

OBITUARIES

BETTIE D. EMMERSON

A memorial service for Bettie D. Emerson, 81, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 3 p.m. today, July 11, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Kurt Stutz officiating.

Mrs. Emerson was born Sept. 20, 1920 in Calumet, Mich. and died June 23, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She worked as a retail salesperson and enjoyed reading and gardening.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail Emerson. She is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Richard Emerson.

Memorial contributions may be made to Camp Westminster, 17667 Hubbell Ave., Detroit, MI 48235.

NORMAN B. LAWTON

A memorial service Norman Ballard Lawton, 88, of East Jordan, will be held 1:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13, at the Big Pines in Luzerne, Mich.

Mr. Lawton was born June 25, 1914 in Athol, Mass., and died June 29, 2002 in Charlevoix. He attended the University of Michigan, studied engineering for three years, and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He was also a long distance runner, both in high school and college.

On March 9, 1938, he married Helen Virginia Shearer in Detroit, his high school sweetheart. For 40 years, they couple resided in the Southfield/Farmington area.

Mr. Lawton assumed the presidency of Star Cutter Company in 1946 which had been started by his father Howard and Frank Burgess in 1927. Under his guidance, Star Cutter grew from 10 original employees to over 900 with plants in several states, becoming a world leader in the machine cutting tool industry.

He is survived by his children, Marcia L. (David) Kalayjian, Bradley L. (Nancy) Lawton, Dee L. (Gregg) Smith; and Michelle L. (Todd) Swank; sister, Dorothy L. Guilbert; grandchildren Kristin, Kim, Kevin, Jeff, Bryan, Julie, Markelle, Joelle and Kondalle; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Helen, sister Vivian Stanley and brother Leonard Lawton and one son, Gary L. Lawton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norman B. Lawton Education Scholarship Fund through Star Cutter Company, P.O. Box 376, Farmington MI 48332.

Arrangements were made by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

ROMAN GAWLOWSKI

Services for Roman Gawlowski, 84, of Farmington, will be held at 10 a.m. today, July 11, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Gawlowski was born Aug. 6, 1917 in Waterbury, Conn. and died July 7, 2002 at Botsford Commons in Farmington Hills. He was a World War II Army veteran.

He is survived by his wife,

Mary "Joanne"; sons, Patrick, Bill (Jeri), the Rev. Fr. Michael and the Rev. Fr. Paul; and sisters, in-law, Julie and Ethel Gawlowski.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Monastery of Blessed Sacrament.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

JAMES F. ROBERTS

A memorial service for James Frank Roberts, 47, of Farmington, will be held July 21.

Mr. Roberts served in the U.S. Navy for nine years and received many medals and commendations.

He is survived by his daughter, Rhonda; parents, Ronald and Lois Roberts; sister, Gayle Roberts Krupin; brothers, Ronald (Rhonda), Steven (Barbara), Brian and Michael; five nieces; six nephews; and one great niece.

Donations to the Veterans Administration would be appreciated. For memorial service information call (734) 395-1733.

LYMAN W. WARNOCK

Services for Lyman W. Warnock, 67, of Brighton, were held July 9 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton with burial at Calvary Cemetery in Brighton.

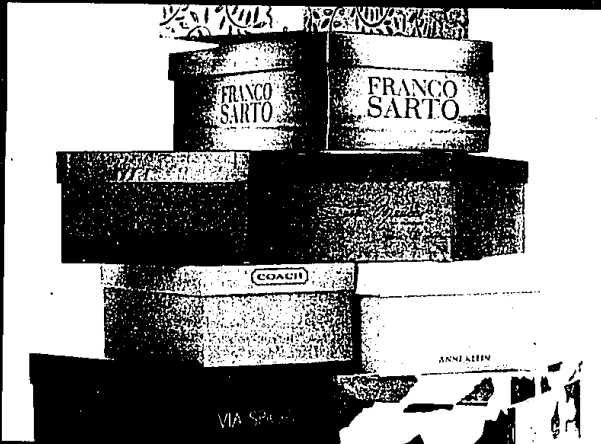
Mr. Lyman was born Dec. 10, 1934 in Mount Pleasant and died July 4, 2002 at University Hospitals in Ann Arbor. He was an industrial arts teacher with the Farmington School District for many years. He was also a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; and sons, Mark and David. He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to Right to Life Livingston County, 810 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116.

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Robbery

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A man fitting the same description, using the same method of operation, robbed the Livonia Standard Federal at 34000 Seven Mile on May 28 and the Livonia Comerica at 36700 Five Mile on June 12. The man was seen leaving in a new red Taurus after the Livonia Comerica robbery.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Hills Police Department's command center at (248) 473-9695.

The last two Farmington Hills bank robberies occurred during the summer of 2001. The last robbery occurred at Peoples State Bank at 12 Mile and Halsted on Aug. 17. Patrol officers arrested three persons fleeing the bank and detectives eventually arrested a fourth person employed as a teller at the bank.

The Standard Federal at 11 Mile and Middlebelt was robbed on July 27. Hills detectives obtained an armed robbery warrant for a suspect in that case.

CAMPAIGN CORNER

State Rep. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) has been invited by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) to participate in a weeklong campaign training conference in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Jacobs will spend July 15-20 sharing her political expertise by teaching officeholders and potential candidates how to run modern grassroots campaigns.

"This is an incredible opportunity to instruct people new to the democratic process on how to articulate a clear message and run a competitive campaign," said Jacobs. "Here we take things like voter contact, message development, and media relations for granted, but in places like Bosnia-Herzegovina, these concepts are as foreign to them as dictatorship is to us."

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