

Ex-Broadway singing actor, Hills resident dies

George W. Britton, a former Broadway singing actor and long-time Farmington Hills resident, died Aug. 18 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was 80.

Mr. Britton, a resident of Farmington Hills for more than 30 years, was raised in Merrick, Long Island, N.Y., and graduated from Columbia University in 1932.

A significant part of his life, he won a scholarship to Juillard School of Music upon his graduation. He was a pre-law student at Columbia but recognized that no one wanted a lawyer in 1933, so he took the scholarship.

After several years of study he went to Europe and made his opera debut in Prague, Czechoslovakia, with Ilse Stevens in her first performance of "Carmen." He sang in Vienna and many European opera houses and performed most of the leading baritone roles.

After the war ended he went back to Europe and opened in London in the first American show to be brought over. He sang leading operetta and opera roles all over the country including Detroit's Masonic Temple in "Three Musketeers."

In 1932, after three weeks rehearsal as understudy for Emile de Becque in "South Pacific," he was



George W. Britton

told that he was to go on that evening on 30 minutes notice.

The next morning he woke up to the theatre section of all the newspapers headlined "George Britton is a new star in South Pacific." He played the part on Broadway for all of the last two years of its run.

He felt he did not want to bring up his children in such an insecure envi-

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ronment and decided to give up his theatrical career. He went to work for Wilding Inc., a Detroit communications firm, and traveled the country doing seminars for Ford and Mercury.

He retired in 1980 at age 70 and helped his wife, Kaye, open a travel agency in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include his wife, Kaye; daughters, Bonnie Britton and Sari Clapperton; son, Jonathan Britton.

At Mr. Britton's request his remains have been donated to the Michigan State School of Anatomy. A memorial service will be held at the McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Saturday, Aug. 24, at 1 p.m.

The family requests memorial contributions to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

SIDNA JONES

Mrs. Jones, 86, of Farmington died

In August.

Mrs. Jones was a retired worker in the Clarencville School system.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Hatcher, Sylvia Witt and Linda Duncan; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Aug. 23, at 11 a.m. in St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

MICHAELA (MICKY) JAFFRAY

Mrs. Jaffray, 54, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 9.

Mrs. Jaffray was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Thomas; daughters, Michelle and Michelle; brothers, Leo, Greek, and Leonard Atkinson; sister, Sheila Clinton.

Services were Aug. 12 at the Charles R. Step Funeral Home, Redford Township. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

ROBERT A. CARNEY

Mr. Carney, 72, of Farmington Hills died Aug. 17 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Carney was a

real estate broker. He played sax, flute and clarinet with big bands: George Olson, Henry Bussey, Russ Morgan, Del Delbridge and Sammy Diller. He was a member of the Detroit Federation of Musicians and taught music in the 40s and 50s at the Civic Center in Detroit. He was a member of Farmington Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include his wife, Madelon; one niece and several cousins.

Mass was celebrated Aug. 22 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, with the Rev. Rev. Walter A. Hurley officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

ROBERT J. CHAMPEAU

Mr. Champeau, 67, of Farmington

died Aug. 18 in Ford Hospital.

Born in Manistique, Mr. Champeau was an accountant for Ex Cello Corp. He was a Farmington Hills Volunteer Enforcement Patrol officer and a World War II Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; daughters, Susan Henz, son, Thomas; sister, Delores Cooper; brother, Kenneth Shampo; four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Aug. 21 at Meadowbrook Congregational Church with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Church Building Fund. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

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