

OBITUARIES

MARION M. THOMPSON

Services for Marion Magdalen, 93, of Farmington Hills were held Aug. 21 at St. Clara of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Fred Klotner officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Thompson was born Sept. 6 1905, in Green Bay Wis., and died Aug. 18.

She is survived by sons, Robert (Mary Lou) and David (Barbara); daughters, Sylvia (Clifford) Martin and Dory (Dennis) Lamont; sister, Rosalyn Michaels; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, David; and daughter, Marilyn Thompson.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

LEONARD E. WILSON

Services for Leonard E. Wilson, 81, of Farmington Hills were held Aug. 20 at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial took place at Indianfields Cemetery in Caro, Mich.

Mr. Wilson was born May 21, 1916, in Marquette, Mich., and died Aug. 17.

He is survived by wife, Angela; son, Dr. Bruce (Londa) Wilson; daughter, Sharon (Brian) Wilson; brothers, Norman Wilson and Keith Beuley; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Caro, Mich.

AMY L. CLEMENT

Services for Amy Louise Clement, 37, of Utica will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, at Our Lady of Refuge Parish in Orchard Lake.

Miss Clement died Aug. 19 at Beaumont Hospital.

Amy, a developmentally disabled person, was born with a pituitary gland disorder, which subsequently severely depleted her quality of life. Though over time her condition worsened,

Amy was a joy and inspiration to all those who encountered her. She had a strong will and desire for life and will be missed dearly.

After years of nurturing from her parents, it became necessary to move her into a state facility. Amy was one of the first candidates to leave a state facility and enter into a group home atmosphere. After several moves, Amy moved into the West Utica Group Home, where she received the most loving care any family would have wished for.

She is survived by father, Tom; and sister, Sally Clement-Bajardi.

Memorial contributions can be sent to ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens), 1641 Big Beaver Road, Troy 48064.

RALPH E. OSTRANDER

Ralph E. Ostrander, 63, died Aug. 8 in Sequim, Wash. Born Sept. 18, 1935, in Clawson, Mr. Ostrander was a self-employed carpenter.

He is survived by a sister, Barbara Packard; brother, Richard Daro; uncle, Paul Ostrander; and niece and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward Hale and Herbert Norvin; sister, Virginia Daro Agar; and parents, Herbert Ostrander and Helen Anstett.

Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

LESTER H. HAAPANIEMI

Services for Lester H. Haapaniemi, 75, of Farmington will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Suzanne Paul officiating.

Mr. Haapaniemi was born April 24, 1924, in Iron River, Mich., and died Aug. 18 at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington Hills. He was the owner of Haapaniemi Lumber Sales in Dearborn and was a World War II Navy pilot. He was a member of the Detroit Hoo-Hoo Club, the Dearborn Canoeing and Punting Society and was a past president of the University of Michigan Alumni Club.

He is survived by wife, Nancy; sons, John (Patricia) and Peter (Susan); daughter, Martha (Larry) Hutchinson; sisters, Laura Mast; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents, Casar and Helmi.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 66 Research 919 North Michigan Ave. Suite 1000 Chicago, IL 60611.

He's back...

Hartsock returns as interim middle school principal

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As a student, Jerry Hartsock hated school. But now that he's an adult, it seems he doesn't want to leave.

Hartsock retired as Walled Lake Central High School's principal at the end of last school year. A popular leader with students and parents, the 54-year-old Hartsock served as the school's principal for four years.

Now he's agreed to be the interim principal at Clifford Smart Middle School. The position was vacated in July by Janelle McGuire, who was named principal of Walled Lake Western High.

"I love middle school kids. I can hardly wait," said Hartsock, a gregarious man with a loud laugh and a friendly manner. "It'll be a hoot."

The Walled Lake Board of Education approved Hartsock's temporary role at its Thursday night meeting.

"It's an interim position. It's a long-term thing," said school district spokeswoman Lois Lange. "He likes middle school and he's agreed to do it."

Hartsock said he volunteered for the job after no one else applied for it.

"I know that they couldn't possibly go outside (the district) and find somebody, at this point in the school year," he said.

Lange said the appointment will allow school officials to conduct a full-scale search for a new principal. That search

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could take most or all of the coming school year, she said.

"This isn't the hiring season for administrators," Lange said. "They don't start looking (for a new job) during the first semester."

Before landing at Central, the charismatic Hartsock served one year as Howell High School's principal. Before that, he was a middle school principal in Alaska for 16 years.

But as a high school student in Indiana, Hartsock said he graduated near the bottom of his class. He found school to be boring.

"I hated school. I was really a terrible student," he said. If it wasn't for his good SAT scores, he probably wouldn't have been admitted to college, he said.

But Hartsock went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Indiana University. He's also attended Oregon State, the University of Alaska and Harvard University.

And now as a school administrator, Hartsock said he works to make school more engaging for his students than it was for him.

"I wanted to give kids a different perspective on education," he said. "I've been spending my entire career trying to do that."



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMAYER

Welcome back: Jerry Hartsock hated school as a kid, but as a former teacher and principal, he can't seem to get enough. He has returned as interim principal.

Now he'll continue the task — at least for a while. Hartsock said his wife is glad he's back at work.

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