

OBITUARIES

SUBMITTING INFORMATION

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BAUMGARTEN - Frank, passed away October 21, 2008. Born on December 25, 1922 in El Paso TX to J.F. and Ada Baumgarten. He was owner of Quiet Corners Mobile Haven. Survived by: wife, Deanna; 2 children and spouses, Desseen and Dennis Herman, Sperry, Kenneth and Wanda Baumgarten, Arkansas; grandchildren, Andy Herman, Kelly and Clinton Warnock Kellyville, Kenny and Cassandra Baumgarten, Arkansas; and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral service 10 a.m., Friday, October 24, at Johnson Funeral Home, Sperry. In lieu of flowers give to Seasons Hospice, 6532 E. 71st, Ste 101, Tulsa 74122.

HOLLOWAY - Robert "Bob", 70, died Wednesday, October 15, 2008, after a short illness. The Tulsa native is survived by: his wife, Sherry; daughter, Patty Oliver her husband, Bob; and grandsons, Tanner, Austin, and Cole of Springfield, MO; daughter, Pam Boyd her husband, Mike of Ramstein Germany; sisters, Nancy Henry, Tulsa and Mary Lee Allen of Oklahoma City. A Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, October 24 at the Tulsa Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the GoodShepherdHospice.org

FUNKHOUSER - Douglas Paul, born September 26, 1961 died after a long battle with cancer on October 14, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ. Doug is survived by: his wife, Dominga Funkhouser; 15 month old beloved son, Bobbie Gene Funkhouser and 5 step-children. Preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Funkhouser, he is survived by: his father, Bobbie; his brother, Robert Funkhouser and his wife, Franny; as well as his sisters, Vicki Lee, Lisa Funkhouser and Daun Orlando. While 4 years ago Doug moved to Phoenix to "start a new life", his greatest experiences were at CFS. He loved CFS and all the friends he made there. His last wish was to come home to Tulsa to be buried next to his mother. Just before he passed, Doug said, "Dammmm I had a great ride and enjoyed every minute of it"; thus he asked that we celebrate his life not his loss. Graveside service Floral Haven Cemetery, 6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 10 a.m. The "Hammer" will be missed.



James Alfred Daugherty

DAUGHERTY - James Alfred, age 65, Co-Owner of J&J Air Conditioning, passed away Monday, October 20, 2008 in Tulsa, OK. He was born August 14, 1943 in Tishomingo, OK. He is survived by: his wife, Mairead of the home; daughter, Cathy Jo Liebel and husband, Ken of California; son, Robert John Daugherty and wife, Melinda of Tulsa; mother, Nora Hiett of Tulsa; 3 grandchildren, Chelsea Liebel, Jesse Liebel and Madeline Daugherty; 1 sister, Leta Yates of Arkansas. A beloved husband, father and son, he will be deeply missed. A Memorial Mass will be held 12 Noon, Saturday, October 25, 2008 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, with a reception to follow at the family home. All are invited. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, Cremation Society of Oklahoma, 599-7337.

WALLING - Esther C., 57, departed this life on Monday, October 20, 2008, and flew into the arms of Jesus Christ. Esther was born March 8, 1951, in New Jersey. She attended Oral Roberts University and graduated with a degree in Vocal Performance in 1973. Esther spent her life teaching students. She was also an accompanist and worship leader at different churches. Preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Paul. Survived by her half sister, Nancy Geyer, cousins, friends, and her beloved cats, Rusty and Callie. A Celebration will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2008, at Carbondale Assembly of God, Tulsa. Donations may be made to Carbondale Missions. It is well with my soul!

SPARKS - Azel, 86, passed away Monday, October 20, 2008 in Tulsa, OK. Born February 13, 1922 in Sprigg, WV, to William Albert and Ollie Mane (Stafford) Crumb. She was a retired school teacher. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hazel in 1968; 2 brothers and 1 sister. Survived by: sons, Jim Sparks and wife, Kathy of Broken Arrow, OK, Harold Sparks and wife, Charlotte of Virginia, Bill Sparks and wife, Laurie of Minnesota; daughters, Glenna Zoerink and husband, Mike of Eureka Springs, AR, Helen Bowman of Coweta, OK; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also Granny to Boomer and Candy. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Moore's Southlawn. Funeral service will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at Wallace & Wallace Funeral Home in Rainelle, WV. Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 663-2233, share memories at www.moorefuneral.com



