

Colleague

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correctly." Lauhoff's professional connection with Murphy actually began with a 1 1/2-year stint during the mid-1980s, after he took over as public safety director. At that time, Murphy was the director's administrative secretary.



Carol Murphy

He or she, even then, helped ease Lauhoff into his new job. "When I broke into public safety," Lauhoff recalled, "my kind of knew everything. So it was really nice to be able to rely on somebody. ... She was so helpful."

Murphy's dedication to the city was obvious to most. But she also had great fondness for Farmington. In the May 1998 city newsletter, Murphy talked about her career, which began in 1974 when she took a part-time secretarial job for former City Manager Bob Deadman.

"The (city) has been a great place to work and there's been just enough change to make it interesting, especially keeping up on the new technology," Murphy said in the newsletter article. "The staff and my co-workers are great and I have enjoyed the change to be a part of the Farmington team."

On Monday throughout city hall, other members of that "team" fondly remembered Murphy's contributions.

"It's difficult," said Patsy Cantrell, city clerk. "I had known Carol since I began working at this city (in 1984). It's a loss. ... We will all remember her as a dedicated employee."

Barbara Smith, an employee in the city manager's office, could barely choke back tears. "The news of Murphy's death barely followed that of two of Smith's close friends, a 31-year-old neighbor — who also died of cancer — and Stephen Crane, 28, who passed away following a two-year bout with leukemia."

Smith helped spearhead "My Friends Care," to organize fundraisers and bone marrow drives for Crane, a former Farmington engineer.

"It's been a tough month, a tough year," Smith said. "I've

lost a lot of friends."

Despite her dedicated efforts on behalf of the city, Murphy still had time to enjoy hobbies such as reading, traveling, crocheting, sewing and following the Detroit Red Wings.

Family also was important. Carol and her husband of 42 years, former Observer & Eccentric employee Bill Murphy, raised five children — including twins — and had five grandchildren.

She shared experiences with other moms of twins, as past president of the Michigan Mothers of Twins Club.

In addition to Bill Murphy, who lives in Plymouth, Carol Murphy is survived by: sons, Kevin (Joyce), Brian (Donna), David and Darin; daughter, Karen; grandchildren Allison, Connor, Kayla, Shawn and Steven; mother, Elsie Robinson; brother, Arthur Robinson (Doreen); sister, Diane Hein; and numerous nephews and nieces. A visitation memorial is scheduled from noon-3 p.m. Saturday at Ziomek Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Road (at the corner of Wayne and Joy roads).

In lieu of flowers, envelopes will be available for donations to charities of choice, such as the Karmanns Cancer Institute or Angela Hospice, for example. She was cremated.

SHIRLEY M. MCCLELLAN
Shirley M. McClellan, 82, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 25 in Plymouth.

Mrs. McClellan was a homemaker and loved to travel. She also enjoyed playing bridge, bowling and gardening.

She is survived by son, Donald (Judith) of Livonia; grandson, Kevin (Kristie) of Westland; and granddaughter, Kristeen (Matthew) Yule of Livonia.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

MARGARET L. HEDBERG
Margaret L. Hedberg, 82, of Farmington died Dec. 25 at Hospice Home in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Hedberg worked as a Realtor/sales agent. She was a member of the Farmington Founders Society and enjoyed visiting her cottage in Oscoda.

She is survived by son, Dan; daughters, Pat Wraze-Taggart, Judy Lee, Joanne Fitzpatrick and Kathy Boucher; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may

be sent to the Capuchine Soup Kitchen, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit 48207; or Hospice Home, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield 48075.

HELEN M. GREENLEE
Helen Marie Greenlee of Farmington died Dec. 25 in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Greenlee was a homemaker and a member of the Eastern Star of First United Methodist Church in Farmington. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, crocheting, and making blankets and quilts. She is survived by daughters, Mary Ellis and Barbara Klann (Jim); sister, Irene Crabill; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Ray Lumley officiating.

JOHN B. MIFSD
John Baptist Mifsd, 70, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 23 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by wife, Rose; daughters, Madelyn (Mark) Betog and Lauren Sanko; brother, Walter (Catherine); brothers-in-law, Paul (Evelyn) Mullett, John (Rose) Mullett and Emmanuel (Suzanne) Mullett; four grandchildren; and dear friend, Dr. Ron Paroly. Funeral services were held Dec. 28 at St. Michael Catholic Church in Southfield with the Rev. Lawrence Zurek officiating.

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

JENNIE V. DOPPEKE
Jennie V. Doppeke, 79, of Farmington Hills died Dec. 22 at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Mrs. Doppeke was a third-grade school teacher for 40 years. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and loved needlepoint.

She is survived by husband, George; son, George Jr.; daughter, Jennifer; one brother; and six grandchildren. Funeral services were held Dec. 28 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

HELEN L. WERTANEN
Helen Laura Wertanen, 86, formerly of Farmington, died Dec. 21 in Novi.

Mrs. Wertanen worked briefly for the U.S. post office. She loved to travel to Florida and the Upper Peninsula. She is survived by son, Edwin of Novi; daughter, Elaine (Michael) Laitila of Canton; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Dec. 23 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jonathan Bomgren officiating. Memorial contributions can be sent to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 1133 E. Maple, Suite 201, Troy 48063.

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