Church was 'first love' for Farmington resident

Ruth Schroeder's life revolved around her church — Salem United Church of Christ in downtown Farm-

The distinctive brick church was known as Salem Evangelical when she was baptized there more than 80 years ago. She was confirmed there in 1923 and spent most of the rist of her life in service to the church and its members.

its members.
On Sunday, March 24, funeral services for Ruth Louise Friedericke Schroeder will be

schreeder will be held in the same historic Salem Church. The long-time Farmington resident died Mon-day, March-18, at age 82 of pneumo-nia in Huron Val-ley Hospital in Commerce Town-

Commerce Township.

"The church was her first love,"
sand Leona Squire, a close friend.
"There was no job she wouldn't do.
"She would shove the snow off the show of the sho

MISS SCHROEDER, who never narried, had a long career as an elementary school teacher. After graduation from Farmington High School, she attended the State Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) at Ypsilanti.

Many of her working years were spent teaching in Jackson, Mich, but she continued to commute to Farmington on weekends in order to spend time with her family and serve her church.

church.

She was teaching at Livonia's Roosevelt Elementary School at the time of her retirement in the mid

Her volunteer duties at the church Her volunteer duties at the church included many years as a member of Salem's Sewing Group, which to this day 'meets weekly to sew pads for the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

She was charged with the care and decoration of the altar and the paraments, trained and scheduled young

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acolytes, and was the church's li-brarian and historian.

SINCE SALEM Church — which dates to 1875 — had originally held services in German, Miss Schroeder spent much of her time translating the earliest church records into English.

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She spent many bours in the church office, assisting the secretary of the secre

JOSEPH T. DeNIES

Mr. DeNies, 81, of Farmington, died March 14 in Community Hospital, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Born in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mr. DeNies was the owner of

soin in maintener, the harms shire, Mr. Delies was the owner of a business agency. He was a business agency. He saminteners agency of Services Usbars Gubs. He saminteners and our Lady of Sorrows Usbars Gubs. he Sorrows Credit Union, past presi-dent and lifetime member of Meadowbrook Country Club and the Ballen Isles Country Club in Florida. Survivors include his wife, Grace; Gaughters, Joanne Saam and Kath-leen Pennywitt; sister, Elizabeth Goonan; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Mass was celebrated Monday at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Walter Hurley officiating, Burlai was in Holy Sepulchre Cernetery, Southfield.

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obituaries

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MARGUERITE WADE WILLIS

Mrs. Willis, 91, of Farmington Hills, died March 16 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit. Born in Calumet, Mrs. Willis was a teacher in the public schools. She at-tended Eastern Michigan Normal College and received a BA degree in teaching from Wayne State Univer-sity.

teaching from wayne save ome-sity. Willis is a former member of the Detroil Yacht Club, the Wayne State University Albumit resociation-aluppoor of the PATNA Jesuit and the Company of the PATNA Jesuit bon Society. Survivors include her daughter, Joanne Willis McManus; and three grandchildren.

ndchildren

Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Owen Catholic Church, Birmingham, with the Rev. Joseph F. Ryder officiating. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

ELEANOR V. MacKENZIE

Mrs. MacKenzie, 84, of Farming-ton Hills, died Saturday in Arnold Nursing Home. Born in Detroit, Mrs. MacKenzie

Born in Detroit, Mrs. MacKenzie was a retired secretary for Chrysler Automotive. She was a member of The Nardiners, a seniors group. Survivors include her son, John, daughter, Jacqueline Romeo; and four grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday in Nartic Bark Light Mathedit Church.

Services were Wednesday in Nar-din Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Dr. William Ritter officialing, Burlal was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Bir-mingham. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmi-ington Muserial contributions may

ington. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer Disease Foun-

Mrs. Hamway, 88, of Farmington Hills, died Saturday in St. Mary Hos-

Hills, died Saturday in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.
Born in Lebanon, Mrs. Hamway was a homemaker.
Survivors include her son, Louis daughters. Eve Tomey, Louise Tomey, and Helen Babula; 11 grand-children; and one great-grandehild.
Mass was celebrated Tuesday at St. Alexander Catholle Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. James Wright officiating, Buraid was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, South-field.

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

GEORGE F. HIGGINS

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Mr. Higgins, 68, of Farmington
Hills, died Sunday in Mt. Carmet
Mercy Hospital, Detroit.
Born in Waterbury, Conn., Mr.
Higgins was the owner of George F.
Higgins Co., a food service firm. He
was a member of St. Gerald Catholic
Church, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the St. Francis Club and the
Manufactor Agency of Food Service,
Inc. Mr. Higgins was a World War II
Nay veteran.

ta; daughters, Joy Neph, Polly Wojtowicz and Lisa Koeing; brother, William Higgins; and five grandchil

dren.
Mass was to be celebrated today
at St. Gerald Catbolle Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating, Burlai was to be in
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

field.
Memorials may be made to St.
Paul of the Cross Retreat Home,
23333 Schooleraft Road, Detroit, Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Hock Funeral Home, Farmington.

CLEMENT "JOE" POLISANO

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Mr. Pollsano, 79, of Southfield,
died Saturday in Garden City Ostenpathic Hospital.
Mr. Polhsano was born in Italy.
Tenther, Jack, States, Stellar Californ.
Mass was celebrated Wednesday.
at St. Michael Catholic Church,
Southfield, with the Rev. Bert Heise
Officiating. Burial. was in Italy
Sepulchre Cennetery, Southfield.
Arrangements were made by the
Haley Funeral Home, Southfield.

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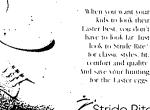


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