

Obituaries

GLENN ALEXANDER

Mr. Alexander, 84, of Farmington Hills died July 22 at his home after a long illness.

He was one of the few remaining veterans who flew aerial combat missions over France in World War I. He was a fighter pilot in the Royal Flying Corps in France in 1917 and was later transferred to the newly formed U.S. Army Aviation Service which had only 35 pilots at the beginning of the war. During World War II he commanded fighter pilots.

He attended Ohio State University where he excelled in sports. He held the Big Ten record in pole vaulting and was in training for the Olympics when they were canceled during World War I. In 1917, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He graduated from Ohio

State University in 1921 with a BA from Ohio State University. He was an instructor in athletics at OSU. He organized OSU's first gymnastic team.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Ohio State Alumni Club for 58 years. He belonged to Delta Upsilon Fraternity for 59 years. He was a Mason in Akron Lodge of the Masonic Order for 62 years.

He retired from the Air Force as a full colonel.

Survivors include: wife, Mary Gertrude; daughter, Mrs. Sally Norton; grandson Thomas Alexander Norton.

Services were conducted on July 25 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Rev. James Wright of St. Alexander's Roman Catholic Church conducted the services. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

FRANCIS XAVIER BLANCHARD

Mr. Blanchard, 64, of Garden City, died July 23 in Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield.

He was a painter-decorator for Thomas Hawley.

Survivors include: sons, Frank H., Gregory G.; daughters, Mrs. Annette Antzay, Mrs. Collette Boock, Paulette King, brothers, Merlin, George; sister, Mrs. Laura Bruno; 16 grandchildren.

Services were conducted on July 26 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

JACK B. KNAPP

Mr. Knapp, 44, of Denton, died on July 24 in McPherson Community Hospital as a result of a car accident.

He was the Farmington area manager and assistant vice president for the Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co., Farmington Hills.

Survivors include: daughters, Veronica Nixie, Julie Sabrina, Gretchen Crissie; mother, Mrs. Gladys Knapp, of New Mexico; sister, Mrs. Miriam Hartgrove of New Mexico and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews.

Services were conducted on July 28 at Bowles Funeral Home, Linden, by Pastor Claire St. John. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton.

JEANETTE DAWNE KNAPP

Mrs. Knapp, 42, of Denton died July 24 in McPherson Community Hospital as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident.

Survivors include: daughters, Veronica Nixie, Julie Sabrina, Gretchen Crissie; parents, Herman and Ruth Hoehn; sister, Mrs. June E. See, of British Columbia; brothers, Mayo, Van of British Columbia.

Services were conducted on July 28 at Bowles Funeral Home, Linden by Pastor Claire St. John. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Fenton.

JEANNETTE ELLMANN

Mrs. Ellmann, 92, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. died July 25.

Born in Russia, Mrs. Ellmann was active in numerous organizations including Temple Beth El, the American Jewish Committee, Zionist Organization of America, Women's American OKT, Hadassah. She was a founder of the Highland Park Marching and Chorus Society, a literary society.

She was a suffragette and was very active in women's right to vote campaigns before the 1920 Amendment to the Constitution which enabled women to vote.

Survivors include: sons, Erwin, of Birmingham, Richard of England, William of Farmington Hills; sister, Muriel Braun of Canada; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were conducted on July 27 at the Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Dr. Richard Hertz officiated. Burial was at Beth El Memorial Park.

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