

# Area Deaths And Funerals

**WILFORD BIDWELL**  
Services for Mr. Bidwell, 79, of 324 Ontario, Farmington Hills, who died Aug. 7, were held in the Thayer Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Wilson officiating. Burial was in South View Cemetery.  
Mr. Bidwell was formerly employed

as a milkman and lived in the area for the past 46 years.  
He is survived by his wife, Jesse; daughters, Mrs. Albert (Ibide) Washburn, Mrs. Norman (Lorraine) McLeod, Mrs. Dan (Mary) Jones, Helen and Shirley Bidwell, all living in Farmington Hills. Mrs. Herbert

(Esther) Klein of Hartland, and Mrs. Howard (Edith) White of Novi. Sons, George of Farmington and Leroy of Union Lake; daughters, Mrs. Helen Reiner of LaJolla, Calif., Mrs. Agnes O'Rourke of Pontiac, Mrs. Esther Lane of South Lyon, and Mrs. Louise Bowser of Howell. Brother, Howard of Bay City. 25 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## BEULAH A. SCHLACK

Mrs. Schlack, 80, of Livonia, died Aug. 2, 1975, at Northwest Grace Hospital in Detroit.

She was a secretary for the City of Farmington Hills.

Survivors include her husband, Albert D.; two daughters, Mrs. Carol Szakacs and Mrs. Susan Lange, and a son, Albert D. Jr. Also surviving are a brother, Dr. Ross Matison; and six grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by the Fred Wood Funeral Home, Livonia.



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## Nurseryman, official, Ralph I. Coryell, dies

Ralph I. Coryell, a former Birmingham resident and city commissioner, died Aug. 14, 1975 in the William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He was a Farmington resident since 1958.

Funeral services were handled by the Manley-Bailey Funeral Home, Birmingham. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham.

Born in East Lansing in 1892, Mr. Coryell came to Birmingham in 1905 with his family. He graduated from Birmingham High School in 1916, and from the Michigan Agricultural College in 1918, with a BS degree. After graduation he started the Coryell Nursery, where he was general manager until 1942.

During World War I, he served with the A. E. F. and the U. S. Air Service as a first lieutenant bomber-observer. He was awarded the silver star for valor. During World War II Mr. Coryell worked in the Air Force Procurement and the War Assets Administration as a civilian.

In 1928 he planned and developed the Coryell Park subdivision and later Coryell Estates.

He was past secretary of the Michigan Nurseryman's Association, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, a charter member of the Charles Edward Post of the American Legion and a member of the VFW. He was also chairman of the Property Owners Division to study the changing of Birmingham from village to city status, a member of the Charter Commission and was a member of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. He was a 40-year member of Rotary International.

He is survived by his wife, Grace; daughter, Margaret; son, Ralph I. Coryell Jr., Cincinnati; a sister, Mrs. Major Lewis; three brothers, Edwin, Elliot and Phillip Coryell; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



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