

**BETTY JO HAMMER**

Betty Jo Hammer, 73, of Farmington Hills died May 23 in Hawaii.

Mrs. Hammer was an honored businesswoman, an active volunteer and a woman known for her dramatic flair and ability as a hostess.

Born on Nov. 26, 1924, in South Charleston, W.Va., she danced in the USO and met and married an Air Force navigator during World War II. She was married to Jack for 53 years.

She was a member of the Farmington Neighbors Club, the Farmington Historical Commission and served on an ecumenical minister and on the council at St. Clare of Assisi Church.

As an entrepreneur, Mrs. Hammer was CEO of her own



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business, Meraway Personnel. She also started a real estate career.

Mrs. Hammer was an American Business Woman Association, Birmingham Chapter, past president and Woman of the Year in 1991.

She served for five years on the board of directors of the Western Wayne Oakland Association of Realtors and received a special tribute. She served as president of the Woman's Council of Realtors and was Michigan Woman of the Year in 1989. She was also awarded the Omega Tau Rho, a national service award for the National Association of Realtors.

Known as the "Hat Lady" in the real estate industry for 25 years, Mrs. Hammer most recently worked at Ralph Manuel, Farmington Hills West.

She is survived by husband, Jack; sons, Tim of Farmington and Jamie (Patty Billaber) of Livonia; daughters, Catherine (Tony) Kudaroski of Southfield and Nancy (Terry) Downs of Philadelphia, Pa.; sisters, Janet

Mary Jo (Rick) Halleck of Farmington Hills; brother, Steven; sisters, Patsy, Lois, Nancy, Clara and Kelly; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 30 at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Frederick Klettner officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorials can be sent to a charity of choice.

**DR. DONALD A. HODGES**

Dr. Donald A. Hodges, D.D.S., 67, of Farmington Hills, died May 21 at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Dr. Hodges was a retired dentist and a member of the Detroit District Dental Society.

He is survived by wife, Joyce;

sons, Frank (Elizabeth) of Farmington and Stephen (Susan) of Livonia; daughters, Catherine (Tony) Kudaroski of Southfield and Nancy (Terry) Downs of Philadelphia, Pa.; sisters, Janet

McGrath and Carol (Dr. James) Mackin; and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 26 at St. Fabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Brian Chabala officiating. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Memorial contributions can be sent to the St. Fabian Church – Capital Campaign, 32200 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills 48334.

**FELIX JOHN DALTON**

Felix John Dalton, 83, of Farmington Hills died May 28 at home.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. Dalton retired from Chrysler Corp. in 1972 after 39 years. He was a member of Monaghan Knights of Columbus for more than 40 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ann; son, Dennis; daughters, Rosalie Paciocco and Diane Biaardi; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mass will be celebrated June 1 at St. Gerald Catholic Church in

Farmington. The Rev. John Menner and the Rev. Gerald McEnhill will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Angels Hospice.

Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**MARIE CECELIE CARLSON**

Marie Cecille Carlson, 91, of Farmington Hills died May 26 in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Mr. Carlson was born in Ashland, Wis.

Survivors include her son, David; daughter, Carol Hicks; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Church of Christ Scientist.

**ROBERT WINFIELD THOMASDEN**

Robert Winfield Thomasden, 77, of Bloomfield Hills died May 26.

Born in Kelletville, Pa., Mr. Thomasden received his three

degrees from Wayne State University and was an educator/administrator in the Detroit and Bloomfield Hills schools for 41 years. Both during and following his tenure with the school system, he was a successful real estate salesman and community volunteer. He retired in 1984.

Mr. Thomasden served in the 109th Army counter-intelligence corps detachment during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion Post 253 in Royal Oak.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie; son, Bruce; daughters, Kimberly Kloba of San Diego, Calif., Kristin Grey of San Ramon, Calif., Karen Thomasden of Farmington Hills; and Nancy Thomasden of Boulder, Colo.; sister, Ruth Fisheler; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 30 at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

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