Virginia Lee Kauffmann

KAUFFMANN - Virginia Lee, 80, of Tulsa, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Virginia was born in Tulsa on February 4, 1928. She graduated from Tulsa Central High School in 1946. During high school, she met her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, husband, Don Kauffmann. They were married on June 11, 1948. Virginia attended Southern Methodist University and became a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She then transferred to Oklahoma A&M, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Interior Design from Oklahoma A&M. After graduating she helped her husband with his business, D.S. Kauffmann and Associates, Inc. and was a housewife and mother. Virginia was known for her active involvement in many community organizations. She served on the board of Tulsa Opera, Inc. and served as President for the Tulsa Opera Guild in 1967 - 1968. She also was a member of the Junior League of Tulsa, Inc., Tulsa Philharmonic Society, Tulsa Metropolitan Opera Auditions, and Sigma Alpha Iota National Musical fraternity. She was very dedicated to her faith and was loved by many people. Virginia is survived by: her son, Tom Kauffmann and daughter-in-law, Cris of Phoenix, AZ; her daughter, Shari Graham and son-in-law, Ron of Tulsa; her brother-in-law, Howard Kauffmann and wife, Suzy of Atlanta, Georgia; her sister-in-law, Jean Dunlap of Calgary, Canada; her granddaughter, Angela Patton; her step-grandchildren, Kyle Graham, Kristen Graham Brown and her husband, Steve; and 2 step-great-grandchildren of Tulsa. Virginia was preceded in death by: her husband, Don Kauffmann; her father, Robert Schell and her mother, Fern Schell. Visitation will be at Moore's Rosewood Chapel on Thursday and family will receive friends from 6 - 8 p.m. Service will be held at Asbury United Methodist Church at Mason Chapel at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 24. Moore's Rosewood Chapel, 744-1202.



Lynette A. Kelly

KELLY - Lynette A., born October 5, 1926 in West Plains MO, passed away Monday, October 20, 2008. She married the love of her life Andrew D. Kelly, February 16, 1944. She was a long time member of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Tulsa. She retired from Tulsa Public Schools after over 30 years in pupil accounting. She was preceded in death by: parents, Lee and Bessie Adams; husband, Andrew Kelly; sister, Thelma Jackson; and nephew, Tom Jackson. Survived by: daughters, Pamela Gillespie and husband, Leon, Andrea Roberts and husband, Wade; 4 grandchildren, Kelly Bolden and Scott, Kristen Gregory and husband, Josh, Gerad Roberts and wife, Darcy, Kevin Roberts; 1 great-grandson Braxton Gregory; and 3 step-grandchildren. She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Service will be 12:30 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2008 at Floral Haven Funeral Chapel, 6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK. (918) 252-2518.



Ruth Ann Baker

BAKER - Ruth Ann. After a very short battle with cancer, Ruth Ann Lafferty Baker celebrated her homecoming victory with her Lord on October 18, 2008, the same day as her Oklahoma State Cowboys celebrated a homecoming victory on the football field. Ruth Ann was born in Foyil, Oklahoma on March 20, 1927 to Lloyd and Mamie Lafferty. She moved to Stillwater, OK in 1942. During her time in Stillwater, she graduated from Stillwater High School in 1945, graduated from Oklahoma A & M in 1949, was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and met Johnny Baker. Ruth Ann and Johnny were married on June 13, 1947 at the First United Methodist Church of Stillwater. Throughout Johnny's career they lived in 9 different states and raised four remarkable children. Ruth Ann's love of sports, reading, dogs, bird watching, gardening, church, family and country never left her without words. She was a great conversationalist and we will always remember her love for the OSU Cowboys, Houston Astros and Republican Party! She is survived by: her husband, Johnny; her four children (and spouses); Trent Baker (Terri) of Broken Arrow, Lisa Bates (Wayne) of Broken Arrow, Todd Baker (Rosanne) of Edmond and Lloyd Baker (Mary Ann) of Maple Valley, Washington; step-grandchildren Staci Kern and Jamie Denney of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; Christopher Baker, Leanne Baker, Matthew McLarty, Greg McLarty and Scott McLarty, three great grandchildren; Austin Denny, Maximus Denney and Juliette McLarty, brother Lloyd Lafferty (Peggy) of Arlington, TX, sister Dorothy Friend (Jonathan) of Stillwater and sister, Jean O'Halloran (Merkle) of Cordell. A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 4 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church of Broken Arrow. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent in memory of Ruth Ann to the First United Methodist Church of Broken Arrow Building Fund.

