

# Retired area cop was devoted to police work

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staff writer

Thomas Ray Schriber, a retired Farmington-area police officer, died Dec. 8 in Bousford Hospital, Farmington Hills. He was 67.

Born Dec. 20, 1923 in Ferndale, Mr. Schriber attended Clarenceville and Farmington high schools before joining the Farmington Police Department. He then joined the Farmington Township department and stayed on as the township became the city known as Farmington Hills.

He retired in 1979 after more than 25 years with the department. Then he and Lucille, his wife of 44 years, moved to Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Schriber had many interests — music, flying and general aviation — but police work was his first love, said Lucille Schriber.

"Police work was his life," she said. "When he retired and we left

Farmington, he said to me, 'This is the last uniform I'll ever put on.' Three months later he was with the Manatee County (Fla.) Sheriff's Department."

He spent 10 years with the Florida department before returning to Farmington Hills.

**REMEMBERED** Farmington Hills Capt. Russell Conway, "Tom" was a good officer. He worked his way up from patrolman to captain.

Mr. Schriber was also interested in music (he was a drummer) and at one time had his own band. He also had a private pilot's license. A flyer in World War II, he was past commander of the Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Survivors, in addition to Lucille, include a daughter Janice Fredericks of Farmington Hills and three grandchildren.

## Jewish holiday marks struggle for freedom

**P**EOPLE throughout Farmington and the world celebrated the Jewish Festival of Lights, or Hanukkah, which began last week and ended Dec. 9.

The eight-day holiday commemorates the struggle for religious freedom and personal liberty as the Maccabees, a group of Jewish reformers, toppled a regime that was replacing their Jewish culture with Greek customs.

The Maccabees, after reclaiming the temple in Jerusalem, found that

supplies were desecrated. Sacred oil for the temple lamps was almost gone and the lamps were expected to turn for only a short time. Miraculously, the lights burned for eight days.

Since then, brightly colored candles have been lit in menorahs in Jewish homes to commemorate the victory.

Here in the Farmington area, congregations celebrated Hanukkah in their own way with a variety of events, children's games, and celebrations.

## obituaries

Services for Mr. Schriber will be at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 12, at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. The Rev. John Maki of Salem United Church of Christ officiating. Burial will be in Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

### HAROLD BROWNING FERRIS

Mr. Ferris, 85, of Wyandotte died Dec. 5.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Ferris was a licensed tugboat captain and retired vice president of Great Northern Container Corp. He organized the annual Freedom Festival tugboat races.

Mr. Ferris was a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and earned an engineering degree from Michigan State University. From 1962 to 1971 he was national sales manager for the Crawford Door Co. He then worked for Great Northern until 1978.

Survivors include two sons, Michael of Clawson and David of Farmington Hills; one brother, Richard; one sister, Edith Enore Higginbottom; and four grandchildren.

Private services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Mariners' Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### ALBERTA AXTELL LENSER

Mrs. Lenser, 85, of Redford, formerly of Farmington, died Saturday in New Grace Hospital.

Born in Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Lenser had worked as a schoolteacher in Nebraska and Colorado. She was a member of the Redford Presbyterian Women's Group.

Survivors include her niece, Helen Joan Schiebaum, and a nephew, George Axtell.

A memorial service will be held Dec. 16 in Presbyterian Village, 17834 Garfield, Redford, with the Rev. Gene Stone of Redford Presbyterian Church officiating.

Burial was in Woodmere Cemetery, Detroit.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Memorials contributions

may be made to the Presbyterian Village Fund.

### JOHN J. BOLAND

Mr. Boland, 76, of Farmington died Saturday in Sinai Hospital.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Boland was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Gaelic League and active in Irish-American affairs.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; three sons, Michael, Patrick and Kevin; three daughters, Lynne Riley, Peggy Walron and Jeanne McFarlane; one sister, Helen Slatin; and nine grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Wednesday in St. Michael Catholic Church, Livonia, with the Monsignor Edward Balin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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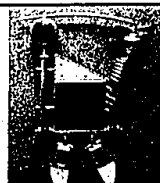


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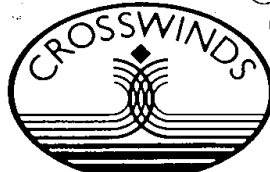
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