

Minding the store: The Cunninghams, Bertha and Jerry, mind their bookstore in down-town Farmington. Jerry Cunningham died before Christmas.

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since he was 9," said John. "He

was just determined to have any type of business."
Jerry's Bookstore thrived for 20 years in Farmington. The business operated on Nine Mile and Grand River for three years before moving to the old Farmington Enterprise building.

"He was very knowledgable," said Bertha, who herself is in a wheelchair. "He read so much before the could get going in his wheelchair. If someone asked him about an author, he always knew who it was. He remembered everything."

The pain in his joints made it increasingly difficult for Jerry to make it into the store. He still kept busy around the house, operating a shortwave radio, playing pool or baking.

The Cunninghams always found the Upper Peninsula as their perfect getawy from the bookstore. They moved to an 80-acre form after they retired in 1999 and later moved to a smaller, five-acre parcel this year.

In the time before his death, Bertha said her husband never lost the desire to do things. He made pasties, did woodwork and fixed the tractor with her. When

he couldn't reach something on the piece of farm machinery, he would tell his wife how to do it.

In his own way, Jerry also told people how to live life.
"Sometimes I would say, 'I don't think I can do that.' He would say, 'What do you mean? We can do anything together.'

"And we did."

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years in Farmington Hills, said she'll scale back her practice drastically to serve as magistrate. ■ 'Because she's been a teacher, she (Dudley) will be able to listen. That's important, along with patience.'

"I want to have as much time as the judges need for me to work," she said.

Harris and Schaeffer said the court's volume of cases will offer the biggest challenge to the new-set megistrate. Schaeffer said Dudley's background as a teacher would be an asset in her new position.

"Because she's been a teacher, she will be able to listen," Schaefer said. "That's important, along with patience."

OBITUARY

Mrs. Sequin, 83, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 26 at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, following an illness.

Born in Bay City, Mich., Mrs. Sequin was a homemaker. Survi-vors include husband, Maurice, brother Frank Roman and sister, Mary Ann Esperti and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were Dec. 30 at St. Gerald Church in Farmington, the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulcre Cem-

CORINNE C. SEQUIN

Dudley became Farmington Hills' first woman mayor in 1977 and served with Jan Dolan, now a state representative. She served on the council for two terms be-fore being defeated in 1987.

Blood shortage critical

Hoping to alleviate the existing, critical shortage, the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan has scheduled blood drives at the following locations:

| Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, 4800 Orchard Luke, West Bloomfield, 2 to 8 p.m. today.

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