

## OBITUARIES

## JAMES F. DESKA

Services for James F. Deska, 67, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating.

Mr. Deska was born Jan. 23, 1932, in Detroit and died Dec. 1 in Farmington Hills. He was a banker for Ameri Mortgage and a Korean War veteran. He was a member of the Friends of McKensie and enjoyed classic cars, antiques, auctions and golf.

Mr. Deska is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, David (Dottie); daughter, Donna (Patrick) Rapin; brother, Richard; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of McKensie Scholarship Fund; P.O. Box 330843 Livonia 48163.

## ELIZABETH G. ROUGHLEY

Services for Elizabeth Gladys Roughley, 77, formerly of Farmington Hills, will be held at 11 a.m. today, Dec. 9, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Dr. William Moore officiating. Burial will take place at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Roughley was born Dec. 30, 1921, in Mohawk, Mich., and died Dec. 5 at St. Mary Hospital in Saginaw. She was a member of Aldergate United Methodist Church in Redford and Tawas United Methodist Church.

She is survived by husband

Jack; son John (Marilyn); daughters Carol Roughley (John) Kobasa and Janet Roughley (Douglas) Spicer; and sister Ardith McNamara.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

## ROBERT E. FLEMING

Services for Robert Eugene Fleming, 83, of Farmington, were held Dec. 7 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Fleming was born July 11, 1916, in Detroit and died Dec. 4 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a wine wholesaler.

He is survived by wife, Genevieve; daughters, Martha and Anne Fleming; stepson, William (Laurie); three grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

## DAVID BONADEO

Services for David Bonadeo, 68, of Southfield, were held Dec. 7 at St. Michael Church in Southfield with the Rev. Lawrence Zurek. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Bonadeo was born May 27, 1933, in Detroit and died Dec. 4 at Providence Hospital.

He is survived by wife Doloras;

sons Steven (Diane), David, Ronald (Vicky), Erik and Larry (Dennise); sister Erna Balardi; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

## LILLIAN KOCCARA

Services for Lillian Kocara, 86, of Redford, were held Dec. 7 at the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating. Burial took place at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Kocara was born March 20, 1913, in Pennsylvania and died Dec. 3 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by daughters Veronica Cyzio and Constance Pappas; sisters Henrietta Zwick, Janet Davis and Stella Mank; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

## PAUL A. LYTAKAINEN

Services for Paul A. Lytkainen, 78, of Farmington Hills were held Dec. 7 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. William Hopper officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Lytkainen was born June 30, 1921, and died Dec. 3 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. He was a designer for Ford Motor

Co. and a World War II Air Force Veteran. He was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Finnish Center Association.

Mr. Lytkainen is survived by his wife, Charlotte; sons, Paul (Cheri) and Rob (Jeanne); daughter, Janet (Paul) Kruks; sister, Doris Pelt; stepsons, Mark, Tim (Debbie), Todd (Laurie) and Curt Straus; and 11 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. Eight Mile

Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

## JANET T. MARTIGN

Services for Janet Temple Hartigan, 70, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 6 at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Hartigan was born Nov. 2, 1929, in Detroit and died Dec. 2 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. She was a member of St. Bede Church in Southfield and enjoyed sewing, painting, gardening, woodworking and sum-

mers in Osceola.

She is survived by husband Joseph; son Joseph III; daughter Marilyn (Daniel) O'Connor; sister Marilyn Canfield; brother James Temple; and grandchildren Joseph Hartigan, Kaila Hartigan and Matthew O'Connor. She was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Temple.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills.

Arrangements were made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

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## Patterson: More than 100,000 new businesses added to SMART

BY KEN VAN STEENKISTE  
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Sure, the economy is booming. But that doesn't mean a thing to Oakland County residents who can't get their jobs.

Fortunately, those residents who can't drive can jump on one of the fastest growing bus systems in the nation.

That was the message Dec. 1 as tri-county executives and officials from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation lauded the bus system's progress.

SMART, on the brink of bankruptcy in 1992, now boasts the fastest growing ridership in the U.S., SMART Chairman Matt Wirgau announced at a press conference at SMART headquarters in Detroit.

The suburban Detroit SMART bus system, with growth of 25 percent, far outpaces similar systems. Its closest competition is from Los Angeles' system, which experienced 14 percent growth, officials said.

In 1998, just over nine million people rode the SMART lines.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, on hand for the event, said attending to the needs of small business owners has been an important factor in increasing the SMART system's revenue.

"We've added 130,000 new businesses to the SMART routes," he noted. "We have been very adaptive, we can move very quickly to provide service to job growth areas."

Wirgau credited cooperation between employees, management and county government for the jump in ridership.

"If it wasn't for support from leadership in Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties this would not have been possible. There were a lot of skeptics (of SMART's viability) in Oakland County and I thank L. Brooks Patterson for his support in convincing those people," Wirgau said.

Patterson also cautioned against merging the ailing Detroit Department of Transportation with the SMART lines, a possibility which has been discussed by state legislators and in the media.

"A limited consolidation of some services may be advantageous, but we just can't take the two and lump them together," he said.

Getting employees to work during a boom economy has been a key factor in SMART's turnaround, explained Ralph Liberato, SMART Board member and Vice Chairman of the Macomb County Board of commissioners.

"When I first came on to the board, SMART had a \$20 million dollar deficit," he said. "That should be paid off this year."

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara stressed SMART's future, advancing an agenda for

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L. Brooks Patterson  
—Oakland County executive

future growth.

"If there is anything we should be doing in this state, it's improving public transportation. The 10 percent gas tax consumers pay should be spent on public transportation, not

roads," he said.

McNamara said the gas tax should be completely allocated to public transportation programs like SMART because "there are so many other ways of paying for roads."

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