

## OBITUARIES

## ELAINE PARHAM

Elaine A. Parham, 85, retired special education teacher and resident of Farmington Hills, Michigan died March 27 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Services were held April 2 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Parham was born in Detroit on March 17, 1917 and spent most of her life in Salem, where she and her husband Gordon raised their family on a Christmas tree farm.

She spent her career of more than 40 years in the Detroit Public Schools working with special needs students. She worked at Oakman school teaching students with polio. At Crittenton and Maybury, Elaine taught students with T.B. and also unweaned mothers. Mrs. Parham was loved by her students and kept in contact with many throughout the years.

She is survived by her two sons, David (Linda) Parham and James Parham and his special friend Anna Bates; step-son, Gordon (Carol) Parham, Jr.; three grandsons, Zachary, Timothy and Samuel Parham; granddaughters, Chandra Parham; and sisters, Avis Schulze and Claire Albertson. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Louis Blossom and her second husband Gordon Parham.

Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home.

**CARLO DICICCO**  
Services for Carlo DiCicco, 88, of Farmington, were held April 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Bob LeCroix officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. DiCicco was born March 13, 1914, in Italy and died March 29 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his wife, Francesca; daughter, Antonietta (John) Cuzzo; sisters, Guiseppe DiCicco and Marie D'Agostino; grandchildren Domenic and Elizabeth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**PETER N. PHILLIPS**  
Services for Peter N. Phillips, 40, of Farmington Hills, were held April 2 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his mother, Natalie "Tally" (Keith) Witter; brother, Paul Phillips; sisters, Diane Phillips and Marcia (Donald) Maxwell; uncle, Rob Phillips and Arlon Quigley; and nephew, Donald. He is preceded in death by his father, Richard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Living Center, Muscular Dystrophy Association or Nardin Park United Methodist Church.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**SR. MARY PHYLLIS KAMINSKI**  
Services for Sister Mary Phyllis Kaminski, 93, Sister of Mercy, were held April 3 at the McAuley Center chapel in Farmington Hills with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Sister Mary Phyllis served in elementary and secondary parochial schools in Michigan for 43 years. From 1928, when she taught third and fourth grades at St. Brigid's in Midland until 1971, when she became assistant librarian at Mercy College of Detroit she was recognized as an outstanding educator. She was especially skilled in teaching Latin, mathematics and history, engaging herself and her students in all available learning opportunities.

share ideas with them. She was also attentive to the needs of the elderly and participated in a phone conversation program for the homebound for 20 years.

Sister Mary Phyllis had a profound love of learning and even after retiring to McAuley Center in 1995, she maintained an active interest in current events.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Retirement Fund or to the Mercy Ministry Fund, 29000 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336-1406.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

**SUSAN D. KAMINSKI**  
Services for Susan D. Kaminski, 55, of Farmington Hills will be held at noon, today, April 4, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating.

Mrs. Kaminski was born June 13, 1946, in Detroit and died April 1 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She loved animals, the arts and her family.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; mother, Louise; sister, Esther (Chuck) Kaminski; niece, Kathy Pelligrini; nephew, Jeff Stone; and great niece and nephew, Eric and Tiffany Arndt. She is preceded in death by her father, Ray Larson.

**BETTY JANE GAGNIER**  
Services for Betty Jane Gagnier, 81, of Farmington Hills, were held April 2, at Our Lady

Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Beverly Hills.

She is survived by her children, Christina (Patrick) Angott, Marlene (Steve) Vannelli, Barbara (James) Lange and Chip (Rene) Gagnier; cousin, Donald Shaw; niece, Wendy Igel; nine grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements made by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Walled Lake.

**WILLIAM E. LEFEVRE**  
Services for William Edward LeFevre, 81, formerly of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10 a.m. today, April 4, at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. James Robinson officiating. Burial will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. LeFevre was born May 31, 1920, in Detroit and died March 31 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was a staff sergeant in the United States Army during World War II and was a graduate of the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

He worked for Oakland County Social Services, Wayne County Social Services and was a State of Michigan Oakland County Social Services Deputy Director. He was a member of St. Scholastica Victor, the St. Benedictine High School Dad's Club and a St. Paul's Retreat participant for 42 years.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia; sons, Mark (Martha) and Paul (Kathleen); daughters, Patricia (Gerald) Siebings and Helen (Kimaron) Gardner; sister, Isabel Tomasek; and 12 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Upshaw Institute for the Blind, 18025 Grand River, Detroit, MI 48227.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**WILLIAM L. BROOME**  
Services for William L. Broome, 83, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, April 4, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Gifford Rice officiating.

Burial will take place at Acacia Park in Beverly Hills.

Mr. Broome was born June 11, 1918, in Humbolt, Tenn., and died April 1 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He worked as a brakeman for the Wabash Canon Ball Railroad and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a member of Masonic Lodge no. 484 F & A.M. and Past Master of Wolverine Lodge.

He is survived by his sons, James (Lynda) Stephen (Shelley) and David (Lynn); brother, James; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076 attn: Memorial Department.

## Jaycees host 'Citizen' banquet

The Farmington Area Jaycees will host the "Citizen Of The Year" Banquet on Tuesday, April 16, at the Farmington Hills Manor, located at 23666 Orchard Lake Road, between Grand River and 10 Mile Road.

Everyone who attends will enjoy an assortment of appetizers, a dinner and dessert at a cost of \$40 per person; a cash bar will be available.

The three finalists for this honor are: Paul & Fern Barber, Karen Bolen and Kim Jaska. The Barbers are associated with the Community Band for

youth and adults, Bolen chairs the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council and Jaska works with the American Legion. We invite you to celebrate these special individuals and show your appreciation for their selfless services to the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities.

For more information or to attend, please contact Stephanie Heesen at 248-786-0665 or visit the Jaycees website at [www.fajc.org](http://www.fajc.org) and download a registration form. Reservations must be made by April 9.

## St. Fabian fashion show slated April 11

The Women of St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills will host a spring fashion show for women and teens at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 11 at the Church.

The cost of the event is \$12.50 per person and includes salad bar, desserts and prizes.

Clothes will be provided by Casual Corner, Petite Sophisticates and August Max. St. Fabian Church is located at 32200 W. 12 Mile Road.

For more information or to order tickets call (248) 626-8645.

## Layoffs

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"They have been a wonderful member of our city," he said. He added the fact the company plans to move its headquarters to Detroit softens the blow.

"It reduces what we thought they had here," he said. "I don't regret losing them to Detroit, rather than out of state. I tried to keep them here."

Computware will provide severance packages, including job search assistance, to affected employees as well as one-month pay and a month health insurance extension, Elkin said.

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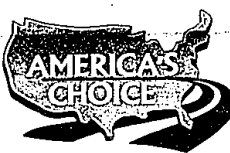
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