

OBITUARIES

ELAINE WATSON

Services for Elaine A. Watson, 77, of Farmington Hills, were Feb. 21, at Orchard United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills with the Rev. Carol J. Johns presiding. Burial was in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens of Novi.

Mrs. Watson was born Sept. 2, 1923, in Indianapolis, Ind., and died Feb. 17 at Providence Hospital of Southfield.

She married Sheldon "Andy" Watson on Jan. 4, 1944, in Indianapolis, Ind.

She was a member of Orchard United Methodist Church and a life member of the Plum Hollow Golf Club of Southfield.

Mrs. Watson is survived by her husband, Sheldon of Farmington Hills; three sons, Ronald (Donna) of Novi, Sheldon Jr. (Andy) (Cynthia) of Farmington Hills, Steve (Melissa) of Livonia; daughter Sally (Patrick) Keyes

of Rochester Hills; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were handled by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home of Farmington.

BEVERLY SWEENEY

Services for Beverly Jane Sweeney, 70, of Farmington Hills, were Wednesday, Feb. 14, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with Fr. Leonard Partensky presiding. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

Mrs. Sweeney was born Aug. 2, 1930, in Detroit and died Feb. 11 in Farmington Hills.

She worked for an answering service for 20 years, retiring in 1996. She lived in Farmington Hills for 32 years.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, James H. Sweeney; three sons, Patrick J. of Ann Arbor, Michael J. (Cindy)

of Farmington Hills, James (Gena) of Farmington Hills; two daughters, Renée of Milford, Susan (Peter) Drasima of Farmington; sister Lois (Jerry) Gerich of Redford; and four grandchildren, Matt, Jacob, Chelsey and Jillian.

Memorials can be made to the Michigan Kidney Foundation.

IDA KOTILA

Services for Ida Mary Kotila, 97, of Farmington, were Feb. 14 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home with the Rev. Shawn Miller presiding. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery of Livonia.

Mrs. Kotila was born April 3, 1903, in Finland and died Feb. 11 in Bolaford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She was a homemaker and a member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Emil.

She is survived by three

daughters, Genevieve (Charles) Sneathy of Farmington, Leonore (Richard) Heuser of Wisconsin, Marjorie Hamina of Farmington; sister Helmi Fidler; and seven grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Hospice of Finnish Center of Michigan.

FRANK HEFFERNAN

Services for Frank C. Heffernan, 78, of Farmington, were Feb. 17 at St. Alexander Catholic Church with Fr. Oswald Mascarenhas presiding. He was cremated, and his remains were interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mr. Heffernan was born Nov. 9, 1922, in Detroit and died Feb. 9 in Farmington.

He was a graduate of St. George High School, worked for No-Fold Inc. and retired in 1987. He was a member of a barber-shop quartet, the Redford Harmony Club and the Silver Sneakers walking club. He also enjoyed golf.

He was preceded in death by his wife Kathryn.

He is survived by two sons, Thomas and Paul; three daughters, Patricia, Janet (Dennis) Baila, Susan Mahennett; four brothers, Jim, Joe, Bill and Tom; two sisters, Helen and Harriett; and six grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to the Hope Clinic.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

FLORENCE DZIUBA

Services for Florence Mary Dziuba, 78, of Livonia (formerly of Farmington Hills), were Feb. 17 at St. Gerald Catholic Church

in Farmington with Fr. Gerald McEnhill. Burial was at Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington.

Mrs. Dziuba was born Dec. 22, 1922, at Harbor Beach, Mich., and died Feb. 14 in Livonia.

She worked for the Detroit Stamping Co. for 43 years. She was a member of Tau/Alpha Gamma Plo/Micron National Sorority. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, pinocle and bingo.

Mrs. Dziuba is survived by her husband of 46 years, Thaddeus; brother Walter Gonwicks; seven sisters, Eleanor Page, Odella Hellig, Jeanette Langenburg, Genevieve Lentovich, Mildred Fox, Agnes Lute, Lorraine Herrington; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials can be made to Tau/Alpha Gamma Plo/Micron National Sorority, 123 Creighton, Ft. Wayne, IN 46803.

ROBERT FRIELING

Services for G. Robert Frieling, 82, of Farmington, N.C., were Feb. 19 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert H. Lapp and the Rev. Steve Hein presiding.

Mr. Frieling was born May 9, 1918, in Grand Rapids and died Feb. 16 in Cypress Pointe Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

He was the son of the late Rev. Harker Frieling and Henrietta Brummell Frieling. He was an engineer with General Motors for 18 years and retired from Boyle Machine in Farmington.

He was a member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and a longtime deacon, elder and choir member at St. Andrew's

Covenant Presbyterian Church. He was preceded in death by a son, James, in 1997.

He is survived by his wife Jean; Farrant Frieling; three daughters, Barbara of Pontiac, Betty (Ward) Diehl of Williamsburg, Va., Susan (Wally) Dill of Nashville, Tenn.; three sons; Peter (Mary Ann) of Hartland; Calvin (Barbara Jean) of Royal Oak; Jeffery (Kimberly) of Decatur, Kan.; brother Arthur T. (Ruth) of Grand Haven; sister Esther Tanis of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1416 Market, Wilmington, NC 28401.

Arrangements were made by Andrews Mortuary of Wilmington, N.C.

DONALD HAFNER

Services for Donald G. "Duck" Hafner, 68, of Novi, began 7:46 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Hollowell and James Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ill.

Mr. Hafner was born in 1932 and died Feb. 15 in Livonia.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; three daughters Sandy of Austin, Texas, Candace (Brian) Burke of Streetboro, Ohio, Laura (Brian) Blessing of Ashland, Ohio; son Don of Austin, Texas; sister Jean Wright of LaGrange, Ill.; grandchildren Lindsey, Rusty, Jenna; Connor, Hunter, Morgan and Lauren Grace.

Arrangements were made by the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Business, Professional Association seeks leadership award nominees

The Michigan Business and Professional Association is seeking nominations of women for its Distinguished Leadership Award.

The award recognizes women who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in seven categories: business, professional, human services/philanthropic, media, civic affairs/government, education and small business achievement.

Award criteria include achievements in the nominee's professional field, recognition by peers for outstanding service and contributions to the advancement of issues related to women in the business world.

The award will be presented during the luncheon at the fifth annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference which will be held April 11 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Nomination forms are available by calling the MBPA at (810) 979-6322. The deadline for nominations is Thursday, Feb. 15.

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