

Farmington art teacher touched many lives

As an art teacher, artist and political candidate, Fayanne Kaufman touched many lives.

As a 29-year veteran of Farmington Public Schools - she taught at Dunckel, Farmington High and, up until last week, at East Middle School - Kaufman was well-known in the community.

"We couldn't eat in a restaurant in Farmington or Farmington Hills without her talking to people she knew," said Jerry Kaufman, one of her sons, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kaufman, who was 72, died Thursday after a bout of the flu. Son Jerry said he was driving her to the hos-

pital to be checked when she died.

At the East Middle School Friday, students remembered her by making several giant cards to send to the family.

"She was a real nice lady who worked really hard with kids. She was very kind," said Eugene Seaborn, East principal.

Jerry Kaufman said his mother set a standard of activism for her children: sons, Jerry, James and Jeffrey.

"She was amazing and had such a warm, sweet spirit. She was such an optimist and she always believed in going forward," he said.

Mrs. Kaufman pushed herself forward in the mid-1960s. After her husband, the

boys' father, died unexpectedly of a heart attack, she pursued her degree at Wayne State University while her mother watched the three boys. She began teaching in 1968 in Farmington Public Schools.

She both taught and practiced art, and was "world renowned" for her jewelry and ceramics, Jerry Kaufman said.

Mrs. Kaufman was also active in politics, running for the Michigan Board of Education in 1988, 1990 and 1992 as part of a family slate, with Jerry running for state Supreme Court and Jim running for the WSU Board of Governors. They lost all the elections, but they weren't forgotten, Jerry Kaufman noted.

After her death, the family received condolence calls from both sides of the political spectrum - Republican Gov. John Engler and former Democratic Gov. Jim Blanchard.

"She transcended this thing of politics," Jerry Kaufman said.

"She touched a lot of people."

Funeral services were Sunday at Clover Hill Cemetery in Royal Oak.

-By Dave Varga



Mrs. Kaufman

OBITUARIES

ALAN CHARLES CARLSON
 Alan Charles Carlson, 56, of Farmington Hills, died May 23 in Traverse City.

Mr. Carlson was a program manager for the Chrysler Corporation. He was known as the "Daddy of the Neon" because he convinced Lee Inceca to build it. His last project was the Chrysler Durango. He was a graduate of Michigan State University with a master's degree and was given many awards by MSU.

He is survived by wife, Mandy; sons, David, Michael, and Eric; daughters, Lorie Morgan and Suzanne Carlson; father, Alan; brother, Eric (Christine); sister, Christine; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. today, May 28, at Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

MARLAN GOODHUE
 Marlan Goodhue, 60, of Farmington Hills, died May 22 at Botsford Hospital.

Mrs. Goodhue worked in retail sales for Kmart, Sears and Winkelman's. She was a professional model in the 1930s and '40s.

She is survived by daughters Marsha (Charles) Feucht of Livonia, Mary Ann (Bill) Woodruff of Linden and Peggy Lee (Gordon) Copland of Farmington Hills; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 27 at St. James Presbyterian Church in Redford with the Rev. Paul Bousquette officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association.

VIRGINIA MARY JOHNSON
 Virginia Mary Johnson, 72, of Farmington Hills, died at her home.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia (Don) Allen; sons, Robert, Michael (Paulette) and James (Debbie); brother, Raymond Drazba; sisters, Catherine Walker and Patricia Jordan; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 23 at St. Fabian Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Brian Chabala officiating. Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials may be sent to the American Diabetes Association or Karmanos Cancer Institute.

ROBERT E. LACHANCE
 Robert E. LaChance, 77, of Farmington Hills, died May 22 at Botsford Hospital.

Mr. LaChance was an engineer with General Motors and a U. S. Air Force veteran.

He is survived by seven nieces and nephews and many friends at Edgewood Country Club.

Funeral services were held May 26 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

CLARA M. HEENAN
 Clara M. Heenan, 82, died May 23 at her home in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by sons, Thomas (Rita) and John (Sandy); five brothers; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 26 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill officiating. Arrangements made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Gerald Catholic Church in Farmington.

ALFRED J. LUTRINGER
 Alfred Joseph Lutringer, 88, of Farmington Hills, died May 23.

He is survived by daughters Janet Tilman and Jean Graves; sons Thomas and Robert; two sisters; 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today, May 28, at the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

ALEXANDER MCLUCKIE
 Alexander McLuckie, 71, of Livonia, died May 23 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Born in Scotland, Mr. McLuckie was a technician for Ford Motor Company and a tool and die maker for Burroughs.

He is survived by wife Isobel; son Alex of Livonia; daughter Carol (Ed) Matthews of Canton; brothers Robert and John; and a sister, Helen, of Farmington.

Funeral services were held May 26 at Ward Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Bartlett Hese officiating. Arrangements were by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

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