

obituaries

HUBER L. LEAR

Mr. Lear, 80, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 5 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Mr. Lear was a salesman. Survivors include his wife, Lydia; son, Richard; a daughter, Carolyn Nelson; brother, Ellisworth; five grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 10 at the Redford United Methodist Church of Detroit with the Rev. A. Theodore Halstead officiating. Cremation was in United Memorial Gardens, Superior Township, Mich. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association of Michigan Affiliate or Redford United

Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

MARY E. ATHERTON

Mrs. Atherton, 78, of Farmington died Dec. 9 in Botsford Hospital.

Born in England, Mrs. Atherton was a dornitory mother.

Survivors include her daughter, Constance Powell-Teeple; four grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 17 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Francis Ferrera officiating. Cremation was in United Memorial Gardens, Superior

Township, Mich. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association; Arrangements were made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

Dr. H. BOYD KNOWLSON

Dr. Knowlson, 78, of Birmingham, died Dec. 7 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Dr. Knowlson was a dentist and practiced in Pleasant Ridge for over 35 years. He graduated from University of Michigan Dental School in 1934. He was a member of the Royal Oak Kiwanis, a former chairman of deacons of First Baptist Church of Oak Park

and also served on the pulpit committee. He was a sponsor of the Youth Group. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Royal Oak. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; son, Boyd; a daughter, Barbara Gradin; four grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 10 at the R.G. & J.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

THERESA VAN HOTEN SCHILWASKE

Mrs. Schilwaske, 69, of Burlington, N.C., formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 7 in Memorial Hospital of

Alamance, N.C.

Mrs. Schilwaske was homemaker. Survivors include her son, Vern; daughters, Ruth King and Arlene Chase; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 10 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Richard H. Duncan of First Baptist Church of Farmington officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

CECILIA T. LATOURELLE

Mrs. Latourrelle, 87, of Livonia, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 10 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Mrs. Latourrelle was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Louis; sons, Frank and James Latourrelle, Bernard, Joseph and Vincent Arens; daughters, Mary Smith, Patricia Kramer and Ann Latourrelle; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were Dec. 12 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was said at St. Gerald's Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Maurice Decker officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

ANNETTE C. BECKMAN

Mrs. Beckman, 54, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 11 in Botsford Hospital.

Mrs. Beckman was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Floyd; daughters, Deborah Isner, Jane Rowland and Sharon Rice; son, Erik; mother, Beatrice Chumbley; father, William Russell.

Services were Dec. 14 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William D. Mercer of Dearborn First United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Ring lost on wedding day found decade later

Jim Dorf of Plymouth found it hard to concentrate on washing his car in a Farmington car wash one June day 11 years ago. He was getting married later that day.

Probably thinking about the "I Do's" he was soon to pronounce, he took off the gold ring he had worn since graduating from Northern Michigan University in Marquette the previous year. Astonishingly, Dorf put the ring on top of a dispenser fastened to the wall.

When the car was washed, Dorf drove off to get ready for the wedding ceremony scheduled a few hours later. The ring he had left in the car wash was the last thing from his mind.

Before long, he had a ring but it wasn't the one he'd sported since getting that hard-earned degree in accounting at NMU. With a new wife and a new ring, the one he lost soon was forgotten.

Forgotten, at least, until he got a

phone call recently from his brother, Hal, in Marquette.

Bob Peschke, a retired Farmington policeman, was in the car in the same car wash visited by Dorf in June 1972. For some unexplained reason, Peschke reached way back on top of the dispenser and discovered the ring — untouched for 11 years!

Luckily Dorf's name was inscribed inside the ring. A short time later, Peschke contacted his godson, Dave

Rotterdam, a state trooper stationed near Marquette.

Rotterman was asked if he knew a Jim Dorf who graduated from NMU?

"No, but I know a Hal Dorf who teaches at Northern," the trooper replied. A phone call established they were brothers and the trooper turned the ring over to Hal who passed it on to his surprised brother. Dorf lives on Barrington Court in Plymouth.

Bank chairman to AAA board

Thomas A. Duke, chairman of the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington, was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the 1.25-million-member Automobile Club of Michigan by the organization's board of directors.

Duke, an Auto Club director since 1975, is president of Estates Inc., which owns and operates apartments and real estate investments. He lives in Charlevoix.

Duke is past president of the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit and is senior active director of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. He also is chairman of the board of the First State Bank of Charlevoix.

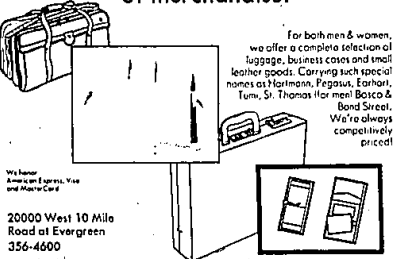
Duke served five years on the Farmington Township board of trustees.



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