



TO FINAL REST—Members of his family and friends served as pall bearers for Sgt. Arlie (Pete) Spencer in memorial services held for the young soldier who was killed in combat in Vietnam on May 15. He was buried at



HALF-MAST—Throughout Livonia on Thursday, the flags of the city, the fire and police buildings and schools flew at half-mast in honor of Sgt. Pete Spencer. This photo was taken at City Hall.

Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Garden City. Services for the soldier, 21, were held at the Riverside Church of God in Livonia. (Observer photos by Maurie Walker)



ARMY SALUTE—A seven-man honor guard fired a 21-gun salute as services concluded.

Award Goes To Sandra Certo

LIVONIA Sandra Certo, top scholar among Bentley High School's 725 graduating seniors, was honored as valedictorian of the Class of 1970 at her school's honors convocation.

Four students tied for salutatorian honors: Keith Casat, Sharon Everett, Jan Mekula and Janice Wood.

Tom Lucas and Colleen Siembor were chosen as Outstanding Young Man and Outstanding Young Woman.

IN ADDITION to her scholastic ability, Miss Certo has been active in the Bentley ski and modern dance clubs, the Girls Athletic Association, American Youth Hostel and Bentley Belles. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Certo, 13881 Hillcrest.

Cezak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cezak, 14333 Garden Rd., was a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Miss Everett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Everett, 32200 Alton, has worked in an office assistant at the school.

Miss Mekula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mekula, 14060 Beatrice, was co-editor of *Parasus*, the Bentley all-school magazine, and has composed a number of poems and songs in both Spanish and English. She won a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

Miss Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wood, 33621 West Hampshire, was named winner of the Emma Dubord scholarship in home economics in which she plans to major at Michigan State University. She was active in Bentley's Silver Swans, ski club, Girls Athletic Association and American Field Service.

Also among the honored graduates were the daughters of a Livonia Board of Education trustee, Dr. A. Edward Katz, and the superintendent of schools, R.H. Upton.

science and Kenneth Kan in social studies.

In addition to Miss Upton, distinguished service awards went to David Hensel, Dennis Mankin, Jan Mekula, Carol Schult and Laura Toy. Robert Bergman received the perfect attendance award.

Honored as Cadet of the Year by the Naval Junior ROTC was Robert Montgometry. Mike Allen received the science humanities symposium award and Dennis Watson was recognized for the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition.

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"This is a carry-over from the agricultural society, when the youth was needed at home in the summer to work on the farm.

"Today's suburban society would not have any such conflict if full-year scheduling of high school was undertaken," Pridgeon stated.

"It's time for those who talk economy to act before Livonia proceeds with a fifth high school. There is just no reason for operating high schools only nine months a year," Pridgeon said.

HE SAID that to build a \$30-million high school, including interest, when Livonia desperately needs municipal court buildings and other municipal buildings, "would be extravagant."

"I think that Livonia should have a chance to voice its preference on full-year school before a fifth high school is placed on the ballot," Pridgeon said.

"Not only would we save the building cost, but we would also save operating cost because we wouldn't need the administrative and custodial staffs for the fifth high school," he added.

Pridgeon listed what he believes would be other benefits to having high schools in session the year round. These he said would include:

- "Reducing delinquency by reducing the number of teenagers who are shoved onto the streets in the summer.
- "Vacation jobs would be easier to get because fewer teenagers would be on vacation.
- "PROVIDE graduates with a better opportunity for employment and college because of the lower number of graduates coming out of high school at one time.
- "Provide a better chance for kids to repeat courses where they have had difficulty before they became hopelessly behind and became dropouts.
- "Provide year-round employment for teachers.
- "Provide a greater variety of courses from which to choose.
- "Increase possibilities for a student to accelerate his education."

JUDY KATZ received a student activity award as a Student Council officer and recognition as a member of the first division blue ribbon winners at the Michigan State Music Festival.

Jennifer Upton was given a distinguished service award as an outstanding student in a number of areas.

Honored as outstanding students by departments were: Kathy Keehn in art, Nancy Routhanz in business education, Jan Mekula in English, Susan Nassar in family life education, Jan Mekula in language, Richard Koehler in library, James Strobel in mathematics, Chris Marsh in instrumental music, Sarah Stewart in vocal music, Tom Lucas and Vivian Rotary in physical education, James Strobel in

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