

Longtime resident 'was always helping people'

obituaries

Conner Mills, a longtime resident of the Farmington area, died Jan. 24 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, following complications from cancer surgery. She was 72.

Most recently, she had lived in West Bloomfield Township.

Farmington District Judge Margaret Schaeffer recalled her many contributions to people in the area: "She did a million things — she was always helping people and doing things for people," she said. Schaeffer recalled her taking care of another woman's children so that woman could earn a living, and taking in others who needed help.

"Her house was a haven for people who needed support," she added.

A memorial service will be held Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 1420 Hill Street, a block south of Washtenaw, in Ann Arbor.

A graduate of Westtown Friends School and Bryn Mawr College, she was the founder and former chairman of the board for The Friends School in Detroit, a trustee of Cerner Inc., director of the Detroit Clothing Workshop of the American Friends Service Committee. She had also written a booklet called "Cancer Anytime" after her personal battle with cancer.

Active in the community, she was a member of the American Association of University Women and other groups, Schaeffer said.

She is survived by her husband, David Mills; sons Christopher, Joseph and David; daughters Rebecca Bremermann and Amanda Wilcox; 15 grandchildren; three brothers; and one sister.

The family asks that contributions be made to The Friends School, 2200 St. Aubin, Detroit. McCabe Funeral Home of Farmington Hills handled funeral arrangements.

JOSEPHINE B. ZEBROWSKI

Ms. Zebrowski, 77, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 20.

Born in Detroit, Ms. Zebrowski was retired from Hudson Co.

Survivors include her sons, Raymond and Edward Jr.; two sisters; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 25 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

with the Rev. Partensky officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Society.

CHARLES M. DOUCETTE

Mr. Doucette, 74, of Redford Township, died Jan. 23 in Sinai Hospital, Detroit.

Mr. Doucette was a maintenance worker for the Detroit Institute of Arts. He was a veteran of the Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Judith Koli; son, Daniel; sisters, Theresa Loucks and Eleanor Doucette of Farmington; four grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 28 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Lloyd Wortz of Brightmoor Tabernacle Church and the Rev. Bruce Gunn, formerly of Brightmoor Church officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

JAMES F. MORIARTY

Mr. Moriarty, 83, of Farmington died Jan. 25 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Moriarty was a parts analyst in the automotive industry.

Survivors include his wife, Alma; sons, James and Michael; two grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Jan. 28 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

HELEN E. BRUECKNER

Mrs. Brueckner, 88, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 23.

Mrs. Brueckner was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sister-in-

law, Margaret Brueckner; one niece and one nephew.

A memorial service was Jan. 29 in the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home with Mrs. Lezab Siegrist officiating.

JOSEPH J. BRUETSCH JR.

Mr. Brueetsch, 75, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 27 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, Mr. Brueetsch was the owner of Brueetsch Machine Products of St. Clair Shores. He was a member of St. Fabian Catholic Church adult education commission, director of Parrish Video Team Ministry, benefactor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters of Monroe and president of many church organizations. Some of Brueetsch's products were used in the first space mission to the moon.

Survivors include his wife, Helen; sons, the Rev. Joseph Brueetsch III, Patrick, John, Thomas and Robert; daughter, Ann; stepdaughters, Susan Kanellos and Janet Dohr, brother,

Harold, sisters, Agnes Kelley and Bea McCown; three grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Jan. 31 in St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kondzinski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

GUS L. ZEMKE

Mr. Zemke, 84, of Pleasant Ridge died Jan. 28 in Georgian Bloomfield Nursing Home.

Born in Alpena, Mr. Zemke was an independent milkman, first as president of Elmhurst Dairy and later as owner/operator of Twin Fles Farm dairy.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; sons, Norman, Mike, David of Farmington Hills and Joseph, stepdaughters, Martha McLean, Janice Grace and Kathryn Liede, brothers, Edward and Robert, 30 grandchildren.

Mass will be celebrated Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Arrangements were made by the William Sullivan Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Detroit.

Genealogy research to be topic of talk

James Ryan will be speaking to all Irish genealogy "sluths" when he speaks Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the talk will be from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the library at 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Ryan's talk is sponsored by the

Metro-Detroit Chapter of the Irish American Cultural Institute and is open to the public. Admission is \$12 and refreshments will be served.

Noel Van Gorden will speak about resources available at the Burton Public Library and how to use them in genealogy research.

Ryan, 40, a native of Dublin, has been researching Irish family records for a decade. He is co-founder and course director of Irish Ancestry Research Courses in Dublin and the genealogy columnist for Irish American Magazine.

The author of "Tracing Your Family and Irish Records — Sources for

Family and Local History," Ryan is working on a book to help researchers better understand Irish church records and a guide to sources for tracing Irish military ancestors.

To pre-register call 864-3249.

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