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Lana Simpson of Boyd and Crystal Price and husband, Michael, of Boyd; sons, Paul Griffin Jr. and wife, Kristi, of Decatur and Kristofer Price of Boyd; stepchildren, Michael Gary and wife, Diane, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jennifer Morrow and husband, Bob, of Springfield, Mo.; 17 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Pam Fox of Denison; brother, Terry Fagan of Ranger; and several nieces and nephews.

Garza-Eller, Frances B.

1927-2009

Published Thursday, November 12, 2009

Memorial service for Frances B. Garza-Eller, 82, of Decatur was Nov. 10 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Garza-Eller died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 4, 1927, to Ignacio and Matilde (Balderas) Noyola in Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, she was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Eller Sr., and daughter, Gloria Schroeder. She is survived by her son, Lazaro R. Garza and wife, Irma, of Grand Prairie; daughters, Elvia Rodriguez of Monterrey, Mexico, Fannie Rodriguez of Lubbock, Matilde Gina Garza of Irving and Angela Garza Todd and husband, Lawrence David, of Decatur; 38 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Maria Duran of Austin, Carmen and Inez Almendares of Nuevo Laredo, Reyna Almendares of Veracruz; and brother, Dr. Nicolas Almendares of Tampico, Mexico.

Gatlin, Edward Terry 'Blue Demon'

1952-2009

Published Sunday, April 19, 2009

Memorial service for Edward Terry "Blue Demon" Gatlin, 52 of Bridgeport was to be at 1 p. m. Saturday, April 18, at the Cates Street Baptist Church in Bridgeport.

Gatlin died Monday, April 13, 2009. Born April 4, 1952, to James Richard Gatlin and Hazel Inez Bacon Gatlin, he was employed by Stallion Construction in Gainesville. He was preceded in death by his parents; a half-brother, Willard Gatlin; and a half-sister, Wanda Waldrop. He is survived by two daughters, Dona Santana of Gainesville and Tina Gatlin of Bridgeport; three step-children, Melissa Rayes of Springdale, Ark., Andrew Geeslin of Anderson, Mo., and Daniel Henry of Bowie; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; three sisters, LaVerne Halsted of Grand Prairie, Helen Cregger of Max Meadows, Va., and Darla Kubat of Lakeside, Ariz. ; a half-sister, Viola McCalip of Temple, Okla. ; and two brothers, James Gatlin of Slidell and Eugene Gatlin of Bridgeport.

Gatlin, James Roy

1947-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Funeral for James Roy Gatlin, 62, of Slidell is 2:30 p. m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at First Baptist Church of Slidell with the Rev. Bobby Cates officiating. Burial will follow at Slidell Cemetery. Visitation was to be from 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Gatlin died Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in Decatur. Born June 25, 1947, in Anadarko, Okla., to James Richard and Hazel (Bacon) Gatlin, he married Lois Gail Stidham Aug. 28, 1965, in Wichita Falls. He retired from the UAW/Chrysler Parts Distribution Depot in Carrollton in 1996. He served in the National Guard, golfed and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Slidell. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kammie Jo Carico; brother, Edward Gatlin; half-brother, Willard Gatlin; and half-sister, Wanda Waldrop. He is survived by his wife; son, James Lee Gatlin and wife, Tonya, of Greenwood; son-in-law, Terry Carico of Slidell; granddaughters, Jennifer Shumate and husband, Josh, of Sanger, Brenda Gayl Gatlin of Slidell, Candice and Crissie Gatlin of Greenwood; great-granddaughters, Brooke and Emily Rudder, Eden Shumate and Addison Nichole Dyer; sisters, LaVerne Halsted and husband, Ron, of Grand Prairie, Helen Cregger and husband, David, of Max Meadows, Va., and Darla Kubat and husband, Mitch, of Lakeside, Ariz. ; brother, Eugene Gatlin and wife, Ann, of Bridgeport; half-sister, Viola McCalip of Temple, Okla. ; brothers, Lee Stidham and wife, Phyllis, of Anadarko and Edward and wife, Dorithy, of Austin; sister-in-law, Beatrice Skelton and husband, Bo, of Anadarko; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Gibbon, Jean Desmond