Circle of Life ☉

In an effort to honor those who have donated either organs, eyes or tissue, the Tulsa World is participating in the "Circle of Life" campaign sponsored by the Global Organization for Organ Donation (GOOD).

If your loved one was a donor, please inform the funeral director if you would like to have the "Circle of Life" logo placed in his or her listing.



Vivian Joanne Conway

CONWAY - Vivian Joanne, 76, of Tulsa, passed away Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Joanne was born June 17, 1932 to Frank and Ethel McCarty in Ponca City, OK. Joanne grew up in Ponca along with her older siblings Marvin, Wayne, and Joyce. Joanne (Jo) graduated in 1950 from Ponca City High School. In 1951, Joanne met her future husband, William F. (Bill) Conway. They married that next year at her parent's residence in Ponca City. Jo and Bill resided together in Tulsa, for 48 years until Bill's passing in 2000. Also preceding her in death were her parents; brothers, Marvin and Wayne; and her sister, Joyce. Survived by: her sons, Wayne and wife, Jan, Mark, and his wife, Ardie; and daughter, Joyce (Missy) and her husband, Robert (Bob) Massey. She is also survived by her 5 grandchildren, Amanda, Kristen, Timothy, Christopher, and Anna; 1 great-grandchild, Jarrett; and numerous nieces and nephews. Joanne's current church affiliation was with Yale Avenue Christian Church, and previous affiliation with Brookhaven Christian Church. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, 6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow, OK, 252-2518.

In Memoriam



Ronald Gene Childers

Ronald Gene Childers
10/23/53 -- 08/19/07

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Vaccine urged for smokers

LOS ANGELES TIMES

A federal health panel for the first time has singled out smokers for vaccination because of their high risk of infection from a pneumonia-causing bacterium.

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention already recommends the pneumococcal vaccine for children, adults older than 65 and those with chronic illnesses and weakened immune systems.

The panel's new recommendation, proposed Wednesday and expected to be formally adopted by the CDC, would expand the group to smokers ages 19 to 64.

About one-fifth of U.S. adults smoke cigarettes, the CDC reports. Studies consistently find that smokers account for about half of otherwise healthy adults with invasive pneumococcal disease.

The CDC committee also recommended that smokers who receive the pneumococcal vaccine be advised to stop smoking. About 50 percent of regular smokers will die of a smoking-related disease, usually lung cancer, emphysema, chronic bronchitis or cardiovascular disease.

A single dose of pneumococcal vaccine for adults protects against 23 types of Streptococcus pneumoniae.

DEATHS

Death notice policy

The Tulsa World publishes free death notices. Funeral homes may submit death notices from 4 to 10:30 p.m. daily. For information about news obituaries, call 581-8325.

