

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA J. MCKINNEY

Services for Patricia Joy McKinney, 58, formerly of Farmington, will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell with the Rev. Gilbert Rahrig officiating. Burial will take place at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Howell.

Mrs. McKinney was born Aug. 12, 1942 in Detroit and died March 11, 2001 in Howell. She worked as a secretary for Coil Center Corp. in Howell and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell.

She is survived by husband, James; sons, Timothy and Thomas; daughter, Tricia; brothers, Michael, Fredrick (Virginia) and Jonathan (Sue) Hatfield; and sister, Marijo (Gregory) Novack.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Livingston Community Hospice.

Arrangements made by McDonald's Funeral Home in Howell.

C. ARTHUR HIETALA

Services for Carl Arthur Hietala, 60, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held in Chasell, Mich. with burial at Chasell Cemetery.

Mr. Hietala was born July 25, 1940 in Hancock, Mich. and died March 10, 2001 at Courtyard Manor in Livonia. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a master's degree in science from the University of Michigan and worked as a library scientist at Oakland Community College. He was a recipient of numerous grants to Oxford, Cambridge, England and traveled extensively. He hadn't missed a U of M bowl game until his illness.

He is survived by brothers, Ralph (Beverly), Gordon (Darlene), Richard (Esther) and Kenneth (Marie); sister, Ruth (Harold) Kangas; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Henry Ford-Plymouth Team, One Ford Plaza, Suite 5a, Detroit, MI 48202.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

CHARLES E. CEPLECHA

Services for Charles E. Coplecha, 70, of Farmington Hills, were held March 9 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Coplecha was born in Chicago, Ill., and died March 4, 2001 in Farmington Hills. He was a buyer in the meat industry and a Korean War Marine Corps Veteran. He loved to work outside.

He is survived by wife, Margaret; children, Charles (Suzette) Coplecha, Peter (Christine) Coplecha and daughter, Cynthia Coplecha; one brother; and one grandchild.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

LILY E. WALSH

Services for Lily E. Walsh, 80, of Farmington Hills, were held March 12 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mrs. Walsh was born June 14, 1920 in Ontario, Canada and died March 9, 2001.

She is survived by sons, Frank Jr. (Jane) O'Brien, Barry (Patricia) Walsh, Mark (Lori) Walsh and Dean (Lana) Walsh; daughters, June (Jim) Leppala and Lynne (Cornelius) Sikawa; sister-in-law, Karen Richards; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Frank.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan or The American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

ROSEMARY D. PALMER

A memorial service for Rosemary D. Palmer, 80, of Detroit,

will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Farmington, with Robert Tressler, presiding over the service.

Mrs. Palmer was born Feb. 27, 1921 in Johnstown, Pa., and died March 10, 2001 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She worked as a secretary for Dunham-Bush Heating & Cooling and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Farmington.

She is survived by husband, Robert; son, David; daughter, Leslie (Emory) Buttermore; grandson, Steve Buttermore; and three sisters.

Arrangements made by

Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

ALESSANDRO L. MELE

Services for Alessandro Luchio Mele, 66, of Farmington Hills, were held March 11 at Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Streit officiating.

Mr. Mele was born July 2, 1934 in Detroit and died March 9, 2001 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was a self employed mechanic and served in the U. S. Army in Germany.

He is survived by wife, Patricia; children, Christopher (Paula) Page, Annina Mele and Loreto Mele; brothers, Loreto

"Dutchy" (Nancy) Mele and Vincent (Betty) Mele; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

FRANCES RAJAVICH

Services for Frances Rajavich, 87, were held March 13 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

She is survived by daughter, Barbara (James) Dermody; grandchildren, Susan Ordway and Margaret Scheske; and two great-grandsons.

Arrangements made by Heeneys-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

EUGENE J. KOTCH

Services for Eugene J. Kotch, 73, were held March 14 at Holy Family Church in Novi with burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mr. Kotch was born in 1928 and died March 12, 2001 at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

He is survived by brothers, Raymond, Jerome and John; sisters, Bernadine LaChapelle and Loretta Kotch; He is preceded in death by brother, Clarence; and sisters, Rita Herzfeld and Shirley Lewicki.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan. Arrangements made by O'Brien/Ted Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Rocky appointed to health committees

State Rep. Andrew Raczowski has announced two important committee assignments.

Raczowski has been appointed to the Health Committee Assembly on Federal Issues of the National Conference of State Legislatures for 2001-2002.

The Farmington Hills lawmaker also was appointed to lead a subcommittee dealing with improved accountability, claims processing, reimbursement rate collection and patient safety.

Raczowski currently serves as a vice chair of the full committee. He seeks input from area citizens concerned about health care issues.

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