

Obituaries

LEVADA MAE GLOVER

Services for Levada Mae Glover, 78, of Farmington, were held Sept. 25 in the R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia. Dr. Lyle M. Adams of Trinity Baptist Church conducted the services. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Glover died Sept. 22 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was a

home maker and a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Emma Collins, Mrs. Betty Donaldson and Mrs. Sandra Reynolds; four sons, Thomas, Morgan, Donald, and Russel; 18 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

BRENDA LEE THOMSON

Services for Brenda Lee Thomson,

15, of Farmington Hills, were held Sept. 28 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. The Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster conducted the services. Burial was in Glen Memorial Park.

Ms. Thomson died Sept. 22 in a car accident. She was a 10th grade student at Farmington High School.

Survivors include her father, Clyde O.; three sisters, Susan, Sharon, Marilyn; and a brother, George.

ANN C. BEECHER

Services for Ann C. Beecher, 68, were held Oct. 1 in Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia with Dr. Barlett Hess officiating.

Mrs. Beecher died Sept. 25 in her daughter's Farmington Hills home.

Survivors include her husband, Faymond L.; two sons, Robert L. of Fort Wayne, Ind., J. Philip of Calif.; a

daughter, Joyce King of Farmington Hills; and four grandchildren.

MARIETTA MILLER

Services for Marietta Miller, 74, of Walled Lake, were held Sept. 28 in the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Joanne D'Arcy was the reader. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller died Sept. 25 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Allene Galyon; a son, George; a sister, Mrs. Edith Clarke; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Easter Seal Society, 1105 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Mich.

FRANK G. COUSINS, JR.

Services for Frank G. Cousins, 53, of

Annandale Va., were held Sept. 18 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Cousins died on Sept. 14.

A group director of professional placement for the Bendix Corp.'s Aerospace Electronic Group, Cousins moved to Virginia four months ago after living in Farmington Hills for 12 years.

While serving with the U.S. Army's First Infantry Division in Europe, Cousins was awarded the Silver Star, the Bronze Star, two presidential citations and the French Croix de Guerre. He served under Gen. George Patton.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia; a son, Frank Cousins III; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Cousins, Sr. of Virginia; and a sister, Mrs. Shirley Cousin of Alabama.

Hispanic barrister appointed judge

By TOM LONERGAN

Judges are often pegged as "tough" or "lenient."

Newly sworn-in Oakland County Circuit Court Judge George La Plata didn't mince words when asked how he hopes to be labeled.

"F-A-I-R, that's it," said the 54-year-old West Bloomfield resident during a phone interview this week.

Gov. William Milliken recently appointed La Plata to succeed the late Bernard L. Kaufman, 49, of West Bloomfield. Kaufman, elected to a six-year term last November, died in July after a heart attack.

La Plata, believed to be the state's first Hispanic-American judge, assumes his new post Oct. 15. He is the Oakland bench's first non-Jewish minority judge.

FAIRNESS IS "my motto and my creed," said La Plata, who has prac-



GEORGE LAPLATA
Oakland bench 'best'

ticed law in the West Bloomfield area for seven years. He and his wife, Frances, moved to West Bloomfield 11 years ago.

"I like to think I'm very objective," La Plata added.

"No one sitting on the bench should ever let his own personal feelings enter into a decision."

La Plata was sworn in Wednesday by Gov. Milliken. His appointment runs through the end of 1980. La Plata said he will likely run in next November's general election to fill the remainder of the six-year term.

More than 30 lawyers and several south Oakland County district court judges were interviewed by the State Bar Association for the \$51,951 a year judgeship.

La Plata, who has been a hearing referee for the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, sought an appointment to the Walled Lake District Court several

years ago, but was not selected. He was encouraged to submit his name for the circuit bench by the 20-member Latin American Bar Association.

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