

# Obituaries



in 1992 after 49 years of marriage. A brother, John Hallum and two sisters, Elizabeth Workman and Grey Dillard, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two children, Sara Nelson and husband Terry of Corsicana and Tilden Robert Childs, Jr. of Fairfield, two sisters, Ruby Miller and Doris Bridge, both of Athens; three grandchildren, Brandon, Brooke and Blaire Nelson and numerous nieces and nephews.

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**ALICE CHILDS**  
**Alice Erwin Hallum Childs**

Services were held Tuesday for Alice Erwin Hallum Childs, 97, who died Jan. 30 in Fairfield. Evangelist Don Thornton led the services, held at Capps Memorial Chapel. Interment followed at Fairfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Childs was born March 18, 1912 in Athens to parents John and Edna Woodson Hallum. She graduated from North Texas State Teachers College in Denton with a teaching certificate. She also graduated from Jefferson Davis Hospital Nursing School in 1930 with a Registered Nurse degree.

She was an ensign in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corp stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Long Beach, California, where, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, she met Chief Petty Officer Tilden Robert Childs who was wounded while serving aboard the U.S.S. Vestal which was tied up to the U.S.S. Arizona during the attack.

The couple married on October 29, 1943. In 1952 Mrs. Childs continued her education and graduated from East Texas State University in Commerce with a bachelor of science degree in sociology. She worked as a nurse in Houston, Teague, Wortham and Fairfield.

Mrs. Childs was preceded in death by her husband

the Summer Baseball Program, serving as president of the league and coaching his sons' teams for 10 years. In 1972, while coaching son Gary's team, the team won the state 15 and 16 year age championship at Victoria, Texas.

In recent years, Mr. Adams support all in town and out of town Fairfield school games, both boys and girls.

He was interested in hunting and fishing, taking deer hunting trips to Utah, Colorado and West and South Texas. Mr. Adams went on numerous fishing and camping trips with family and friends.

He also enjoyed riding his motorcycle, making trips to Colorado, New Mexico, the west coast and the Big Bend area with his wife, Jean, and other friends.

Most recently, he took a solo trip cycling the Big Bend area.

Mr. Adams was a member of First United Methodist Church of Fairfield, serving on various committees, and supporting the youth program.

He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

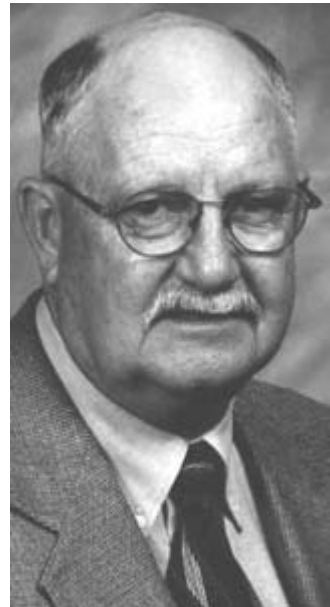
Preceding him in death are his parents, William Collin Adams and Serrilla Kaler Adams, two brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Wilma Jean Rose Adams, three sons, Steve (Christi) of Midland, Gary (Keri) of Flower Mound, and Michael (Katrina) of Arlington;

Six grandchildren, Cari (Davlin) Whitaker of Stanton, Zak and Andi Adams of Flower Mound, Peyton, Hunter and Audrey Adams of Arlington; and two great grandchildren, Annalea and Darby Whitaker of Stanton.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church of Fairfield, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Research Society, North Texas Chapter, 811 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75251.

An on-line guest book is available at the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home website.



**BOB ADAMS**  
**Bob J. Adams**

Services were held in Fairfield Saturday for Bob J. Adams, 77, who died Jan. 27 after an 18 month battle with leukemia. Rev. T. Paul Kethley officiated at the service, which was held at First United Methodist Church in Fairfield. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Whitesboro.

Mr. Adams was born April 6, 1932 in Clinton, Ky. After 38 years with Mobil Oil in West Texas, Mr. Adams retired, and with his wife, Wilma Jean Rose Adams, moved to Denton, then to Richland Chambers Lake, and finally to Fairfield to manage Chevron Short Sop for his son, Gary.