1912-2009

Published Thursday, May 28, 2009

Memorial service for Jean Desmond Gibbon, 96, of Decatur was May 22 at Sycamore Baptist Church with the Rev. Johnny Irish and Scott Gray officiating. Gibbon died Saturday, May 16, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born July 26, 1912, in Chicago to John and Mary Ann (Riggs) Desmond, she was a swimsuit model and a welder for Lockheed in Los Angeles during World War II. She married Julian Edward Gibbon Sept. 27, 1940, in Reno, Nev., and moved to Decatur in 1946. She was a member of the Eastern Star and attended Sycamore Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband; and brothers and sisters. She is survived by her son, John Gibbon and wife, Harriet, of Decatur; daughter, Dee Covington of Hurst; grandchildren, Cari Covington Tillery, Will Covington, Jody Gibbon Slaten and John Gibbon Jr. ; great-grandchildren, Josh and Levi Covington, Sarah, Amy and Hannah Tillery and Katie Anne Slaten; step-grandchildren, Chris Funk, Carmen Goodson and Monica Bernard; and step-great-grandchildren, Claire, Carson, Sydney, Addisyn, Grey and Journey. Memorials may be made to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210.

Gilhaus, Betty Jane Rhoads

1946-2009

Published Sunday, March 15, 2009

Funeral for Betty Jane Rhoads Gilhaus, 62, of Orlando, Fla., will be at 3 p. m. Sunday, March 15, at Moore's Jacksonville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Park. Visitation was to be from 4 to 6 p. m. Saturday at the funeral home. Gilhaus died Monday, March 9, 2009, in Orlando. Born Nov. 9, 1946, in Decatur to Doyle B. and Verna B. Rhoads, she graduated from Decatur High School and Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, Ark. She was a Florida businesswoman and worked for the Veterans Administration for 19 years. She was of the Christian faith. She was preceded

in death by her brother, Grady Ray Spain Sr. She is survived by her daughters, Lecia N. Vandale of Jacksonville, Ark., and Tanya L. Gilhaus-Potter of Cabot, Ark. ; grandchildren, Nathan A. Gilhaus, Nicholas R. Vandale, Timothy F. Potter, Lisa M. Potter and Jerry L. Potter; two great-grandchildren; sister, Barbara A. Lewis of Dallas; one niece and one nephew.

Gilley, Fay 'Granny'

1930-2009

Published Thursday, October 8, 2009

Funeral for Fay "Granny" Gilley, 79, of Bridgeport was Oct. 4 at Cates Street Church of Christ with Roger Rhodes and Shorty Fallin officiating. Burial followed at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Born July 1, 1930, in Springtown to Fred and Nora (Stevens) Hall, she married Tom Gilley May 15, 1949, in Olney. She was a homemaker and a member of the Cates Street Church of Christ, where she volunteered and was the vacation Bible school refreshment coordinator. She was a volunteer at the Children's Homes in Keller, Christ's Haven in Keller, Trinity Health Care and August Health Care in Bridgeport. She was preceded in death by her husband; great-grandson, Rex; and brothers, Lewis and Gene Hall. She is survived by her son, Noel Gilley and wife, Teri, of Paradise; daughters, Gladys Pewitt and husband, Jerry, of Paradise, Beth Andreasen and husband, Earnest, of Bridgeport and Tommie Jo Underwood and husband, Von, of Paradise; grandchildren, Paula, Calvin, Jeff, Ronnie, Christi, Julie, Chrystal, Garrett, Cody and Roper; great-grandchildren, Shayna, Taylor, Allie, Mario, Zachary, Fay, Conner, Madison, Cole, Tuff, Macy, Gunner and Kashton; sister, Sue Bentley of Bridgeport; and brother, Perry Hall of Decatur. Pallbearers were Calvin Pewitt, Jeff Pewitt, Cody Gilley, Roper Gilley, Ronnie Andreasen, Garrett Underwood, Eric Rutledge, Brian Holley and Keith Eustace.

