

OBITUARIES

ROY L. CRAIN

Services for Roy Louis Crain, 79, of Farmington, were held Oct. 2 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington with the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Maxwell and Rev. S. Donald Willabee officiating. Burial took place at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

Mr. Crain was born July 28, 1922 in Traverse City and died Sept. 29 at Botsford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills. He worked as a meter reader supervisor for Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and as a Farmington High School parking lot attendant, retiring in 1994. Mr. Crain was also a member of First United Methodist Church in Farmington, a leader for the Boy Scouts of America and president of the Gas Co. Bowling League.

He is survived by his wife, May; son, Bob (Vicki); daughter, Nancy (Mark) Lester; brother-in-law, Delvin Crisp; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River Ave. Farmington, MI 48336.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

BERTHA W. ELLIS
Services for Bertha W. Ellis,

93, of Farmington, were held Oct. 1 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with Elder Jack West of Reformed Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiating. Burial took place at Bath Cemetery in Bath, Mich.

Mrs. Ellis was born Nov. 22, 1907 in Toledo, Ohio, and died Sept. 29, 2001 in Farmington. She is survived by nephews, Kenneth and Richard Wallace; three great-nieces; and five great-nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

DOROTHY M. KULL
Services for Dorothy Marguerite Kull, 90, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held Sept. 29 at Grace Lutheran Church in Redford with the Rev. Timothy Halboth and Rev. Victor Halboth officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Kull was born Jan. 29, 1911 in Detroit and died Sept. 26, 2001 in Rochester Hills. She was a former member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills and an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Redford.

She is survived by son, David (Charlene); daughter, Trudy Schomaker; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, David and son-in-law Dr. Thomas E. Schomaker.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, 25630 Grand River Ave., Redford, MI 48240. Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

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JOSEPH M. DAVIDSON
Services for Joseph Howard Davidson, 66, of Bloomfield Hills, were held Oct. 3 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Peter Moore, Greenfield Presbyterian Church officiating. Mr. Davidson was born June 5, 1935 in Detroit and died Sept. 28, 2001 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He was the owner of Davidson Lumber in Detroit.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Howard (Sandy) daughters, Karen (Gary) Heier and Gail (Michael) Hayes; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army.

MARY FENECH
Services for Mary Fenech, 78, were held Oct. 1 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

She is survived by sons, Bob (Linda), Ron (Lisa), Joe (Lori) and Bill (Kristin); daughter, Diane (Pat) Dilworth; and 12 grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph.

Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

ALEX J. BARAN
Alex J. Baran (Baranaukas), 86, formerly of Farmington, died on Sept. 28, 2001 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. A graveside service was held Oct. 1 at

Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia, with Deacon Ray Kunik of St. Priscilla Church officiating.

Mr. Baran was born on August 31, 1915 in Pittsburgh, Pa. He had been employed by Sinai Hospital as an engineer, retiring in 1978.

He is survived by his former wife, Beverly Baran; a son-in-law Gerald Wolff and a granddaughter, Michelle Wolff. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Rosalie and his parents.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Arrangements were by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

GERALDINE L. ALLE
Geraldine L. Alle, 78, died Sept. 29 at Angela Hospice in Livonia. Funeral services were held Oct. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Alle was born on Dec. 3, 1922 in Detroit. She is survived by sons Amos (Peggy) Deaven and Jerome (Mary) Deaven, daughters Cheryl Deaven and Joanne (Mike) Mancos. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph and a son, Harry Deaven.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Dept., 18506 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Arrangements were by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

Wheels get around

In May of this year, 9-year-old Corey Carr of Farmington Hills donated his outgrown pediatric wheelchair to Wheels for the World.

Once the chair was received into the "Wheels" program, Dorothy Pitsch, volunteer coordinator, began the paperwork to track it.

The journey began with a group of Nuns from the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament in Farmington Hills. They donated wooden crates to transport the wheelchair to a prison facility in Nashville, Tenn. The inmates are trained to repair the donated wheelchairs to like-new condition.

The nuns prayed over the chair before it left their hands. They asked God to bless everyone who came into contact with the chair; especially the prison inmates.

Corey has suffered from a degenerative brain disorder since he was a few months old. He has lived in a wheelchair most of his life. He and his 4-year-old sister, Carolyn, both suffer from the same undiagnosed disability.

On June 1, this special little chair arrived at the prison facility. The inmates prayed for the child who would

receive it as it was readied for donated overseas shipping.

On Sept. 25, Cory's wheelchair arrived in Palowice, Poland. Team members hand-fit each person into their newly gifted means of transportation.

Wheelchairs often allow children to go to school for the first time in their lives. Adults are able to find their first jobs.

The young child who received this chair is also 9 years old. He is disabled and nearly 100 percent blind.

His mother is presently in the hospital after suffering a heart attack.

The gift of Corey Carr's outgrown chair now has the chance of aiding in the freedom of mobility to a very deserving new friend on the other side of the world.

The Carrs plan on writing and sending pictures. They hope to befriend the new owners of their son's wheelchair in Palowice, Poland.

Through their own difficulties and sorrows they will bring hope and encouragement to others, from the inmates to the recipient of their donated much blessed little wheelchair.

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