While in West Texas, Mr. Adams was active in



**TERRY LAIR**  
**Terry Lynn Lair**

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Terry Lynn Lair, 50, of Fairfield, who died Jan. 30. A Rosary was held Monday evening at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, led by Mr. Lair's long time friend Bob Jolley of Evant.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Fairfield Cemetery with Father Devaraj Arulappe officiating. Readings were provided by Roger Nevill and Jordan Jackson, long-time friends of Mr. Lair, and music was performed by Melodye Griffin, cousin of Mrs. Lair.

Pallbearers were Rube Glover of Lone Oak, Mike Glass of Streetman, Jeff Kirgan of Hallsville, and Leldon Childs, Brandon Monico and Roger Nevill, all of Fairfield. A wake followed at the VFW Hall in Fairfield led by Jeff Kirgan, Leldon Childs and Rube Glover.

Mr. Lair, also known as "T" or "Big T", leaves behind hundreds of friends who he loved with all his heart, all of whom are invited to celebrate his life with the family.

Terry Lynn Lair was born December 21, 1959 in Angleton, Texas. He was raised in Irving by two loving parents, Ray and Marjorie Lair. He hunted or fished with his father nearly every day of his life when he was young. Mr. Lair spent his summers in DeRidder, Louisiana with his grandparents; he was the "favorite" of the five grandchildren.

In high school Mr. Lair played football, threw the shotput and was very

active in the rodeo club, later he was a professional steerwrestler and bullrider on the rodeo circuit.

On March 7, 1981 he married Tracy Lynn Williams. Shortly afterwards they moved to Fairfield and began a family. "Big T" was the father and best friend to Shannon Sallee Lair and Virgil Wade Lair. In Fairfield, he was employed first by Newsco and then by Texas Oil and Gas (TXO) where he made friends that lasted the rest of his life. He began working for XTO Energy in 2002 where he was a production foreman.

Mr. Lair loved hunting and fishing with his many friends. He hunted anything that walked or flew, often saying "if it flies, it dies." He loved fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and took many trips along the Texas and Louisiana coasts to fish with his friends.

He also loved to cook, attending many cook-offs of all kinds and winning many times in several different categories. His cooking buddies were his closest friends; his favorite thing to do was to go with his friends to Terlingua or Houston or anywhere there was a good cook off.

Mr. Lair especially loved the Freestone County Fair where he cooked every year for the last 28 years. Over the years, he cooked for countless weddings, birthdays, holidays and benefits.

Mr. Lair was a Master Mason and a member of the Fairfield lodge. He also enjoyed shooting skeet and was an original member of the Steward's Mill Gun Club.

He is survived by his wife Tracy Lair of Fairfield, his mother Marjorie Wade Lair of Fairfield, his children Shannon Lair Margraves and husband Butch of Fairfield, Wade Lair of Dallas, and his life-long friend Rube Glover and wife Tanya of Lone Oak.

Later in life, Mr. Lair's greatest joy was his three grandchildren, J. B. Haden, Jenna Haden and Ressie Margraves, all of Fairfield; he loved spending time with them and the children all adored him.

A memorial book is available at the Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home website.

**Ray Lester Phillips**

Funeral services will be held Thursday for Ray Lester Phillips, 63, of Buffalo.

Service will be held at First St. Holland Baptist Church in Buffalo with burial at Sand Hill Cemetery in Buffalo.

Arrangements are being handled by Emanuel Funeral Home of Teague.

**Larfette Brown**

Funeral services for Larfette Brown, 89, of Tennessee Colony, were held Saturday at Smith Chapel Church of God in Christ in Palestine. Burial was at Jemison Quarter Cemetery in Tennessee Colony. Mr. Brown died Jan. 27.

Mr. Brown was born Nov. 2, 1920 in Freestone county to Bennie and Bertha Turner Brown. He

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## Church News

**Hemphill Temple COGIC**

Hemphill Temple Church of God in Christ will host its annual Women in Red service this Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be missionary Mary Manning. Community members are invited to attend.

**Mt. Pleasant**

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church invites the community to their annual Women in Red program set Sunday at 3 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Kennen Jackson, pastor of Grant Chapel AME Church in Palestine. Theme for the program will be "An Unnamed Woman, a Model of Repentance," Luke 7:36-50.

Church pastor Johnny Moss invites the community to attend the church, located on county road 381 in Oakwood.

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