

OBITUARIES

ROBERT KOURTAKIS

Mr. Kourtakis, 27, a sportswriter, author and former resident of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 24 in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Mr. Kourtakis, a 1984 graduate of North Farmington High School, was a hemophiliac who contracted AIDS through contaminated blood products.

He wrote "Behind The Green Curtain" — a book that looked into steroid use and academic failure in the Michigan State University football program. Before moving to the East Coast, he was the assistant sports editor for the Port Huron Times.

Survivors include his wife, Kim; mother, Roberta; brother, Anthony.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Dec. 4, at 1:30 p.m. in St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Township.

ROGER VECILLIO

Mr. Vecillio, 55, of Livonia died Nov. 23 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, of complications after a kidney transplant.

Mr. Vecillio was an electrical contractor and president of R-V Electric in Farmington. He was a graduate of Catholic Central High School, class of 1956.

He served in the United States Army stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va. He was an active member of

the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 58 for the past 35 years.

As a member of the Detroit Yacht Club since 1973, he participated in annual DYC outings for handicapped children. His concern for people extended outside the realm of his family and into the community.

Many charitable organizations benefited from his generosity. He was an active participant in the P.I.M.E. Missionaries, the Boy Scouts of America, March of Dimes and often supplied building materials for various projects including the playscape at Gill Elementary School in Farmington.

Survivors include his wife, Joanne; son, Mark; daughter, Cindy; mother, Iris; brother, Raymond; sister, Marilyn Testa.

Mass was celebrated Nov. 27 at St. Scholastica Church, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan/NC Direct Patient Service Program, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor 48104.

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

BARBARA E. JENKS

Mrs. Jenks, 74, of Royal Oak died Nov. 26 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Jenks

worked for Burroughs for 20 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Burroughs Retired Women's Club.

Survivors include her son, Harlan of Farmington Hills; daughter, Betty Jo Carron of Royal Oak; sister, Bonnie Szymorski of Detroit; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. in Church of The Redeemer, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

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

GELTRUDE GRASSI

Mrs. Grassi, 60, of Farmington Hills died Nov. 25.

Born in Italy, Mrs. Grassi was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Dino; sons, Johncarlo, Angelo, Dino and Joey; daughters, Nancy Grassi, Dolores Spencer, Loredana Grassi and Joann Grassi; one

sister and two brothers; 13 grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated Nov. 27 at St. Gerald Catholic Church with The Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

LESTER ROWE

Mr. Rowe, 67, of Farmington died Nov. 25 in Garden City Hospital.

Born in Magnet, Ind., Mr. Rowe worked for the National Guard.

Survivors include his brothers, Everett and Raymond; sister, Alma Parker; several nieces and nephews.

Services were Nov. 29 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with The Rev. Gregory E. Rowe officiating.

LAWRENCE L. BURMASTER

Mr. Burmaster, 76, formerly of

Farmington, died Nov. 29 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Burmaster was a retired industrial engineer for Dodge Truck Division of Chrysler Corp. He was a former member of the Farmington Elks Lodge.

Mr. Burmaster was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Army in the Far East.

Survivors include his daughter, Sharon Cardecia; brother,

Charles; sisters, Louise Rasmussen and Helen Miller; two grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated today at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Brighton, with the Rev. Thomas W. Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to St. Patrick Church. Arrangements were made by the Kechn Funeral Home, Brighton.

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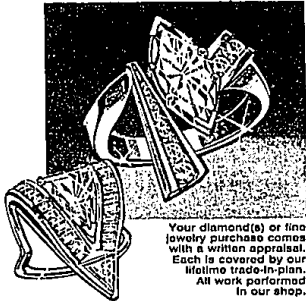
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