

**LaVern J. Bradach**

Services for LaVern Joseph Bradach, 77, of Dearborn, were held Oct. 21, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Meyer officiating.

Mr. Bradach was born March 26, 1925 in Detroit and died Oct. 16, 2002 at Detroit Receiving Hospital. He worked as an instructor/pilot for a charter airline and was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his son, Kirk (Linda); daughter, Toni Toth; son-in-law, Robert McNeilly; brother, Donald; and 11 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Bea and daughter, Jill McNeilly.

**Mary Brenz**

Services for Mary Brenz, 87, of Green Oak, Mich., were held Oct. 21 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Laurence Lazar officiating. Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mrs. Brenz was born Sept. 24, 1915 in Terra Haute, Ind. and died Oct. 16, 2002 at Charter House of Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her sons, Richard (Leland) and Dr. Ronald (Gail) Brenz; brother, Octavian Sackash; and grandchildren, Michael, Jessica, Kerri, Angela and Wesley. She is preceded in death by her husband, George.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation of Michigan.

**Audrey W. Yeagley**

Services for Audrey Yeagley, 91, of Livonia were held Oct. 23 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington with burial at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley. Officiating was the Rev. John Boyd.

Mrs. Yeagley was born March 15, 1911, in Delta, Ohio, and died Oct. 20, 2002, in West Bloomfield. She was a teacher for Detroit Public Schools.

She is survived by her daughters, Nann Tyler and Kathleen Bancho; and grandchildren, Timothy Tyler, Laura (Ryan) Bancho-Fleur, Steven (Shannon) Bancho, Michael

**(Maggie) Yeagley and Christopher Yeagley**

Mrs. Yeagley was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; son, Ted Yeagley; and grandson, James Tyler, Jr.

Memorial tributes may be made to South Georgia Medical Center, Valdosta, Ga.

**April A. Taddonio**

Services for April Taddonio, 47, of Pinckney were held Oct. 16 in St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dexter, with burial at St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Taddonio was born April 1, 1954, in Ypsilanti, and died Oct. 12, 2002, in Ann Arbor. She was employed at Dapeo and enjoyed traveling, crocheting, fishing and reading.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; children, Jeff (Vickie) Lobdell, Lisa (Chris) Stankowski, Tanja Taddonio, Swaine Clayton and Scotti Clayton; mother, Blanche (Dinmar) Schmidt; brother, David (Dinann) Boudrie; sister, Sandra (John) Grammatico; and grandchildren, Crystal Potter, Christopher and Dakota Stankowski. Mrs. Taddonio was preceded in death by her father and brother, Melvin Boudrie.

Memorial tributes may be made to The Gift of Life, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor or the Christy Yenkel Fund for Community Cancer Care. Arrangements were made by Staflin-Mitchell Funeral Home in Chelsea.

**Thomas W. Vyn**

Services for Thomas W. Vyn, 60, of Northville, will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25 at First Presbyterian Church of Northville with the Rev. Kent Clise and Rev. James Russell officiating.

Mr. Vyn was born Sept. 1, 1942 in Detroit and died Oct. 17, 2002 in Northville. He earned his MBA at Michigan State University and was president and owner of Merritex Corporation. He was a member of the ATO Fraternity and enjoyed golfing, traveling, being outdoors and studying genealogy. Mr. Vyn was an history expert.

He is survived by his wife, Christine; children, Gerrit Vyn, Meredith (Steven) Guerra and Alexander; sister, Sally Savage; and grandchild, Everest Guerra.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kananalo Center for Disabled Children - Lesoto, Africa - 940 North Glenhurst, Birmingham, MI 48009 or to the ALS Association, 27001 Agoura Road, Calabasas Hills, CA 91301.

## Longtime newspaper manager remembered

BY JONI HUBBARD  
STAFF WRITER

Veteran community newspaper manager Jeanne Beck is being remembered by friends and former colleagues as a no-nonsense supervisor with a heart of gold.



Jeanne Beck

Beck, 78, died Monday at her home in Farmington Hills, a city she had called home since 1955.

Her career as a manager in the community newspaper business spanned three decades. Phil Power, Hometown Communications Network Chairman of the Board, first met Beck when she was running the financial side of the Farmington Enterprise. When the Enterprise merged with the Farmington Observer, she managed the paper's downtown Farmington office.

Beck later became credit manager for the entire company, working from corporate headquarters in Livonia.

"At all times, she was smart, motivated, effective," Power said. "She was admired and liked by all our staff; I depended entirely on her good judgment and great common sense." Lucy Caulford, who works in the business office at Observer-Eccentric Newspapers, said Beck was "a great supervisor."

"She was a very caring and understanding person," Caulford said. "She was like a second mom to the ladies in the business office. We all loved her and she will be greatly missed."

Power added, "She personified Farmington, a wonderful and historic community filled with extraordinary people. I especially valued this role, because my own ancestor, Arthur Power, founded Farmington in 1824. I've always had a special spot in my heart for Farmington, and Jean always helped me keep in touch with the community."

"She had a long life, a distinguished career. And she brought enormous joy to her friends and co-workers. We will all miss her and we extend our condolences to her family."

Family members said Beck played piano, loved listening to bagpipe music and was an avid Detroit sports fan and loving grandmother.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, with a memorial service at 1 p.m.

Survivors include her son, David (Barbara); daughters Judy Smauder and Nancy Beck; a sister and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roland, in 1990.

Memorials are preferred to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.

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