

obituaries

MARY RUTH SHERMAN
 Mrs. Sherman, 72, of Farmington, died Aug. 10.
 Mrs. Sherman was a homemaker. She was born in Vincennes, Ind. on July 3, 1910.
 Survivors include her husband, Gordon; daughters, Barbara Smith and Donna Clifford; sister, Gladys Mueller; brother, Frank Thompson; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
 Services were Aug. 13 at Ross B. Northrop and Son Funeral Home with the Rev. A. Theodore Halsted officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkeley.

MARIA STAJKA
 Mrs. Stajka, 91, of Fenton, formerly of Farmington, died Aug. 10 in McLaren General Hospital, Flint.
 Mrs. Stajka was a homemaker. She was born in Albania Sept. 15, 1890.
 Survivors include her sons, Loro, Ndoc, and Nik, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.
 Services were Aug. 10 at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, Mass was at St. John's Catholic Church, Fenton, with the Rev. Harvey officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Fenton.

ETHEL M. DENISON
 Mrs. Denison, 93, of Farmington Hills, died Aug. 13 in Harper-Grace Hospital.
 Mrs. Denison was a homemaker. She was born Nov. 28, 1888 in Dominion City, Manitoba, Canada. She was a member of Athena Study Group.
 Survivors include her sons, Robert and Gilbert; one sister, Gladys Mellon; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
 Services were Aug. 16 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington with reader Clarence Morrison officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be sent to the Michigan Cancer Society.

from our readers

Deaf helped by Pursell, college says

Editor:
 We live in a time when many people are critical of government and politicians. I believe criticism is a valid form of communication but also feel that we should give credit to our officials when it is due.
 I would like to publicly thank United States Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth,

of the Second Congressional District, and his staff for the excellent work they did recently in assisting Madonna College in the preparation of a proposal submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.
 Approval of the competitive proposal led to the awarding of a three-year grant for the Madonna College interpreting program, which will be used to train 75 skilled manual and oral interpreters for deaf persons.
 At the completion of the project, the interpreters assisted by the grant will be available for employment in public and private agencies serving the health, education, welfare, rehabilitation, employment and related needs of deaf people in Michigan and Ohio.
 IN ADDITION to expanding the Madonna College baccalaureate program in interpreting, part of the first year's grant of \$78,208 will be used to provide workshops and training sessions to strengthen and expand the skills of in-service interpreters who work in legal, medical, mental health and other specialized settings.
 Rep. Pursell took the time to learn about our interpreting program, then assisted our staff in gathering the material necessary to describe the need for a regional center at Madonna College. It is heartening to see a public official and their staffs give time to a worthwhile project and help to make it work.
 Madonna has one of the few baccalaureate-level interpreting programs in the nation. In addition to 100 students studying sign language, interpreting and communication, it has 50 hearing-impaired or deaf students and three deaf instructors. It is an important program that will expand to meet the needs of the deaf community. Thanks to Rep. Pursell and the grant, we will be able to do that.
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 Madonna College President

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