

OBITUARIES

LYNN A. BOSTROM
Services for Lynn Ann Bostrom, 42, of Novato, July 24 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Bradley Gee officiating. Mrs. Bostrom was born Dec. 5, 1958 and died July 20 in Novato. Survivors include husband, Anthony Phillips, daughter Toni-

lynn Bostrom, son Jacob Bostrom, brothers Richard and James Bostrom and sister Barbara Bianchi.

GEORGE GENDRON
Services for George E. Gendron, 84, of Farmington Hills were Tuesday, July 24 at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. Freder-

ick Klettner officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Gendron was born Feb. 2, 1917 in Detroit and died July 20 at St. Mary Hospital.

Survivors include daughters Kathleen (Thomas) Dwyer and Sharon Cooper, eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchild-

dren. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

IDA E. DAVIS

Services for Ida Ellen Davis, 91, of Farmington Hills, were held July 23 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with the Rev. Robert LaCroix officiating.

Mrs. Davis was born July 25, 1909 in Winona, Mich. and died

July 20, 2001 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She worked as a nurse's aide at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She is survived by daughter, Mary Ann (Francis) Gunyou; sister Irene Abersold; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Jacob and son, Fred.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association Midwest Affiliate, Dept. 77-9868, Chicago, IL, 60678. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

LEO A. FITZPATRICK

A memorial service for Leo Arthur Fitzpatrick, 85, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, July 28 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Southfield with the Rev. Lawrence Zurek officiating.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was born May 9, 1916 in Saginaw and died July 22, 2001 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a Realtor.

He is survived by wife, Virginia; sons, Leo Jr., Steven, Dominic and Kelly (Maria); sister, Grace Whitman; grandchildren, Lisa (Kenneth), Timothy (Selene), Leo III (Erin), Colin,

Sara, Geoffrey, Ashley and Alex Sekall; and great-grandchildren, Michael and Jaquelin.

Memorial contributions may be made to Botsford General Hospital. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

W. EDWARD STEELE

Services for W. Edward "Eddie" Steele, 85, of Farmington Hills, were held July 25 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Bloomfield with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

Mr. Steele was born June 22, 1916 in Clinton County, Ohio and died July 22, 2001 at Danis Family Health Care Center in West Bloomfield.

He is survived by children, Phyllis (Donald) Chaffee, Eddie, Jr. (Darlene), Richard (Nancy) Gibbons, Thomas (Renee) Gibbons and John (Edith) Gibbons; 11 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He is preceded in death by his wife Georgia.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. George Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund, 151 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Arrangements made by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Friends have fond memories of retired Judge Maher

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Retired Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Richard M. Maher was remembered Tuesday for siding with the underdog. Maher, 68, a Farmington Hills resident since the late 1980s, died July 20.

"He had a great empathy for people," said former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Brennan. "He was a liberal in the classic sense."

In the mid '50s, Maher formed a law firm with Brennan and Jim Brickley, who would serve as lieutenant governor and Eastern Michigan University president.

"Dick was interested in politics, he was always my cam-

paign manager as well as my partner. He finally got me elected in 1961. He went on to have an excellent political career," Brennan said.

"Dick was very much of a people person; he was an Irishman down to his toes and had a great empathy for people. He would take on cases for people who necessarily didn't have the money to pay him."

Colleagues who rose to speak about Maher at the funeral Mass cited his decisions that were helpful to minorities and women. Judge Fred Harris of 47th District Court in Farmington Hills said Maher "was a very compassionate guy."

"The thing that stands out in my mind the most about Dick has nothing to do with legal

practice," Harris said.

"His son Michael was getting involved in the hockey program at Winter Wonderland," he said.

In the 1960s, it was one of the first indoor rinks in Detroit, at Schoolcraft and Addington. Maher became a hockey buff and was also active in organized bowling, Harris said.

Maher left private practice in the early '60s to become a traffic court referee in Detroit. He then served as a traffic court judge and as a Wayne County circuit judge before serving on the state court of appeals. After retiring in the early '90s, Maher spent winters in Florida and summers in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include three

daughters: Lori Maher and husband Michael Duggan, Wayne County prosecutor; Megan Brennan and husband Vince Brennan; and Patty Maher and Lois; a son, Michael Maher; three sisters, Mary Joe and Catherine L. Maher, both Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Veronica Maher; a brother, Henry and his wife, Mary Jo; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Wife Mari Jane Bishop preceded him in death.

The funeral Mass was celebrated at Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Detroit. The family suggests memorials to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Retirement Fund, 610 W. Elm, Monroe, MI.

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