

Lillian E. Cogsdill

Funeral services for former Farmington/Farmington Hills resident Lillian Elizabeth Cogsdill were held on Friday, March 14, at St. John Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills, with Rev. Daniel Cave officiating.

Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Mrs. Cogsdill was born in Detroit on Feb. 24, 1915, and died March 11, 2003, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Howell.

A graduate of Northwestern High School and the Detroit

School of Business, she was head of Parish Education at Bethesda Lutheran Church and librarian at St. John Lutheran Church.

An avid bridge player, she also transcribed Braille at Nardin Park Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband of 63 years, William, she is survived by sons Jim (Ellen) and Larry (Melody); daughter Joan (Milton) Johnson; and 10 grandchildren.

A daughter, Susan, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to Nardin Park Church's Braille

Program in care of the church, 9989 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

June I. Cole

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 15, for June Irene Cole of Farmington Hills, with Rev. Timothy Halboth officiating.

Mrs. Cole was born on June 21, 1920, in Detroit and died March 12, 2003, at Botsford Continuing Care Center in Farmington Hills.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Ralph.

Survivors include her daughter, Joyce, Owen, McCombs; grandsons Roger, Tim and Jason McCombs; granddaughter Lori; David Anderson; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Howey-Sundquist Funeral Home.

Kathleen R. Stoner

Funeral services for Kathleen Roddy Stoner, formerly of Redford Township, were held Friday, March 14, at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford, with the Rev. Thomas

A. Belezak officiating.

Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Stoner was born in County Clare, Ireland, and died March 8, 2003, in Palo Alto, Calif.

She was a former member of the Redford Township Beautification Commission, Our Lady of Loretto Church and United Irish Societies. She loved singing and dancing.

Husbands Clyde Stoner, Thomas Sullivan, Joseph Schwarz, and Jeremiah Roddy preceded her in death.

Survivors include her sons,

Brian T. (Kathy) and Paul D. (Karen) Sullivan; daughter Kathleen Sullivan; grandchildren Stacey (Steve) Sullivan-Villanueva, Kelly, Kevin, Sean, Jeffrey, Lori and Marc Sagar, and Thomas C. Sullivan; stepchildren Christine (Bob) Thiel, Carol (Robert) Kakkola, Jeffrey (Michelle) Stoner, Lisa Johnson and Gale Hart; many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to the Children of Police Officer James Shields, Buffalo P.B.A., 74 Franklin Street, Room 110, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Nino Salvaggio enjoyed fruits of his labor

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
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Funeral services will be held Monday for Nino Salvaggio, 56, the founder and president of Nino Salvaggio International Marketplaces who died March 12. All three of Salvaggio's stores — including the Troy location at 6825 Rochester Road — will be closed to allow employees to attend the funeral.

Salvaggio started his business with a modest fruit market in Roseville in 1979. At the time of his death he had three stores and 450 employees, many of whom have been with the company 25 years or more.

"What can you say about such an incredible and talented person? Nino Salvaggio was a perfectionist and innovator who asked for quality and performance in return for opportunity and advancement in the company," said Kirk Taylor, chief operating officer and a partner with Salvaggio for 28 years.

"He was a true partner, a

hands-on person and forward thinker. It is his merchandising talents and ideals that bring customers back week after week. ... He savored all aspects of his profession and truly enjoyed the fruits of his labor."

In a 1996 interview on the occasion of the opening of his store in Troy, Salvaggio told *The Eclecticist* he got his start in the produce business at the age of 10 selling bananas, three for a dime.

"My dad left me on this corner off Michigan Ave. with a couple cases of bananas. By 4 o'clock I sold them all and I'm sitting on these empty cases waiting for my dad to pick me up. He finally arrives and we're driving home. He looks over to me and says, 'You hungry, son?' I said yeah, and he said, 'Have a banana.' That was my introduction to the produce business."

Salvaggio was already operating stores in St. Clair Shores and Farmington when he opened his third store in Troy. A fourth store in Clinton Township is scheduled to open this fall.

Former Troy councilman Bob Gosselin, a frequent shopper at the Troy store, remembered the fight to get the property rezoned.

"I think it was a very good move. I wanted him to come to Troy. He was willing to invest the millions of dollars," Gosselin said. "Here's a guy who believed in the free enterprise system."

"He was a true entrepreneur in every sense of the word," Taylor said. "He set the traditions of excellence and most importantly, his stores became the benchmark for our industry. He was a formidable competitor and knew all facets of the retail marketplace. He taught us how to market our products, how to serve our customers and how to plan for the future."

Salvaggio was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Philine. He is survived by his wife Patricia (Nienstedt), two children, Leo Salvaggio and Andrea (Frank) Nicoletta; and a grandson, Joseph Nicoletta. He is also survived by stepchildren Tony (Shari) Corona and Joe

(Lindsay) Corona; two sisters, Joanne (Dan) Moore and Eleanor (Robert) Danielle; and a brother, Angelo Salvaggio. His children and other family members are involved in the business. "I know that I speak for the entire management team and employees when I say that we will miss him and that we will definitely uphold and continue his vision," Taylor said.

Visitation continues today, March 16, from 9 p.m. at Wuyck Calceira Funeral Home, 36900 Schoenherr at 16 Mile in Sterling Heights, including a scripture service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation resumes Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Hubert Catholic Church, 28775 Prentiss in Harrison Township, followed by mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Nino Salvaggio Charitable Foundation for Children in Need, 27900 Harper, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.

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Jews for Jesus director to speak at Tyndale

David Brickner, Executive Director of Jews For Jesus will speak at William Tyndale College on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at 11:30 a.m.

Ordained by the Baptist General Conference in 1990 and an author, Brickner speaks nationally and internationally at church congregations and con-

ferences, presenting messages on Jewish evangelism, history, and culture. He currently oversees the largest evangelistic outreach to the Jewish people in the world today. The organization has branches in ten countries, including the U.S., Israel, Russia, France, and South Africa. "Jews for Jesus began as a solo-

gan, became a movement and then an organization," said Brickner. "Now it is the name that represents tens of thousands of Jews who have come to faith in recent years. Our message to everyone is that Jesus is the Savior of the world, for Jew as well as Gentile." Brickner has been with Jews

for Jesus for over 20 years. He believes that he is proof that a Jew can believe in Jesus and maintain a strong Jewish identity. William Tyndale College is located on 35700 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. For more information, visit their web site at www.williamtyndale.net or call (248) 253-7200.

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