

## obituaries

**SOPHIA E. CARTER**  
Mrs. Carter, 73, of Detroit died Dec. 21 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.  
Mrs. Carter was a registered nurse.  
Survivors include her son, Thomas; daughters, Carol Collier and Lois Wentworth; sisters, Elizabeth Trudgen and Helen Miller; and seven grandchildren.  
Services were Dec. 27 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Wilfred Holmes officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

**TRESSIE MAE PETERS EWING**  
Mrs. Ewing, 74, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 23 in Bolsoford Hospital.  
Born in Arkansas, Mrs. Ewing was a waitress.  
Surviving is her son, George Calley, of Connecticut.  
Services were at Evergreen Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements were

made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.  
**CARRIE BUGNI**  
Mrs. Bugni, 64, of Morriston, Fla., formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 27 in Williston Memorial Hospital, Fla.  
Born in Kentucky, Mrs. Bugni worked for automotive companies in Detroit before retiring.

Survivors include her husband, Florian; sons, Richard and Gerald; daughter, Florine; grandsons, Linda and Rosemarie; mother, Jeannette Maloney; brothers, the Rev. Chester Maloney and Donald Maloney; sisters, Edna Cole, Hazel Easterling and Josephine Martin; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. John Tickey of Outreach of Missionary Church, Davison. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Novi.

**VIRGINIA M. GRAVES**  
Mrs. Graves, 76, of Redford Township died Dec. 27 in Bolsoford Hospital.  
Mrs. Graves was a homemaker.  
Survivors include son, Burton; daughters, Flora Tittle and Marjorie; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.  
Services were at Clarenceville United Methodist Church of Livonia with the Rev. Gerald Fisher officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

**ATHOL M. BARNUM**  
Mrs. Barnum, 96, of Livonia died Dec. 29 in Bolsoford Hospital.  
Born in Texas, Mrs. Barnum was a homemaker.  
Survivors include her daughters, Elaine Hinde and Stella Kahlil; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Jan. 2 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Battle Creek.  
**HELEN MAY McNAMARA**  
Mrs. McNamara, 76, of Ypsilanti died Dec. 31.  
Born in Ohio, Mrs. McNamara was retired from Ford Motor Co.  
Survivors include her son, John; sister, Dorothy Delaney; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
Services were Jan. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Tom C. Hansen officiating. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

**ERIC NEWNHAM**  
Mr. Newnham, 80, of Bloomfield Hills died Jan. 1 in Harper Hospital, Detroit.  
Born in Ottawa, Canada, Mr. New-

ham was a retired tool and die maker for Ford Motor Co. He was a member of the Covenant Baptist Church of West Bloomfield and a Red Cross volunteer.  
Survivors include his wife, Rose; one son, Gerald; one daughter, Doris Graham; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Jan. 5 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Nicholas Titus officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.  
**ALVIN A. MAIER**  
Mr. Maier, 76, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 2.  
Born in Wisconsin, Mr. Maier was an attendance officer for the Detroit Board of Education. He was a member of Michigan Education Association, National Association and Detroit Schoolman's Club and the Farmington Elks.  
Survivors include his wife, Marion; son, Alan, and three grandchildren.  
Services were Jan. 4 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Livonia with the Rev. Kenneth Davis officiating. Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

**ELIZABETH M. MOTIL**  
Mrs. Motil, 72, of Westland, formerly of Farmington, died Jan. 2 in Bolsoford Hospital.  
Mrs. Motil was a homemaker.  
Survivors include her son, Charles and five grandchildren.  
Services were Jan. 4 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Vinnie DeVello officiating. Burial was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Foundation or Muscular Dystrophy.

**VIRGILIA B. DIBBLE**  
Mrs. Dibble, 81, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 2 in St. Mary Hospital.  
Mrs. Dibble was a retired nurse, graduating from Harper Hospital in 1922.  
Survivors include her sons, Harry and Michael; daughter, Ann Franklin; and three grandchildren.  
Services were Jan. 5 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with the Rev. Roger Skoup of Westminster Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

## Computer courses cover from church to home

Facing the "age of the computer" square-on, Madonna College in Livonia, through its office of continuing education and business administration department, has scheduled a series of short courses to acquaint the public with computer use.

"Computers for Couples" is a repeat of a popular Friday night session offering hands-on, get-acquainted experiences to learn what computers are all about. In the session, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 14, 7-11 p.m., each couple will be assigned a computer to do short games and exercises. The fee of \$25 per couple includes refreshments of wine and cheese as well as materials.

"Computers for Clergy" is a day-long workshop scheduled for Friday, Jan. 28, to provide an overview of computer applications to the church office. There will be short lectures and demonstrations and hands-on experiences through assigned exercises. Rev. William Easton of St. Vincent Church, Pontiac, and Rev. Christopher Torrey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, will join Madonna faculty as presenters in this workshop. Each participant will be assigned to one of Madonna's 32 microcomputers. The \$30 fee includes lunch.

## Claim manager is appointed

John Piotrowski of Farmington Hills has been named division claim manager for the Michigan region of Allstate Insurance Company. In his new position, Piotrowski will be responsible for approximately 225 claim employees in southeastern Michigan.

Piotrowski joined Allstate in 1970 after serving four years in the U.S. Army as an officer.

He has filled various technical and administrative positions with Allstate.

Mothers who feel a need to become familiar with the computer technology their children are learning in school are invited to a "Computers for Mom" workshop on two mornings, Friday, Jan. 21 and Monday, Jan. 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. There is a \$20 fee which includes refreshments and materials. Home uses for computers will also be discussed.

"Computers for Kids," a repeat of the successful computer camp held last summer, will meet seven Saturday afternoons, Feb. 5 through March 19 from 2-5 p.m. Participants will do games and exercises, learn simple programming and how to use the computer for schoolwork. The fee will be \$50.

"Computers for Non-Computer People" offers introduction to computer terminology, basic operations, capabilities and hands-on experiences on Apple and IBM/System 34 computers. Two meetings are scheduled in either daytime, evening or weekend sessions scheduled in January, February, March and April. This course may be taken for college credit.

Through the regular college curriculum in winter term, Madonna also has scheduled computer courses for educa-

tors, computer applications in accounting, and information systems for managers.

Madonna, with the assistance of a federal grant, is committed to familiarizing all its students as well as faculty with computer technology. These workshops are designed to extend this

commitment to the public at large.

Registration may be completed by phone through the office of continuing education at Madonna, 591-5049, and fees may be charged to either VISA or Mastercard.

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