Gilliam, Danita Diane Looney

1960-2009

Published Sunday, May 3, 2009

Graveside service for Danita Diane Looney Gilliam, 49, of Decatur was May 1 at Cottonwood Cemetery with Donald McMaster officiating.

Gilliam died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 20, 1960, in Lake Worth to Billy Ray and Margaret Nell (Pate) Looney, she married Dale Edward Gilliam Jr. March 20, 1991, in Anchorage, Alaska. She was a teacher in the Slidell school district for eight years. She is survived by her husband; her parents of Decatur; stepchildren, Dale and Denton Gilliam of Dallas and Dawn Gilliam Keller of Fort Worth; sisters, Joy Henry and Brenda McMaster of Decatur; and numerous nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Pallbearers were Bud Henry, Matt Lavender, Jake McMaster, Ty McMaster, David Ellis, Jimmy Looney and Ricky Looney. Memorials may be made to a school library of public library of choice.

Gilliand, Harry Edward 'Ned', Jr.

1931-2009

Published Thursday, March 26, 2009

Memorial service for Harry Edward "Ned" Gilliand Jr., 77, of Boyd will be at 12:30 p. m. Friday, March 27, at Hidden Creek Ranch in Boyd.

Gilliand died Thursday, March 19, 2009, in Boyd. Born April 8, 1931, in Dover, N. J., he traded working odd jobs at the Morristown, N. J., airport for flying lessons, receiving his pilot's license at age 16. He witnessed the crash of the Hindenburg at Lakehurst, N. J. In

1953, he was drafted into the U. S. Army and acquired his formal helicopter flight training at Fort Sill, Okla. While there, he met Sunny, who volunteered with the USO, and they were married in 1954. Gilliland advanced to become a military helicopter flight instructor and was selected to perform on the U. S. Army Helicopter Square Dance Team, a group that flew in air shows to promote how the helicopter was capable of performing with the military. He received an honorable discharge in 1957. From 1957 to 1964, Gilliland flew in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest for Economy Helicopters, Columbia Helicopters and Hillcrest Aircraft Co. He received the Robert E. Tremble Memorial Award in 1963, awarded for distinguished mountain flying for a night rescue in the Nez Perce National Forest mountains of Idaho. In 1964, Gilliland joined Bell Helicopter as a production test pilot. During his Bell years, he was a coach and pilot for the USA Helicopter Team, which flew in competition at the Third World Helicopter Championships in Vitebsk, USSR, in 1978. The USA Team was awarded second place, and Gilliland received an HSC award for outstanding team coach. In 1986, he retired from Bell and his position as supervisor of production test pilots. Gilliland wrote "Dancing Rotors," a history of U. S. military helicopter precision flight demonstration teams, and he was a donor to numerous aviation foundations and museums. During his flying career, he logged almost 18,000 hours in the air in more than 100 different types of aircraft. In 2006, he was honored with the Charles Lester Morris Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to vertical flight as a pioneer helicopter pilot. He is survived by his wife, Doreen "Sunny" Gilliland; daughters, Melanie Cox and husband, Jimmy, of Hurst, Dawn Smith and husband, JW, of Kerrville, and Lori Livingston and husband, Tim, of Boyd; sons, Mark Gilliland and wife, Jill, of Alexandria, Va., and Ben Gilliland and wife, Leann, of Irving; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a sister, Nancy Nunamacher of Laconia, N. H. ; and a brother, Donald Gilliland of Los Angeles. The family requests memorials be made to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 7318 N. E. Loop 820, North Richland Hills, TX 76180.

Goetschius, John Neil

1962-2008

Published Thursday, January 1, 2009

Funeral for John Neil Goetschius, 46, of Crosby was Dec. 18 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church with a graveside service Dec. 19 at Sycamore Cemetery in Decatur.

