

## Clues absent in Hollyer case

# Disappearance mystifies cops

There are still no clues in the Oct. 11 disappearance of a Farmington Hills woman described as a hombody who rarely went out at night.

Mrs. Majorie Frances Hollyer, 68, of 2688 Ravine Square, was last seen by her daughter Julie Walton, 44. Mrs. Hollyer left her daughter's Charlotte home to return to her own suburban apartment.

Police in Farmington Hills and Charlotte admit they're stymied by the disappearance of Mrs. Hollyer, who lived alone. As these departments were joined by the Michigan State Police in continuing the search, detectives harbor little hope the woman will be found alive.

In Charlotte, Sgt. James Mayhew spent the week since Mrs. Hollyer was reported officially missing Oct. 20 trying to track down her 1978 metallic green Chevrolet Nova with license number MYK 82.

"I've checked every department between Charlotte and Farmington Hills for a report on that car. That car has just simply disappeared," Mayhew said.

A helicopter search of the area around rural Charlotte on Monday afternoon failed to produce any new clues about the woman's whereabouts. "IT DON'T LOOK GOOD," said Farmington Hills Det. John Hedricks.

When Farmington Hills police entered her apartment to investigate, they found the rooms at Mrs. Hollyer left them, according to Hedricks. A television guide lay on a table opened to Oct. 10.

"It was in very good order. There was no indication of foul play," he said. "She never returned to her apartment."

According to police, Mrs. Hollyer was one of the least likely persons to disappear.

She was last seen at 4:15 p.m. by her daughter as she pulled out of the Walton's driveway to return to Farmington Hills. She told neighbors she would be back by 6 p.m.

The Walton home is one block from the expressway that Mrs. Hollyer usually took when she visited her daughter.

"She was familiar with the route. She had a good car. She had a tankful of gas. She had \$150 in her pocket and had just eaten at her daughter's," said Mayhew.

"There was no reason for her to stop. She didn't pick up hitchhikers and she didn't own a resort or cabin. She didn't have friends who owned a cabin."

Mrs. Hollyer is five foot four inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, has green eyes and short grey hair.



MAJORIE HOLLYER

WHEN LAST SEEN, she was wearing glasses and a light blue short coat.

By all accounts, she was a creature of cautious habits.

She enjoyed staying home. A few weeks ago she turned down a trip to Traverse City because it would mean staying overnight at a hotel.

"She doesn't like to sleep on anybody's bed but her own," said Mayhew. "She didn't like staying away from home."

"She never would go on an overnight

trip," said Mrs. Betty Breitag, who lives across the hall from Mrs. Hollyer.

Since Mrs. Hollyer didn't like driving after dark, she usually planned her trips so she would return in daylight, according to Mrs. Breitag.

Her trip to see her daughter on Oct. 11 was supposed to be the last one of the season.

"She wanted to make one more trip before the snow came," said Mrs. Breitag.

That trip, too, was scheduled so Mrs. Hollyer would return during daylight hours.

The only time she broke her long standing practice of refusing to travel after dark was this spring when she and four other women from Mulwood Apartments traveled to see Liberace in concert at Masonic Temple.

ALTHOUGH Mrs. Hollyer is described as quiet, she has many friends in the apartment complex. Usually she spent her evenings reading or crocheting, according to Mrs. Breitag.

"She was a creature of habit," Mrs. Breitag said of her neighbor of two years.

Mrs. Hollyer's daughter and a niece who lives in Farmington Hills are her only known relatives. She was retired from General Motors about four years ago. Two years ago she moved from Detroit to Farmington Hills.

"I'm just keeping my fingers crossed that they find her," said Mrs. Breitag.



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## Obituaries

### ROBERT T. DOBSON

Mr. Dobson, 49, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 24 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

He was an engineer with the Ford Motor Co.

Surviving are his wife, Frances M.; daughter, Mrs. Vickie Cox, of West Bloomfield; sons, Ted, Jack, Dave; parents, Theodore and Hilda Dobson; three brothers and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 10:30 a.m., Oct. 25 in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Fr. Wolber of St. Genevieve Catholic Church, Livonia officiated. Cremation was at Evergreen Cemetery.

### DAVID J. FARRAGHER

Mr. Farragher, 72, of Farmington, died Oct. 24 in Providence Hospital. Born on Jan. 22, 1906, he lived in Youngstown, Ohio. He moved to Farmington three years ago. He was a retired salesman with Electro-Diamond Tool.

Surviving are his wife, Julia B.; daughters, Mrs. Mary Anne Smirnov, of Lake Orion, Mrs. Nancy Collins, of

Olivette, Mo.; son, Edward J., of West Bloomfield; sister, Mrs. Ross Summers, of Bradenton, Fla.; brother John P., of Canton, Ohio and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted at 10 a.m., Oct. 27 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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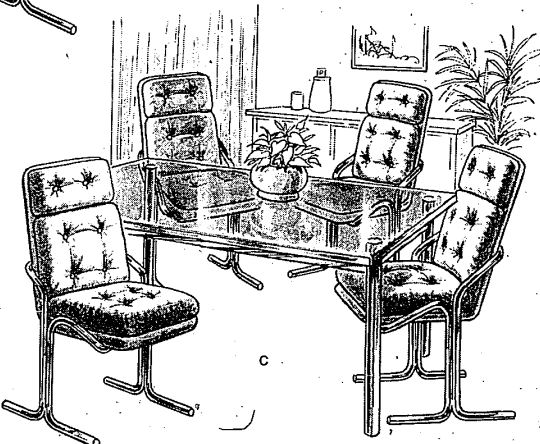
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