

Betty Schneider recalled as funlover

Whenever Betty Schneider's friends and family thought of her, they thought of fun.

"She never missed a Dixieland band performance or a Notre Dame game," said her cousin, Janet Dillon of Redford Township. "She cruised on the Delta Queen from New Orleans to hear Dixieland at least half a dozen times."

Miss Schneider, 79, died in Venice, Fla., Monday, April 12, two days before her 80th birthday. A longtime Farmington Hills resident, she was an executive secretary at Detroit Edison, where she worked for 41 years before retiring in the late 1970s.

"She was fun in every way," said her brother, Robert Schneider of Livonia. "You never saw her sad. Everything was always good. And she loved the Tigers."

Walter Ciesler, retired chairman of Detroit Edison, got to know Miss Schneider in the days when secretaries at Edison were forced to quit if they married.

"Miss Schneider was a highly capable person," he said. "She could be trusted to do many things. She served as secretary to the foremost engineer in the company, and he thought highly of her as a person and employee. She was a tradition in the company and a very fine woman. I am sorry to hear of her death."

Kenneth Hartwell, retired director of purchases for Edison, met Miss Schneider in 1939, "way back when I first started at the company. She lived north of me on Dexter Boulevard. We rode together many days on the bus. It was a double-decker, and we'd ride on the top down to 2000 Second Avenue. We really loved that girl. She was great. I'm sad to hear about her death.

"I knew all of the engineers and officers she worked with and how highly they all regarded her,"

Hartwell added. "She worked for (vice president) George Brown, and he thought so much of her."

Miss Schneider's sister Mary Jane Potoskey of White Lake said that when her sister retired, "she had the best retirement party anyone ever had at the Edison Club. They served brunch and 'moose milk' that my brother Bob made, and she hired a three-piece Dixieland band. It was just a great party. They gave her a nice gift, but there were no speeches at all — at her request."

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Miss Schneider kept in touch with her Edison friends. Two weeks ago, shortly after her family surprised her with an 80th birthday party, former Edison president Chuck Heldel and his wife took Miss Schneider and her sister out to lunch.

Miss Schneider attended St. Mary's Academy of Monroe and Marygrove College. She wintered in Florida and was a resident of White Lake.

A memorial Mass was said for her Friday, April 16, at St. Edith's Chapel in Livonia. Miss Schneider donated her body to Wayne State University's medical school.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

The oldest of seven children, Miss Schneider is survived by her brother, Robert; sisters, Mary Jane, Carol Forberg of West Bloomfield and Helen Foley of Dallas; and 20 nieces and nephews.

OBITUARIES

MICHAEL BELLOVICH

Mr. Bellovich, 86, of Farmington died April 12.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mr. Bellovich was a retired Detroit Police Officer. He retired in 1952 after 25 years. He received a citation for his work. He also worked 14 years for General Motors Security at Tech Center in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bellovich was a member of Retired Detroit Police and Firefighters Association.

Survivors include his wife, Julia; son, Michael; daughter, Betty Bellovich; sisters, Elizabeth Gerres, Clara Bellovich, Mary Viviano and Helen Tobias; brothers, Andrew and Steve; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were April 15 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Brian Tweedle of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 3990 John R. Street, Detroit 48201-9988.

ESTELLE STOCKS

Mrs. Stocks of Wixom died April 10.

Born in Ottawa, Canada, Mrs. Stocks was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Dee Anderson of Farmington Hills and Martha Lyons; sister, Mary Smith; stepchildren, Keith, Colleen, Kelly and Ellen; seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held April 23 at 1 p.m. at the O'Brien Chapel, 41555 Grand River, Novi. Dr. Michael M. Meyer will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Foundation, 1620 Northland Dr., Suite 212, Southfield 48076.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

KATHERINE M. CRONIN

Mrs. Cronin, 89, of Farmington died April 14 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Cronin was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, The Rev. Kean D. Cronin; daughter, Cullina Gardner; two grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Genevieve Catholic Church with the Rev. Kean D. Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington.

JULIAN RAYMOND KRAMER

Mr. Kramer, 61, of Leesburg, Florida, formerly of Farmington Hills, died March 24.

Born in Ohio, Mr. Kramer was a division general manager for Renault Corp. Also Standard Conveyor Co.

Survivors include his wife, Marie; sons, Gary, Brian and Timothy; daughter, Michele Smith; stepchildren, Keith, Colleen, Kelly and Ellen; seven grandchildren.

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Miss Michigan goes on to compete for the Miss America title in Atlantic City, N.J., in September. Three local young women have advanced to the Miss America Pageant. Kelly Garver was third

runner-up to Miss America in 1985.

For more information, call Joan LaMara, executive director of Miss Farmington Scholarship Pageant, at 799-9171.

Officials of the Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills Scholarship Pageant are accepting applications. Young women ages 17-23 from the community are eligible. Applications may be picked up during regular business hours at the office of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce on Grand River in downtown Farmington.

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