

Father, son fondly remembered

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"Mrs. (Theresa) Ruwart has borne this pretty well. She has been a tower of strength for friends and family," Kondzierski said.

WHILE THE Ruwarts were on an outing April 23, Matthew was studying for final exams. "When they came back from the outing, they thought he was resting because he had been studying so hard," Kondzierski said.

"They let him rest until dinner-time. Thomas was just beside himself, which precipitated the heart condition he had," the pastor continued.

Family and friends thought Thomas Ruwart was doing well when they visited him at the hospital Monday. "That evening, I was called to the hospital because he had taken a turn for the worse," Kondzierski said.

Both father and son, who clearly had a close relationship, will be missed, said Sister Laura Felle, principal at St. Fabian School, which Matthew attended before graduating from Catholic Central High School. Following graduation, he joined the Navy and was discharged for medical reasons two years into his three-year enlistment.

"We have all been touched by this," she said. "Mr. Ruwart was gentle and kind. He never had a harsh word to say and that's how his

son was. They always had a smile and a handshake. His son followed in his footsteps."

Matthew would have graduated from OCC this spring and planned to attend Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, this fall. "He was a straight-A student. He was a very good student, a very good boy. He was just as fine a man as was his father," she added.

Thomas worked as chief of the engineering department at Staff Industrial Inc., a Detroit company that manufactures and distributes pollution control equipment. Prior to that, he worked for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and the Mason L. Brown Co.

THE ELDER Ruwart was a 1949 University of Detroit High School graduate and received a degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit.

When St. Fabian's previous dean left, Thomas Ruwart stepped in and assumed many of the responsibilities. "He was a decent all-around person," Kondzierski said.

"They were both remarkable people. They were good Christians and well-known in the parish. And they were generous with their time," he continued.

A Mass was celebrated for the Ruwarts Friday at St. Fabian Catholic Church. Arrangements were



Thomas Ruwart 'gentle and kind'

made by McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, where a scripture service also was held.

In addition to Theresa Ruwart, survivors include daughters and sisters, Lillianne Dargas and Catherine Ruwart, and son and brother, Thomas Ruwart. The elder Ruwart had three grandchildren, five sisters and four brothers.



Matthew Ruwart 'a fine man'

Memorial donations may be made to the church musical organ fund at St. Fabian's, 33220 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.

"Mrs. Ruwart thought that might be a fitting tribute to her husband and would speak of his devotion to the church," Kondzierski said.

obituaries

LEONARD J. WILSON

Mr. Wilson, 24, of Farmington died April 22 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Mr. Wilson was an electrical technician.

Survivors include his parents, William and Constance; sisters, Sharon and Patricia; grandfather, William Bauer.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

ALVA MARIE CAMPBELL

Mrs. Campbell, 91, of Mesa, Arizona, formerly of Farmington, died April 20.

Survivors include her daughter, Betty M. Ott; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements were made by the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford Twp.

ELSIE CECELIA BARNES

Mrs. Barnes, 91, of Farmington

died April 22 in Mt. Carmel Hospital, Detroit.

Mrs. Barnes was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, John; a daughter, Mariou Barnes; sister, Edith Clancy; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Kean Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

FARRELL DE COURCEY ERICKSON

Mrs. Erickson, 65, of Farmington Hills died April 24. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Norman; daughter, Debra Hartman and Kim; eight grandchildren.

Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

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