Veteran salesman had many interests

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER

If Rex E. Hatt took a quiet, pro-fessional approach to his job in advertising sales, it was probably because he was so passionate about outside interests ranging from polities to classical music, clients and co-workers said Satur-dow.

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Mr. Hatt, a Farmington Hills resident and longtime sales representative for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, died Friday in Ann Arbor after a long illness. Howas 67.

Visitation is 6-7 p.m. Tuesday with a memorial service to follow at the Schrader Funeral Home, 280 S. Maln, Plymouth.

"He seemed like a quiet man on the outside, but it didn't take alot to provoke him into a good political discussion," and Peg Knoespol, who worked with Hatt at the O&E in Livonia.

"People knew they could get him talking if they just took the opposite viewpoint."

Jack Padley, classified advertising manager, said Mr. Hatt had a natural gift for sales work and was "a very enjoyable man to work with."

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newspapers, Mr. Hatt sold retail advertising in Redford, Livonia and Plymouth. He retired last August. Clients found him easy to work with and a consummate professional.

"As a businessman, people like Rex Hatt are few and far between," said Tom Leckie, vice president of Bergstrom's Plumbling and Heating.

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A Detroit-area native, Mr. Hatt came to the O&E in the early 1970s after a stint at a Houston newspaper. He also worked in the circulation department of the Detroit Times, which folded in 1960.

He attended the University of Southern California and served in the Army during World War II.

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A lifelong lover of classical music and the fine arts, Mr. Hatt served as general manager of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and continued to write program notes for the orchestra fater leaving that job several years ago.

He is servived by his wife, Mary Jane; and a daughter, Cheryl (Mark) Halpin of Detroit.

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Mr. Stebbins, 62, of Farmington
Hills died Nov. 9 in William
Beaument Hospital, Royal Oak.
Born in Detroit, Mr. Stebbins
for the past 27 years worked at
Channel 50 as the engineering supervisor-camera man and documentarian. He was a photographer for WJIM-TV in Lansing
prior to Channel 50. He was a
member of the Detroit Metro
News Photographers Association
and a Navy veteran.
Survivors include his wife,
Carol; sons, Alan and Kevin;
daughter, Kimra McKinnon;
mother, Marion Vaughan; sister,
Susan Mignone.

OBITUARIES

Services were Nov. 14 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Ed-ward King of St Luke Episcopal Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or Hospice of Southeast Michigan.

ANNA (ANN) E. VALUTIS Mrs. Valutis, 77, of Royal Oak, formerly of Farmington, died Nov. 10.

Born in New York, N.Y., Mrs.

Valutis was a retired manager of Merri-Bowl Lanes. She was a member of the Farmington Elks. Survivors include her husband, Tony; sons, Ronald and Ernest; daughter, Kay; brother, William Welden; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 14 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Nicho-las Harbatls of St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church officiat-ing, Cremation was at Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

ANNA EILEEN BURTON

Mrs. Burton, 92, of Farmington died Nov. 11 in Botsford Hospi-tal, Farmington Hills.

Born in Markdale, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Burton was a home maker.

maker.

Survivors include her son, Leo;
daughter, Della Weber; sisters,
Selina, Agnes and Della; brother,
Edward; 11 grandchildren and
nine great-grandchildren.
Services were at the O'Brien
Chapel/Ted S. Sullivan Funeral
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ard Elmer officiating. Buriel was
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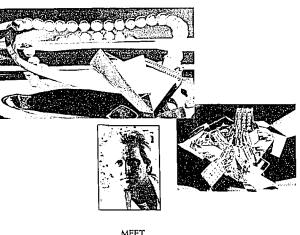
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