Goetschius died Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008. Born July 1, 1962, in Baytown to James E. and Lucille (Griffeth) Goetschius, he was a lead technician for Continental Express Jet and lived in the Crosby area for 21 years. He was Cub Scout Den Leader for pack No. 264 and volunteered with the East Lake Houston Soccer Association. He is survived by his wife, Tina; son, Ian Neil Goetschius; mother; sisters, Phyllis Anders and Julie Goetschius; brothers, Mark Goetschius and William Goetschius; mother and father-in-law, Mildred and Shirl Giles; and nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts - Sam Houston Council, <http://www.scoutingfriends.org>; Bo's Place, <http://www.bosplace.org>; Susan Komen Foundation, P. O. Box 224523, Dallas, TX 75222; or MD Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4436, Houston, TX 77210.

Gomez, Idalia

1990-2009

Published Sunday, October 25, 2009

Rosary for Idalia Gomez, 19, of Decatur was Oct. 23 at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home.

Gomez died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, in Decatur. Born March 21, 1990, in Piedra Negras

Coahuila, Mexico, to Jesus Cruz and Maria Dolores (Zamora) Gomez, she graduated from Decatur High School. She is survived by her parents; brothers, Jose and Sergio Gomez; and sisters, Nancy, Alondra and Valeria Gomez.

Gosnell, Terrie Gail

1958-2009

Published Sunday, March 22, 2009

Memorial service for Terrie Gail Gosnell, 50, of Azle was March 20 at Trinity Baptist Church in Boyd with Dr. Robert Worley officiating. Burial was at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Gosnell died Thursday, March 12, 2009. Born Dec. 12, 1958, in Rockwall, she worked for IGA Foodliner in Boyd for several years. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Gosnell, and sister, Oma Crawford.

Graham, Faye Wells

1924-2009

Published Sunday, February 22, 2009

Funeral for Faye Wells Graham, 84, of Decatur was Feb. 19 at Victory Family Church in Decatur with the Rev. Alan Bates officiating. Burial was at Salona Cemetery in Bowie.

Graham died Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, in Decatur. Born April 2, 1924, in Paducah to Herman Porter "H.P." and Jewell (Thompson) Shaw, she was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by husbands, Grady Wells and Elbert Graham; a sister, Earlene Bennett; and a brother, Clyde Shaw. She is survived by daughters, Maxine Loafman and husband, Bill, and Joan Davis and husband, Donny, all of Decatur; a son, Gerald Wells and wife, JoAnn, of Bakersfield, Calif. ; grandchildren, Stephen Miller, Stephanie Lowry, Terri Golwas, Scott Wells, John Wells, Rebekah Reyes, Rachel Wells, Rodney Davis, Lisa Rottner and Julie Perkins; 16 great-grandchildren; a brother, Vernon Shaw of Bowie; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Stephen Miller, Rodney Davis, Scott Wells, John Wells, Jordan Davis and Keller Miller.

Green, Mary Lydia

1912-2009

Published Sunday, June 28, 2009

Graveside service for Mary Lydia Green, 96, of Bridgeport was June 26 at Thomas Cemetery.

Green died Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born Nov. 25, 1912, in Bridgeport to James Oliver and Sarah Jane Walker, she married Frank Edward Green Jan. 21, 1940, in Madrid, Okla. She was a bookkeeper, teacher and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Bridgeport. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Martha Jane Toth of Salem, Ore. ; and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund or Solaris Hospice.

Green, Ulner Ray

1942-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Funeral for Ulner Ray Green, 67, of Chico was Nov. 25 at Heritage Family Funeral Home in Bowie. Paul Naeve of the Nazarene Church in Bowie and David Wynn of Agape MCC officiated. Burial followed at Salona Cemetery.

