

## OBITUARIES

## ROSE V. LATHROP

Mrs. Lathrop, 96, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Southfield, died March 14.

Born in Provost, Mich., Mrs. Lathrop was a homemaker.

Survivors include her sons, Theodore and Robert; daughters, Mary Shepherd, Jean Hodges, Marguerite Boggs, Sister Robertann O.S.F., Donna Wilson and Rose Thompson; sister, Frances Miller; 41 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at St. Michael Catholic Church, Southfield, with the Rev. Kent Hajduk officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Survivors include her sons, George, William and Robert; daughter, Diana Sibel; 12 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services were March 18 at the Harry J. Will Trust, Redford. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

## ELIZABETH PAULINE EARL

Mrs. Earl, 89, of Hinsdale, Ill., died Feb. 11 at Chateau Village Living Center, Willowbrook. Mrs. Earl was a member of Union Church of Hinsdale and the Hinsdale Golf Club. She attended Farmington schools and was on the girls basketball team and was class officer in 1922.

Survivors include her daughter, Jacqueline Morris; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Schneider Home for Funerals, Hinsdale, Ill.

## MARGARET A. RICHARD

Mrs. Richard, 84, of Farmington Hills died March 15. Born in Canada, Mrs. Richard was a nurse.

Survivors include her sons, David and Thomas; daughters, M. Kathleen Moloney and Ellen Murphy; and two sisters.

Mass was celebrated March 18 in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

## SHARAD M. DAVE

Mr. Dave of Farmington Hills died March 15 after a long illness.

Mr. Dave was an automotive research engineer at the powertrain engineering division of Ford Motor Company in Allen Park for 25 years.

Survivors include his wife, Carol; sons, Neelam and Sujay; daughter, Anita.

Cremation services were March 17 at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of South Eastern Michigan, 10250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield 48075.

## LILLIAN M. O'LEARY

Mrs. O'Leary, 92, formerly of Farmington Hills died March 16.

## LWV has state government info

Looking for information about state government? The League of Women Voters has a toll-free telephone service (1-800-292-5823) that may be helpful.

The league's Citizen Information Center in Lansing offers to help people find out about such things as pending legislation, the state constitution, election laws,

voting regulations or tax information.

The telephone is answered from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

The telephone service is paid for by the league's education fund. The League of Women Voters is a non-profit organization that works to keep voters interested and informed about governmental issues.

## Back in bagel business

## Shop reopens after shooting death

BY ALICE COLLINS  
STAFF WRITER

Soon after learning that her husband, Corrie Schmidt, had been shot to death during a robbery at the family's Southfield Bagel Factory shop, Jo-Ann Schmidt was determined to reopen the business he had worked so hard to build.

Early last Wednesday morning, just 10 days after the tragedy struck, she got the shop open and running.

Jo-Ann Schmidt has taken over managing the shop herself. "But I won't be spending 24-hours a day at it like my husband did. I can't do that because I've got three young children at home," The Schmidts have lived in Livonia since 1991.

Shop hours are temporarily limited to 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., she said in an interview Friday.

"We'll extend the hours later." All of the employees, including those who were in the shop on March 6 when the fatal robbery occurred, are back at work, Schmidt said. "They're a very loyal crew and things are going well."

Before reopening, Schmidt increased security at the shop, which is located in a small strip shopping center on 12 Mile just west of Telegraph. "I hired a security guard and I installed a closed-circuit TV and camera. We'll see everybody who comes in."

"I did it," she continued, "to make the customers and employees feel better. And me, too."

Her oldest child, 7-year-old Kelsey, is "still scared that something's going to happen to her mother," Schmidt said. The other two children are Tyler, who's 3½, and 9-month-old Jacqueline.

Her parents, who live in Tacoma, Wash., have been staying

with her since their 37-year-old son-in-law was killed. "Right now they're helping me at home. My dad will probably go home soon, but my mom will stay for as long as I need her. They're holding down the home front. I think they may decide to move here."

The killing occurred around 6:30 a.m. when two robbers, one armed with a gun, burst into the popular bagel shop. The pair locked the three employees in the back room before killing Schmidt and escaping with an undisclosed amount of money. Schmidt died at the scene from a single gunshot wound.

Because of the outpouring of concern from the business and residential community, the Southfield Chamber of Commerce established a Corrie Schmidt Reward Fund.

Jo-Ann Schmidt said the support she's received since the tragedy has been "overwhelming. I want to thank everyone for their support, loyalty and caring."

Some of the customers coming into the shop talk with Schmidt and extend their sympathy.

One such customer on Friday was Pam St. Peter of Sterling Heights. St. Peter was an occasional customer and had seen Corrie Schmidt in the shop. She asked Jo-Ann Schmidt if she "knew him."

When Schmidt replied, "He was my husband," the customer began to cry.

St. Peter told Schmidt that she had been so upset that she questioned whether or not she should return. "Then I figured, you can't let criminals push you around."

And we must support businesses like this one."

Police have released a artist's sketch of the gunman and a lengthy description. He is described as a black man, in his early 20s, about 6-foot-3, with a large build and a stomach pouch and a scraggly, thin mustache. His face is round and his chin is not prominent. He was wearing a black knit skullcap, a waist-length, black leather, casual style jacket, medium-blue jeans and high-top white tennis shoes.

Police said the description of the second robber is sketchy. He is about the same age and height as the gunman, but with a medium build. He was wearing a dark knit skullcap.

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