

OBITUARIES

GAETANO DI CLEMENTE
Gaetano Di Clemente, 74, died Dec. 3 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.
Born in Italy, Mr. Di Clemente worked for Ford Motor Co. and was a member of St. Alexander's Church in Farmington Hills.
He is survived by wife, Maria; sons Raffaele (Anna Maria) and Egidio; one brother, three sisters and grandchildren, Fabio, Adriana, Paul and Maria Frances.
Funeral services were held Dec. 6 at St. Alexander's

Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Arrangements made by Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford.
EDWARD N. CLARIZIO
Edward N. Clarizio, 66, died Dec. 1 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.
A resident of Farmington for more than 20 years, Mr. Clarizio was a psychologist for Walled Lake Schools and Taylor Schools and a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a longtime member of the Farmington YMCA and St. Ger-

ald's Catholic Church in Farmington.
He is survived by wife, Erika; daughters, Claudia (Eric) Zimmer of Livonia, Nancy and Christine of Farmington; and brother, Harvey of East Lansing.
Funeral services were held Dec. 3 at St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Marianhill Fathers P.O. Box 87, Dearborn 48121-8019.

VIRCHOW EDWIN RIDINGS
Longtime resident of Farmington Hills, Virchow Ridings, owner and operator of Ridings Lawnflower Service, died Dec. 2.
Mr. Ridings began his lawn mower business nearly 50 years ago working together with his wife, Ettie. He often talked about how the business progressed from sharpening hand mowers to the new technology of engines and keystart mowers. Mr. Ridings was well-known throughout the



Virchow E. Ridings

area for his fine work and cheery, warm personality.
They closed their shop doors in the spring of 1996 and began retirement.
Mr. Ridings was born in Clarence, Mo., Dec. 24, 1913, and lived there until 1936. He moved to Michigan and married Ettie Fawcett on June 24, 1939. They lived at the same residence for almost 60 years.
He is survived by wife, Ettie; son, Ben, D.D.S.; daughter, Ann (Joseph) Sutacheck; and many nieces and nephews.
Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at Henney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jean Love officiating.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Clarenceville United Methodist Church.
BERNICE B. HILTON
Bernice B. Hilton, 80, died Dec. 2 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.
Formerly of Farmington, Mrs. Hilton was a hairdresser at a beauty salon.
She is survived by daughters, Gail (Richard) Kravick of West Bloomfield and Jean Macklin of Brighton; brother, Curtis Blair; seven grandchildren; and three

great-grandchildren.
A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be sent to a charity of choice.
DORIS GRACE CURRANT
Doris Grace Currant, 77, died Dec. 2 at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.
A resident of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Currant was a homemaker and worked for the Internal Revenue Service until 1967. She was the former owner of Kings Lane Apartments in Farmington Hills, a member of the Plymouth Elks, the Nomads Travel Club and the Argentine Tango Dance Club. She was also a member of the Detroit Yacht Club, Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Detroit and Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.
She is survived by husband, Donald; brother, Elmer Wagner; nieces, Janice Heruang and Betty Clary; and nephew, David Wagner.
Funeral services were held Dec. 6 at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford with the Rev. Victor Halbock and Rev. Timothy Halbock officiating. Arrangements made by Henney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.
Memorial contributions can be sent to a charity of choice.
MELINDA MARIE NASSAR
Melinda Marie Nassar, 32, died Dec. 2 in Westland.
A graduate of North Farmington High School and Oakland

Community College, Ms. Nassar was an administrative assistant for General Motors in the insurance division. She was an exchange student in Sweden during 1981 and enjoyed art, playing piano and clarinet, musical composition and interior decoration.
She is survived by parents, Theodore and Charlene Slabey of Farmington Hills; grandmother, Lucille Winlow; one sister; and one brother.
Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at Antioch Lutheran Church. Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.
Memorial contributions can be sent to Antioch Lutheran Church or the Lupus Foundation.
JOYCE M. BESSONEN
Joyce M. Bessonon, 60, died Dec. 4 in Farmington Hills.
A resident of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Bessonon worked as a legal secretary and was a member of the Apostolic Lutheran Church and the Finnish Center.
He is survived by husband, Allen; daughters, Kathryn (Jeffrey) Bohr of Plymouth and Marcia (Craig) West of White Lake Township; mother, Hilja Kallio of Lake Linden; brother, Richard Parkinen of Ishpeming; and grandsons, Jakob, Gunnar and Matthew.
Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Martti Oeraman officiating.

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Reservations are \$20 if paid on or before Dec. 8 and \$25 after

that.
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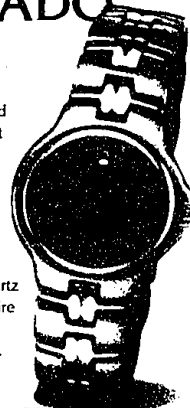
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