

OBITUARIES

Roger F. Shockey

Services for Roger F. Shockey, 83, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Visitation will be held 2-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Shockey died April 16, 2003.

After graduation from Cooley High School, he was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals and pitched in the minor leagues for three years until entering the Army. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart during World War II.

After the war, he joined the Internal Revenue Service and completed his college education at Walsh College. After serving in Detroit, Washington D.C. and New York, he retired in 1975 as district director of Louisiana. He then joined the national firm of H & R Block as special assistant to the president, Henry Block, and traveled the nation doing television and radio interviews.

Mr. Shockey also managed several racquetball facilities in Michigan and became very successful in real estate.

He was a member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills and Ward Presbyterian's Single Pointe group. He traveled with the Nomad Solos after the death of his beloved wife Margaret in 1994.

Mr. Shockey was a 20-year volunteer for the Farmington Hills income tax program which offers free tax preparation for seniors. He was also a member of the Military Order

of the Purple Heart and the National Timberwolf Association. He enjoyed singing, dancing and playing golf.

He is survived by his son, James; daughter, Linda (Ron) Jordan; brother, Richard (Marla); grandchildren, Mark (Lisa) Jordan and Scott Jordan; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.

John C. Bow

John Chisolm Bow, 89, died April 21, 2003 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

He was born Nov. 8, 1914 in Iron River to John MacIntyre Bow and Rose Chisholm and was the second of three children. He attended from River High School, where he played drums in the band. He attended Ferris State College and graduated from Michigan State University in the field of horticulture.

Mr. Bow served in World

War II in the infantry division of the United States Army. After the war, he worked for the George Washington Carver lab for a short time.

He was also in charge of the Ford greenhouse and was eventually transferred to the chemical-metallurgical lab at the Rouge plant.

Mr. Bow also worked as a teacher for Detroit Public Schools, at the Detroit House of Corrections for 30 years, where he was in charge of 160 acres of vegetables and a greenhouse and several inmates.

He then transferred to Belle Isle where he worked in the greenhouses.

Mr. Bow was married to Elizabeth Nunnally and they had two children, Barbara Jean and James Neil.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.



Mr. Bow

Veteran Hills wordsmith publishes his memoir

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

David Snyder has been the speech writer for two governors, a reporter, and a corporate communications director.

The Farmington Hills man knows his way around words. And in his 74 years in this world, he has some interesting stories to tell and introspection to express.

Put it all together and you have his self-published book, "Mexican Summer and Other Seasons."

The title is inspired by his time as a summer-long art workshop in Mexico, which he attended as a 22-year-old ex-Marine.

While Snyder likes to joke that his book is for people who would just as soon read anything, the stories he created are well written and descriptive.

The retiree got the idea to write the book while reviewing some of the writings he saved from



Snyder

over the years. He still keeps in touch with longtime friends, who are profiled in the book along with the strange experiences they sometimes encountered.

In an excerpt, Snyder writes, "I now look at life as I look at art, which is a view that wouldn't satisfy those who insist on eternal verities. I don't see any deep, underlying purpose in art or life, only color composition and sometimes texture. But there's a lot to be said for good color, composition and texture."

The University of Missouri graduate has been a

newspaper reporter, a television news director and speech writer for two Missouri governors.

He did a long stint in public relations for several different Fortune 500 firms including Federal-Mogul.

He said his favorite job was working for the State of Missouri, where he was allowed to do his communications job with little supervision.

Snyder hopes to get the book in local stores. So far, he has handed copies to friends, who, in return, have given him high marks for his effort.

"I've been getting good comments," he said. "So it proves there are those that are interested in it."

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An Open Letter from Patrick J. Fehring, Jr.

Fifth Third Bank

Patrick J. Fehring, Jr.
President and CEO

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an organization created to facilitate and fund women's issues agencies throughout the state.

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one of the largest and most well respected end of life care providers in the nation.

And, finally, to our one thousand employees in Eastern Michigan, thank you for working hard to make Fifth Third the only bank our customers and communities will ever need. For you, lunch is on me this Friday. And on Saturday, May 3rd, wear your 5/3 pin with pride as we collectively celebrate a real bank holiday: Fifth Third Day.

Best Regards,

Patrick J. Fehring, Jr.

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