Green died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, in Dallas. Born Jan. 3, 1942, in Bowie to Ulner and Reba Green, he was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Bowie and a

volunteer for the Chico fire department. He drew, fished and spent time with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Reba Cloray; granddaughter, Sally Ephraim; sister, Mary Ann; and brothers, Don, Ronnie, Clois and Darrell. He is survived by his wife, Marlene Green; daughters, Wanda Raylene Coker and husband, Jimmy, Lois Kathlene Clark and husband, Michael, all of Chico, and Delene Green Ephraim and husband, Erich, of Dallas; son, David Ray Green of North Richland Hills; brother, Keith Green of Bowie; sisters, Alice Beasley and Marian Thomas, both of Bowie; mother-in-law, Wanda Sigman of Bowie; grandchildren, Jefferey and Jeremy Coker, David Dill, Christopher Cowley, and Haley, Haden and Braxton Ephraim; great-grandchild Landon Dill; as well as aunts and uncles.

Greenway, Mildred Lucille

1939-2009

Published Thursday, January 15, 2009

Funeral for Mildred Lucille Greenway, 69, of Chatsworth, Ga., was to be at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Chapel of Bernhardt Funeral Home in Ellijay, Ga., with the Rev. Jimmy O'Tinger officiating. Burial was to be in the Yukon Cemetery.

Greenway died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009. Born Oct. 20, 1939, in Decatur to Everett Leo Hicks and Martha Hudson Hicks, she was a truck driver and attended the Baptist church. She was preceded in death by her sons, James Hollis and Rickey Greenway, and daughter, Lynna Robling. She is survived by her daughters, Angela Cantrell and husband, Don, of Clyde and Norma Jo Neal and husband, Reece; son-in-law, Gary Robling of Caldwell, Idaho; sons, Geary Greenway and Dalton Charles Hollis and wife, Paula, of Topeka, Kan. ; 19 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Greer, William Matthew, Rev., Jr.

1932-2009

Published Sunday, September 13, 2009

Funeral for the Rev. William Matthew Greer Jr. 77, of Rhome is at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel with burial at 2 p. m. at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation is 6 to 8 p. m. Monday at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Greer died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, in Rhome. Born July 27, 1932, in Commerce to William Matthew Sr. and Mary Etta (Wilburn) Greer, he married Linda Kay Wooderts Sept. 6, 2001, in Decatur. He served in the U. S. Army and was a household inspector for Wise Regional Health System in Decatur. He was an associate pastor for Living Word Tabernacle. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Mario Greer. He is survived by his wife; sons, William Darnell Greer of Temple, Tony Greer, Warren Greer, Weldon M. Greer and Marcus Davis, all of Dallas, and Louis Wooderts and wife, Kim, of Kyle; daughters, Veronica Thomas and husband, Jimmy, of Red Oak, Vanessa Jordan and husband, Charles, and Vernetta Hearn and husband, Harlan, all of DeSoto, and Rhonda Sterling of Austin; 16 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Weldon (Bud) Greer and wife, Florene, of Dallas and Marion Greer and wife, Velma, of Commerce.

Gregory, Clara Nell

1928-2009

Published Sunday, December 20, 2009

Memorial service for Clara Nell Gregory, 81, of Newport was to be 1 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at the First Baptist Church of Newport.

Gregory died Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 14, 1928, in Miami, Okla., to Arley and Jenetta (Dixon) East, she graduated from Miami High School and

married David Gregory May 4, 1946, in Columbus, Kan. Gregory was a homemaker and a member of the Bowie Home Demonstration Club, the Jim Bowie Saddle Club and the First Baptist Church of Newport. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Judy Marie Gregory; brothers, Roy East, Mervin East and Glenn East; and sister, Dorothy Kemple. She is survived by her husband, David Gregory of Bowie; children, Vicki Riley and husband, Chuck, of Bowie, David Michael Gregory and wife, Mary Paul, of Edmond, Okla., and Terri Vinson and husband, David, of Benbrook; grandchildren, Jody Oliver and husband, Toby, T. J. Thompson and husband, Mike, and Casey Gallia and husband, Jason, all of Bowie, Clay Gregory and wife, Betsy, of Bartlesville, Okla., Devin Badley of Keller, Kayla Stark of Dallas and Callie Stark of Benbrook; great-grandchildren, R. J. Oliver, Laney Oliver, Taylor Thompson, Cade Thompson, Creed Gallia, Bodie Gallia, Sam Gregory, Bryse Badley, Addison Badley; brother, George East and wife, Ladera, of Columbus, Ga. ; sister, Emma Lou Huffines of California; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Newport.