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TULSA

Bilby, Jimmy Dale, 55, painter, died Monday. Private family services. Cremation Society.
Bryan, Ninette Jeanne Mary, 85, homemaker, died Wednesday. Service 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow.
Campbell, Sue, 59, educator, died Tuesday. Graveside service 2 p.m. Friday, Non Cemetery, Non. Brumley-Mills, McAlester.
Conway, Joanne, 76, homemaker, died Tuesday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow.
Deramo, Virginia Louise, 72, homemaker, died Wednesday. Private family services. AdamsCrest Cremation.
Dunn, Retha I., 86, former Nelson Electric employee, died Tuesday. Memorial service 11 a.m. Friday, Mowery Funeral Service Chapel, Owasso.
Edwards, LaMont Dion, 25, laborer, died Oct. 16. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, Calvary Baptist Church, Sapulpa. Jack's.
Emmert, Velma M., 94, homemaker, died Wednesday. Services pending. Freeman Harris.
Findley, Doris Nadine, 91, credit union manager, died Monday. Graveside service 2 p.m. Friday, Memorial Park Cemetery. Moore's Southlawn.
Garrett, Barbara Jean, 76, homemaker, died Monday. Memorial service 2 p.m. Friday, Tulsa Christian Fellowship. Floral Haven, Broken Arrow.
Gibbons, Ronald Gene, 52, contractor and homebuilder, died Wednesday. Services pending. Mark Griffith-Westwood.
Isaac, William O., 83, electrical engineer, died Tuesday. Services pending. Cremation Society.
Jarrett, Lewis W., 76, retired Tulsa Tribune aerial photographer, died Tuesday. Services pending. Reynolds at Rose Hill.
Kauffman, Virginia Lee, 80, homemaker, died Tuesday. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Moore's Rosewood Funeral Home, and service 11 a.m. Friday, Asbury United Methodist Church.
Lewis, Albert J., 85, barber, died Oct. 15. Wake 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jack's Funeral Home Chapel, and service 10 a.m. Friday, St. Andrew Baptist Church.
Logan, Carol Ann, 63, homemaker, died Monday. Private family services. AdamsCrest Cremation.
McCartney, Leslie John, 86, retired machinist, died Monday. Service 9 a.m. Thursday, Christview Christian Church, and graveside service 1 p.m. Thursday, Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson. Kennedy-Amis-Kennard, Broken Arrow.
McClure, Guy F., 77, retired from Cities Service Co., died Tuesday. Services pending. Fitzgerald's Southwood Colonial.
Morrison, Bobby, 88, retired from the Air Force, died Tuesday. Service 2 p.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, Porter. Shipman, Wagoner.
Onofre, Eduardo, 28, construction worker, died Monday. Services pending. Midtown.
Perryman, Charles L., 77, Sunray Oil Corp. laboratory technician, died Tuesday. Services pending. Reynolds at Rose Hill.
Pete, Amos, 86, retired from American Airlines, died Oct. 15. Service 11 a.m. Saturday, Greater Union Baptist Church. Moore's Memory.
Randall, Doyle Edward, 82, state of Oklahoma snack-bar operator, died Wednesday. Services pending. Ninde Brookside.
Rhodes, William C., 95, retired Sinclair Oil Co. crude-oil producer, died Tuesday. Services pending. Ninde Brookside.
Walling, Esther, 57, piano teacher, died Monday. Memorial service 10 a.m. Friday, Carbondale Assembly of God. Moore's Southlawn.
Williams, Hoygene, 28, laborer, died Sunday. Visitation 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday and service noon Friday, both at Bishop's Northside Funeral Home.
Williams, Vernon H., 48, Crosby-McKissick materials handler, died Monday. Visitation noon-7 p.m. Friday and service 9:30 a.m. Saturday, both at Keith D. Biglow Funeral Home, and service 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Antioch Baptist Church.

STATE/AREA

Funeral home, church and cemetery locations are in the city under which the death notice is listed unless otherwise noted.

Adair — Vern K. Sagel, 89, Adair Laundry owner, died Tuesday. Service 2 p.m. Friday, Shipman's Funeral Home Chapel, Pryor.
Bartlesville — Edward Allen Evans Jr., 89, retired from Phillips Petroleum Co., died Sunday. Graveside service 10 a.m. Saturday, Memorial Park Cemetery. Neekamp-Luginbuel.
Blackwell — Albert L. Cottle, 48, died Wednesday. Services pending. Blackwell Funeral Home.

Broken Arrow — Barbara Cullam, 63, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission manager, died Wednesday. Service 3 p.m. Saturday, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel.

Broken Bow — Jewell "Pete" Vandever, 70, retired automotive painter, died Monday. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday and memorial service 2 p.m. Friday, both at Bunch-Singleton Funeral Home.

— Rick Lynn Pennington, 54, retired from Weyerhaeuser, died Tuesday. Graveside service was held Wednesday. Bunch-Singleton.

Checotah — Kellie Hillner, 45, former Bright Horizon Day Care owner, died Wednesday. Services pending. Garrett Family.

Chelsea — Larry J. "RoJo" Smith, 58, mechanic, died Tuesday. Service 2 p.m. Monday, Miracles of Love Church, Foyil. Musgrove-Merriott-Smith, Claremore.

