

obituaries

WARREN BYRON WELLS

Mr. Wells, 78, of Farmington died Dec. 26 at home.

A resident of the area for three years, he was born in Jersey City, N.J. He was a retired shipping and receiving department employee at Yale Stamping.

Survivors include: wife, Esther; daughter, Mrs. Sophie LaFave; sons, Kenneth, David, Donald; six grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, Farmington. Fr. Kean Cronin conducted the service. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the Warren B. Wells Fund, St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Home, 27400 West Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills, 48018.

GEORGE M. GILKEY

Mr. Gilkey, 47 of Farmington died Dec. 26 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

He was the vice-president and general manager of the electrical manufacturing division of the Gulf & Western Corp., Farmington Hills. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan in 1964. An avid golfer, Mr. Gilkey was a member of the Forest Lake Country Club, Bloomfield Hills. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include: wife, Patricia; daughters, Beth, Laura, Amy; mother, Mrs. Florence Millen; sisters, Barbara, Sharon, Joanne; brothers, Marvin, Dennis.

Services were Dec. 29 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Deacon Michael T. Kazer of Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church of Farmington conducted the service. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

PHYLLIS A. FELIX

Mrs. Felix, 60, of Farmington died Dec. 27 in her home.

She was a housewife. During World War II she served as a member of the Womens Army Corps (WAC).

Survivors include: husband, Adrain; sons, Andre B. of Arizona, Kenneth J. of Diamondale, Mich.; mother, Mrs. Vera McCormick; sisters, Mrs. Ruth Matthews, Mrs. Grace Raven; four grandchildren. Services were conducted Dec. 31 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington by the Rev. Bartlett L. Hess of Ward United Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

Interment was in Evergreen Crematory.

FLORENCE GROUNDS

Mrs. Grounds, 59, of Livonia died Dec. 28 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

She came to this area 20 years ago. She was a self-employed maintenance worker.

Survivors include: husband, Tyrus W.; daughters, Mrs. Karen Woodson, Mrs. Linda Caillette; six grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 31 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Del Ludwig of the Jehovah's Witnesses conducted the service. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

JOHN L. LAVENS

John L. Lavens, 83, of Farmington died Dec. 23 at Harper Hospital.

Mr. Lavens had been a resident of Farmington for five years. He worked as a self-employed real estate broker.

Survivors include his wife, Rose; son, William; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Dec. 26 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery.

MICHAEL (MIKE) SLIMAN

Michael Sliman, 65, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 22 at Sinai Hospital.

He had been living in Farmington for 12 years. Originally he was from Laramie, Wyoming.

Before his death, Mr. Sliman worked as an executive. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; four daughters, Sister Anna Marie, Nancy Griffin, Mrs. Mike (Vickey) Crumley and Mrs. Mike (Ann) Hoffman; and two sons, John and Mike Jr.

Other survivors are two sisters, Mrs. Douglas (Mary) Tibbets and Amelia Arkoosh; one brother, Tom Sliman; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 26 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The Rev. Kean Cronin conducted the services. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The family requests memorial tributes be sent to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church and the Mike Sliman Memorial Fund.

THEODORA NORTON

Theodora Norton, 77, died Dec. 24 in Las Olas Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

A resident of Farmington from 1930 to 1943, she was the widow of Dr. Joseph Norton.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph Jr. of Midland and Dr. James Norton of Whitefish Bay, Wis.;

and several grandchildren, including Joseph Norton of Farmington.

EDWIN E. SULKOWSKI Mr. Sulkowski, 69, died Dec. 21 at Tarpon Springs General Hospital in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters Mrs. James (Dorothy) Niton of Warren and Mrs. William (Gloria) McClay of Livonia and son Harry E. Fenton of Basildon Essex, England.

He is also survived by a brother, John Sulkowski, of Hillsdale; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted Dec. 27 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington by Rev. Carl H. Schultz. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Novi.

FAIRY LUCILLE BOWYER

Mrs. Bowyer, 74, died Dec. 23 in St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. A widow, she is survived by two sons, Calvin and Douglas and three daughters, Mrs. James (Alberta) Sarris, Mrs. Raymond (Beverly) Brooks and Mrs. Richard (Eunice) Schroeder.

She is also survived by a brother, Floyd Pettis; a sister, Mrs. Richard (Ardis) Klein; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bowyer was a resident of Northville and a former member of the First Baptist Church of Northville.

Services were held Dec. 26 at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington. Rev. Steven Thomas officiated. Burial was at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

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