Griffeth, Rosemary Ann

1944-2009

Published Thursday, September 24, 2009

Funeral for Rosemary Ann Griffeth, 65, of Decatur was to be at 10 a. m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Kevin Moore and Scot Gray officiating. Burial was to be at Sycamore Cemetery.

Griffeth died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009. Born June 8, 1944, in Eagle Pass to John Edward Jr. and Mary Ellen Elizabeth (Montanye) Hunter, she married Nolan Griffeth June 9, 1962, in Dallas. She was the former owner of Mode-O-Day dress shop in Decatur and was a member of Sycamore Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Heather Griffeth. She is survived by her husband; sons, Gregory Griffeth and wife, JoAnn, of Decatur, Derek Griffeth and wife, Audra, of Fort Worth, Shane Griffeth and wife, Jessica, of Visalia, Calif. ; grandsons, Colton, Caleb, Forest, Alexander, Zachary and Tanner Griffeth; great-granddaughter, Rorey Griffeth; sisters, Kay Broom and husband, Jerry, of Granbury, and Teresa Fisher and husband, Bobby, of Montgomery; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were to be Colton Griffeth, Caleb Griffeth, Forest Croft, Alexander Griffeth, Zachary Griffeth and Tanner Griffeth.

Griffin, Daniel Bert 'D.B.'

1927-2009

Published Thursday, July 30, 2009

Funeral for Daniel Bert "D.B." Griffin, 82, of Rhome was July 28 at Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bill Woolaver officiating. Burial followed at Aurora Cemetery.

Griffin died Friday, July 24, 2009, in Grapevine. Born March 19, 1927, in Birthright to Daniel Claude and Cordie Mae (Collins) Griffin, he married Beulah Maxine Thorell April 5, 1947, in Rhome. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II and retired from the Dallas Fire Department. He hunted, fished and square danced. He is survived by his wife; sons, Don Griffin of Richardson and Gary Griffin and wife, Dorothy, of Dallas; two granddaughters, Joanie Griffin of Frisco and Chelsie Griffin of Dallas; sister, Mildred Keith of Missouri; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were members of the Decatur Fire Department.

Griffin, Mary Jo

1939-2009

Published Thursday, December 3, 2009

Funeral for Mary Jo Griffin, 70, of Rhome is at 1 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Christian-Hawkins Funeral Chapel in Boyd with Dave Lester officiating. Burial is at Boyd Cemetery. Visitation was to be 6 to 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Griffin died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, in Decatur. Born Oct. 7, 1939, in Munday to Carl Albert and Zel Mary (White) Clark, she married Kenneth Frank Griffin Sept. 23, 1957, in Silver City, N. M. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband; brothers, Carl Clark Jr. and Jim Clark; and sister, Bea Rasor. She is survived by her son, Kenneth Griffin of Rhome; daughter, Mary Ann Pepper and husband, Keith Pepper Sr., of Rhome; grandchildren, Michelle Cernick and husband, Reese, of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Keith Wayne Pepper II of Irving; great-grandchildren, Christopher, Autumn and Aurora Cernick.

