

obituaries

SHANNON CONNELLY

Miss Connelly, 34, of Troy died Jan. 11.
Born in Virginia, Miss Connelly was a distribution manager for a newspaper.
Survivors include her daughter, Briannon; mother, Helen Mae Connelly; grandmother, Eva Connelly; brother, Mark; and sisters, Deborah Gordon and Bella Anne Connelly.
Services were at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Timothy Franklin officiating.

GUSTAV A. NELSON

Mr. Nelson, 86, of Farmington died Jan. 11.
Born in Sweden, Mr. Nelson was a retired automotive worker. He was a member of the Farmington Senior Citizens.
Survivors include his daughters, Edith Roper and Mildred Lutes; one sister and two brothers; one grandchild.
Services were Jan. 16 at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, with the Rev. Gary Johnson of Antioch Lutheran Church officiating.
Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ALBERT STROY

Mr. Stroy, 69, of Farmington died Jan. 15 in Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital, Detroit.
Mr. Stroy was a sales manager for Reddy Mix Inc. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 152 F.A.M. Redford, and past president of Concrete Improvement Board. He was a lieutenant in World War II in the Army Medical Corps. Mr. Stroy attended Wayne State University before entering the service.
Survivors include his wife, Barbara; son, Dale; a daughter, Karen Hollidge; two sisters and three brothers; seven grandchildren.
Services were Jan. 18 at the White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, with the Rev. William P. Whitledge of St. Paul Presbyterian Church officiating.
Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

EDNA W. GROSS (NEE ARNOLD)

Mrs. Arnold, 93, of Farmington died Jan. 14 in Oak Hill Care Center.
Mrs. Arnold was a homemaker.
Survivors include her niece, Patricia Barnes; a nephew, Arwood Kessler; two great-nephews.
Services were Jan. 19 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. V.F. Halbohn Jr. of Grace Lutheran Church officiating.
Burial was in Gethsemane Cemetery, Detroit.

DONNA RUTH GEMBARSKI

Mrs. Gembarski, 55, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 13 in Henry Ford Hospital.
Mrs. Gembarski was a licensed practical nurse at McAuley Center.
Survivors include her husband, Joe; sons, Donald and Randall; a daughter, Debra; mother, Ruth E. Cole; brother, John; sisters, Dolores Swing and Marilyn Eshorow.
Services were Jan. 16 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia.
Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or the American Cancer Society.

LUCILLE M. VRANESH

Mrs. Vranesh, 74, of Farmington died Jan. 14 in Greenbriar Care Center, Howell.
Born in Kentucky, Mrs. Vranesh was a homemaker.
Survivors include her husband, Stanley; son, Ronald; a daughter, Janet Hawes; brother, Hubert Park; one grandchild.
Services were Jan. 18 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Warren of Wilcox Baptist Church officiating.
Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

ANNA JANE ESTEP

Mrs. Estep, 84, of South Branch

died Jan. 14 in Josco Medical Care Facility.

Born in Canada, Mrs. Estep was a homemaker.
Survivors include son, James; daughters, Jean Turner, Geri Farrar, Margie Todd, Susan Somers, Ginny Burke and Barbara Roark; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Services were Jan. 18 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. William Traver of Nardin Park United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

ADELINE MARIE SAYLOR

Mrs. Saylor, 56, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 14 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.
Mrs. Saylor was a homemaker.
Survivors include her husband, Tony Jr.; son, Michael; daughters, Patricia Wright, Cynthia Ludy, Catherine Pirro, Jill Lucas and Joy Marie Saylor; brothers, Walter, Harold, Herbert and Raymond Gagnon; sisters, Ruth Runyon and Irene Aranson; 20 grandchildren.
Services were Jan. 18 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Ralph Unger officiating.
Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.
Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

ROBERT LEO GELAUDE

Mr. Gelaude, 64, of Milford died Jan. 15 in Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.
Mr. Gelaude was a supervisor for Ford Motor Co.
Survivors include his wife, Edith; sons, Larry, Kenneth, William, Ronald and Michael; brother, Donald Deglaude; sister, Patricia Poole; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
Services were Jan. 17 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Gary E. Evans and the Rev. Wilbert Gough of Highland Congregational Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 22401 Foster Winter Drive, Southfield 48075.

MICHAEL JAMES MURPHY

Mr. Murphy, 67, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 15.
Mr. Murphy was a police officer for the Detroit Police Department for 25 years. He retired in 1970. He then became a security guard at Greenfield Village and retired in 1986. Mr. Murphy was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of DPOA, VFW 1278 and the Redford Elks.
Survivors include his wife, Eve; brother, Paul; sisters, Jean Fedorinich, Ellen McInerney, Marilyn Gehrold and Carol Payette.
Services were Jan. 19 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald A. McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

PATRICK JOSEPH BYRNE

Mr. Byrne, 53, of Redford Township died Jan. 16.
Mr. Byrne was an assistant technician for Michigan Bell.
Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; sons, Lawrence, Melton, Terris and Patrick Joseph III; daughters, Cindy Marie Taylor and Ellen Byrne; sister, Nancy Remington; brothers, Robert, Arthur and Richard; one grandchild.
Services were Jan. 20 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with Pastor Ed Elsom of Project Compassion officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

ELLA ALLEN MacDONALD

Mrs. MacDonald, 81, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 17 in Williamsburg Nursing Home.
Born in Canada, Mrs. MacDonald was a homemaker.
Survivors include her daughter, Terry Purdom; sisters, Melissa Tabacci and Marjorie Young; three grandchildren.
Services were Jan. 19 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. George Kilbourn of Nardin Park United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.
Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Foundation.



PETER BALDWIN

Testing agility

Farmington Hills fire chief Richard Marinucci watches a firefighter connect a hose hookup during an agility test exercise Jan. 16 at the city of Farmington's fire training tower. Farmington Hills will be hiring a career firefighter from among 15 applicants. All are currently part-time firefighters.

Schools meeting challenge — Ditzhazy

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One area not addressed in enough detail by Blanchard, Ditzhazy said, is the equalizing of school financing — an issue at the top of many district agendas this year.
There is a several thousand dollar difference in per-pupil spending in districts throughout the state. Wealthier districts, such as Farmington, have higher property values

and spend more per student.
"We have to come to grips with the inequalities in these districts," she said. "I think if it isn't addressed (legislatively), it will end up in the courts."

DITZHAZY SAID the issue must be dealt with in the next three years to keep the problem from getting worse. "The gulf (between districts)

is becoming wider and wider," she added.
Blanchard said last week he would work with legislators to rework the state's system of financing local school districts only after his Education Excellence Challenge is adopted.
But with at least three competing legislative plans in the hopper, House Speaker Gary Owen of Ypsilanti says he's not optimistic the is-

sue can be settled in an election year. All of the 110 seats in the state Legislature are up for grabs this fall.
Blanchard and Owen, both Democrats, have been lukewarm about any school finance proposals. They insist that spending more money and shifting the tax burden isn't the only answer to improving education.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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