

**OBITUARIES**

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**JAMES P. SPENCE**  
Mr. Spence, 62, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 14 in Southfield Hospital, Southfield.  
Born in Baton Rouge, La., Mr. Spence was a retired manager for Chrysler Automotive Legal Department.  
Survivors include his wife, Betty; sons, Gerald and Glen.  
A memorial service was held Jan. 18 at McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

**PAT CARROLL**  
Mrs. Carroll, 27, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 14 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.  
Born in Detroit, Mrs. Carroll was a make-up artist. She was a graduate of Bentley High School.  
Survivors include her mother, Pauline; brothers, Bruce and James.

Services were Jan. 18 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Andrew Florish officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

**LEILA SCHELLIE**  
Mrs. Schellie, 89, of Oklahoma, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 14.  
Born in East Jordan, Mich., Mrs. Schellie was a homemaker.  
Survivors include her sons, Lance Orvis, Everett Orvis and Elwood Giffin; daughter, Evelyn Napier; many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.  
Mass was celebrated Jan. 18 in St. Alexander Catholic Church with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

**PATRICK EARL KNECHT**  
Mr. Knecht, 51, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 15 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.  
Born in Detroit, Mr. Knecht was the owner of Patrick Knecht Insurance Agency in Farmington Hills. He was a member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus, Farmington Elks, Builders Association of Michigan, Surety Association of Michigan, Alhambra Donia Caravan, Special Olympics, and Juvenile Diabetes Association.

Mr. Knecht was active with Redford Catholic Central, Mercy High School, Edgewood Country Club, Birchwood Country Club and the Farmington YMCA.  
Survivors include his wife, Sharon; mother, Kathleen Knecht; brother, John; sisters, Kathleen, Molly McDonald, Maureen Kronk, Denise Farrell and Michaleen Gillespie; 23 nieces and nephews; and 12 great-nieces and nephews.  
Mass was celebrated Jan. 19 in St. Collette Catholic Church, Livonia. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.  
Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Community, 1760 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, 48207.

**WESLEY VICARY ROWE**  
Mr. Rowe, 90, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 17 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.  
Born in Ishpeming, Mr. Rowe was an automotive pioneer. He worked for REO Motors in Lansing from 1916 to 1940 and for Chevrolet Motor Division (General Motors) from 1940 until he retired in 1984. He was an experimental engineer and quality control executive at Chevrolet.  
Survivors include his son, Donald; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.  
Services were private. Burial was in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.  
Arrangements were made by the William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak.

**ROBERT E. BISHOP**  
Mr. Bishop, 65, of Novi died Jan. 18 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne.  
Born in Richmond, Ind., Mr. Bishop was a design engineer for Air Gauge Inc. of Livonia for the past five years. Previously with Bendix for 23 years and Dunn

Tool for 10 years. He was past master of Farmington Masonic Lodge 161, member of the Eastern Star, past master of S. Ward Masonic Lodge 62, Moselm Temple Shrine, Knights Templar, Royal Archa and Multi-Lakes Conservation Association.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth; step-father, Howard Duke; sons, R. Steven, Cleve and David; daughter, Gail Ann Bishop-Meeker; 11 grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 21 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Graveside committal service will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery, Fountain City, Ind.  
Memorials may be made to the Masonic Home in Alma.

"I told everyone I knew," said his wife, Joan. "I even told people I didn't know."

**Some small scenes**

Nolan had to spend two long days last spring in the Detroit Public Library, going through take after take for a couple of small scenes in the movie. But more than seeing himself on screen, working on a big production with established actors was worth the time and effort.  
"The casual observer would not know where I appear in the movie," he said.

Nolan appears as a U.S. senator and member of the McClellan Committee, which investigated the famed labor leader.

"Working with professionals like (Jack) Nicholson, you get to see how consistent they are," he said. "If anything's wrong, they have to shoot the scene over. It may take six or eight takes. And every time, he'll do his part the same, exact way."

Director/actor DeVito also impressed Nolan.

"He seemed to know exactly what he wanted, but he wasn't demanding," Nolan said. "He put you at ease. He told us to make our actions definite, even though we were just in the background."

**Special 'autograph'**

And although Nolan was able to talk with Nicholson, an autograph was out of the question.

"It's just not professional," he said.

That presented a problem, because a family friend, and devoted Nicholson fan, had asked Nolan for some kind of keepsake. The answer was as clear as smoke.

"This film was set in the '60s," he said. "Everything had to be authentic. And everyone smoked."

And although he maintains "I didn't inhale," Nolan, like everyone else on the set, had to look like a cigarette smoker. Jack Nicholson, who smoked on and off the set, put out a cigarette during a break.  
"So I sort of moved over and picked it (the butt) up," he said.

And because of his recent fame, Nolan has been the butt of many jokes. He has acquired the nickname of "Mr. Murdock," for a silent part in an ad for a hospital. When he spoke on a recent commercial for Ford Escorts, friends exclaimed, "Mr. Murdock speaks!"

Nolan would love to be a spokesman for some product line. But he knows that despite his initial success, acting is a hard career if you don't have a "day job." He plans to stick with his successful business, and enjoy his second career.

"A lot of neighbors and friends have come up to me now that they've seen me on commercials," he said. "The power of television is unbelievable."

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