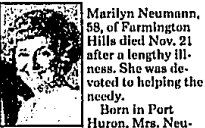


Neumann, devoted charity worker, dies



Marilyn Neumann, 58, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 21 after a lengthy illness. She was devoted to helping the needy.

Born in Port Huron, Mrs. Neumann was a receptionist at Focal Point Studio of Photography in Farmington and was involved with charities and organizations at the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills.

Across the community and metropolitan area, she had worked on the Meals on Wheels program, St. Mary's Orchard Lake fund raising, Mercy High School auctions, Boys Hope Homes of Detroit, Ronald McDonald House of Children's Hospital and the Christ Child Society.

Using her own funds, Mrs. Neumann has been building homes in Haiti and Jamaica through Father Tony Belangamba.

Survivors include her husband, John; son, John; daughters, Susan Gorzynski, Trish Heffernan and Kris; mother, Jean Morrison; brothers, Richard and Gerald; two grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Alexander's Catholic Church, Farmington Hills; the Rev. James B. Wright officiated. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the Christ Child Society, 15751 Joy Road, Detroit 48228 or Friends of the Poor, 550 S.W. 12th Ave., Deerfield Beach, Fla. 33442, or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh

OBITUARIES

Road, Livonia 48154.

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

ROSE MARIE BUZAK
Mrs. Buzak, 67, of Livonia died Nov. 17.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Buzak was a bank manager for Michigan National Bank, Redford. She retired in 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Chester; sons, Douglas of West Bloomfield and Thomas of Farmington Hills; sisters, Virginia Sudy and Kathryn Comstock; brother, Leonard Czech.

Mass was celebrated at St. Francis Catholic Church, Livonia, with the Rev. Kevin P. O'Brien officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to University of Michigan Cancer Research or Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements were made by the Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

BETTY JANE EGGERS
Mrs. Eggers, 67, of Livonia died Nov. 19 in Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit.

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Eggers was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, Bruce of Westland; daughters, Nancy Laurence of California and Carol LaPortiere of Farmington Hills; brother, Richard Bartusch Jr.; sisters, Edith Soderberg and Susan Hankin; two grandchildren.

Services were at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Burial was in Pleasant Township/Bear Lake Cemetery, Bear Lake, Michigan.

AALEEN G. LAYLAND
Mrs. Layland, 87, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 21.

Born in Farmington Township, Mrs. Layland graduated from Farmington High School in 1924. She worked with her husband at their business L & D Electric in Farmington Hills now called Armatures Inc. and owned by her son Donald.

She was a member of the Farmington Historical Society and received recognition as the oldest continuous resident during Sesquicentennial festivities.

Survivors include her daughter, Shirlene Miller; sons, Donald and Harold; brother, Howard Cox; six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Victor F. Halboth of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in North Farmington Cemetery, Farmington Hills.

Memorials may be made to Farmington Historical Society, 33805 Grand River, Farmington 48335.

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Many said they were opposed to the development. The one issue took 2 1/2 hours thanks to the commission's decision to follow the city council's idea of opening up the matter to a public hearing, rather than waiting until further in the process.

Ed Fenton, owner of the Strawberry Lane Apartments on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Middlebelt, said he would not oppose the project as he had Donna's previous proposal, which included a large retail outlet called the SourceClub. But many residents said it still was too much development for the area. They cited the density of housing, vacancies at nearby malls, environmental concerns and traffic problems as concerns.

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Mary Nicole, president of the Kimberly Subdivision Association, "I don't want anything built there."

Sharon Stein, of Brookhill Estates, added that with Mercy and Harrison high schools, traffic is already a danger for the area's children.

City attorney John Donohue said that if the commission rejected the request, it might later be stuck with a less favorable development.

Even many of those opposed to the project gave credit to Donna

for meeting with them and listening to their concerns about the development.

Donna, who also drew praise for some other developments in the city, said the project was in line with the city's master plan.

"The master plan has been on the books for 10 years," he said. "Now it appears that it's inappropriate."

The vacancy rate in the area was not low and there has not been any decision about who would occupy the proposed shopping center, Donna said.

"We are willing to limit the types of uses for commercial development — contractually," Donna said.

But VanHouten drew applause for her opposition.

"I feel completely distressed by this plan," she said. "This will be a temptation to developers to circumvent the existing zoning."

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