Clayton — W.H. "Buck" Fox, 77, former Tulsa Police Department lieutenant and Fox's Coffee Shop owner, died Monday. Service 2 p.m. Friday, Christian Church. Clayton Funeral Home.

Clearview — James P. Owens, 104, retired Postal Service rural letter carrier, died Tuesday. Service noon Saturday, Clearview Community Center. Parks Brothers, Okemah.

Coffeyville, Kan. — Ethelene Morris, 80, caregiver, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Saturday, Holy Name Catholic Church. Barnes.

Colcord — Bruce E. Dancer, 81, automotive mechanic, died Tuesday. Visitation 5-7 p.m. Sunday and service 2 p.m. Monday, both at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Ark.

Coweta — Azel Sparks, 86, educator, died Monday. Visitation 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Moore's Southlawn Funeral Home, Tulsa. No local services planned.

Glenpool — Dana Hodge, 46, homemaker, died Tuesday. Service 3 p.m. Friday, Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, Broken Arrow.

Grove — Beverly Roberts, 65, Oklahoma Tax Commission field auditor, died Tuesday. Visitation 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home, and service 10 a.m. Monday, First Baptist Church.

Holdenville — Tom "Sonny" King Jr., 77, plumber, died Wednesday. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Heritage Rock Church. Fisher. — Joseph Tiger Jr., 46, ranch hand, died Tuesday. Service 2 p.m. Monday, Salt Creek United Methodist Church. Fisher.

Independence, Kan. — Peter John Valverde, 78, died Wednesday. Visitation noon-5:30 p.m. Thursday and rosary 6 p.m. Thursday, both at Potts Funeral Home, and graveside service 10 a.m. Friday, Catholic Cemetery.

Inola — Patricia Ilene Krause, 59, homemaker, died Tuesday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, Inola Funeral Home Chapel.

— Joseph Emil Zimmerman, 65, truck driver and farmer, died Wednesday. Visitation 5-8 p.m. Thursday and rosary 9 a.m. Friday, both at Musgrove-Merriott-Smith Funeral Home, Claremore.

Jay — Virginia Pennington, 69, Motorola supervisor, died Wednesday. Private family services. Funeral Services of Grand Lake.

McAlester — Flora Mae Palmer, 99, secretary, died Tuesday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, Bishop Funeral Home Chapel.

— Johnny Leroy Stewart, 42, dairy farmer, died Sunday. Service 11 a.m. Thursday, Brumley-Mills Funeral Home Chapel.

Miami — Zelious "Granny" Miller, 104, homemaker, died Tuesday. Visitation 6-7 p.m. Friday and service 2 p.m. Saturday, both at Paul Thomas Funeral Home.

— Randall Guy Whaley, 64, died Wednesday. Private family services. Cooper-Altouse.

Morris — Shelia Rose Hart, 55, nurse, died Wednesday. Memorial service 10 a.m. Friday, Assembly of God. Shurden, Okmulgee.

Muldrow — Virginia N. Falkner, 62, homemaker, died Wednesday. Graveside service 11 a.m. Thursday, Cottonwood Cemetery. Agent.

Muskogee — Alma Carter, 85, Oklahoma Children's Center laundry aide, died Oct. 17. Visitation 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Ragsdale Funeral Center, and service 1 p.m. Friday, Black Jack Missionary Baptist Church.

— Lucille Geneva Oslin, 87, homemaker, died Monday. Service 10 a.m. Friday, Foster-Petering Funeral Home Chapel.

— Frances Arlene Ratliff, 82, homemaker, died Sunday. Visitation 1-7 p.m. Thursday, Ragsdale Funeral Center, and service 10 a.m. Friday, Christ For the World.

Ochelata — Raymond Sturm, 86, retired from Farmland Industries, died Tuesday. Service 2 p.m. Saturday, Sien-Shelton Funeral Home Chapel, Skiatook.

Okmulgee — Betty M. Parker Dawson, 54, cook, died Monday. Service 1 p.m. Saturday, Amos Temple C.M.E. Church, Boley. Hyde Park, Boley.

— Syble Juanita Fleetwood, 85, retired from Okmulgee Memorial Hospital, died Wednesday. Service 2 p.m. Friday, Faith Baptist Church. McClendon-Winters.