Griggs, William 'Bill' Lunsford

1919-2009

Published Thursday, October 22, 2009

Funeral for William "Bill" Lunsford Griggs, 90, of Decatur was Oct. 19 at the Coker Funeral Home Chapel with Monte Tuttle officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery. Griggs died Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009, in Bridgeport. Born April 30, 1919, in Decatur to Dan and Myrtle (Workman) Griggs, he attended Decatur High School from 1935-1939 and played football and ran track. He was a three-year captain of the Decatur Eagles football team. He played football at Decatur Baptist College. He served in World War II, serving four years in Company E, 176th Engineers, where he earned the rank of master sergeant along with numerous medals and commendations. Griggs married Lavada Lee Gage after the war. He was a member of numerous booster clubs and service organizations. He served as president of the Nimitz High School Booster Club, the Irving Girls Softball Association and was instrumental in building the Southwest Park girls softball fields in Irving. He was a member of the Decatur planning and zoning commission, the Decatur Athletic Booster Club and Central Fellowship Church. He worked in the oil and gas industry his entire career, working for Shell Oil Co. for 10 years and as plant manager of the Dallas Texaco plant for 37 years. He also hunted, worked on his farm, raised cattle and traveled. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lavane Griggs, and brothers, C.W. "Dud" and Jim Griggs. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Melinda Kaye Reeves and husband, Jack, of Decatur; grandsons, Josh William and Jase Ryan Reeves; sister-in-law, Roberta Buchanan of Decatur; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grimes, Iris Jean

1940-2009

Published Thursday, November 5, 2009

Funeral for Iris Jean Grimes, 68, of Decatur is Friday, Nov. 6, at Greenwood Chapel with entombment at Greenwood Mausoleum in Fort Worth. Visitation was to be from 6 to 9 p. m. Thursday at Greenwood Funeral Home.

Grimes died Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. She was born Nov. 24, 1940, in Fort Worth to W. W. and Venna Yarbrough. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Coy Don Grimes, and daughter-in-law, Adrianna Grimes. She is survived by her children, Kathryn Elser and husband, Kenneth, Donna Fry and husband, Buzzy, Laurie Grimes, Coy Grimes and Sandra LePine and husband, Joseph; her mother; brothers, Woodrow

Yarbrough Jr. and John Yarbrough; sister, Deanna Culpepper; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Grissom, Jo Ann

1927-2009

Published Sunday, December 20, 2009

Graveside service for JoAnn Grissom, 82, of Weatherford, formerly of Decatur, was Dec. 18 at Alvord Cemetery.

Grissom died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009, in Weatherford. Born March 5, 1927, in Decatur to O. E. and Edith Meyers Boyd, she married Joe Grissom Dec. 27, 1946, in Decatur. She graduated from Decatur Baptist College and retired from Wise County as a stenographer. She was preceded in death by a brother, Bill Boyd. She is survived by daughters, Suzy Grissom of Denton and Shelley Smith of Azle; sons, Tommy Grissom and wife, Debra, of Waxahachie and Jim Grissom and wife, Debbie, of Wichita Falls; grandchildren, Andrea, Chuck, Josh, Kristy and Chris; great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob Boyd and wife, Mary Helen, of Decatur and Jack Boyd and wife, Carolyn, of Plano; and sister, Helen Pascall of Denton.

Guinn, Bobby Walter

1943-2009

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Funeral for Bobby Walter Guinn, 65, of Justin was June 3 at Lucas Funeral Home Chapel in Justin with Doug Ellis of Gospel Light Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Justin Cemetery.

Guinn died Saturday, May 30, 2009, in Fort Worth. Born Dec. 6, 1943, in Portland, Ore., to Jay and Verdene Guinn, he married Connie Berg April 28, 1962. He was a retired carpenter. He was preceded in death by his wife in April 2007; and brother, Jerry Guinn. He is survived by a son, Bryan Guinn and wife, Christy, of Justin; daughter, Stacie Bramow and husband, Dennis, of Justin; grandchildren, Nickolas and Madelyn Guinn and Travis, Jason Tyler and Katie Bramow, all of Justin; sisters, Suretta Shelley of Southlake and Jeannie Davidson of Fort Worth; and numerous other family members. Pallbearers were Travis Bramow, Jason Tyler Bramow, Gilbert Smith, Don Gay, David Hopper and Bill Brooks.