# Memorial service scheduled for Margaret Yoder

When the city of Farmington named Yoder Drive in 1990, it was done to henor the man, long-time Councilium Ralph Yoder. But now, it is also viewed as an appropriate tribute to the weman, Ralph's wife of 46 years, Margaret Yoder. She died Sunday, Jan. 17, at the couple's liome in Poinciana, Fla. Margaret Yoder, 66, lost a several-month battle with a recurrence of cancer. She apparently had beaten the disease in the late 1970s.

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"I chuckle now when I see Yoder Drive," said Farmington City Councilman Bill Hartsock, a longtime colleague of Raiph Yoder and friend of the family. "It was named in honor of Raiph. But now, she can lay claim to that honor as well."

calling the Yodora 'very special people who are deserving of the street name.
Yoder Drive was named in spring 1980, for the roadway between Slocum and Orchard streets. Raiph Yoder served on the council from 1965-90.
Bush described Margaret Yodor as 'a classic example of someone behind the secres,' and a strong opinion, whether it was popular to have or not. 'She was always there for Raiph.'
According to Hartsock, Margaret Yoder was first diagnosed with cancer in the late 1970s. It seemingly was cured. However, she started complaining of pain in her leg last summer, and tumor was found. She began treatment in the fall.
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During the last month or so of her life, nurses from Good Shep-

Mayor Mary Bush concurred, calling the Yoders "very special people" who are deserving of the named in honor of Ralph. But now, she can lay claim to that honor as well."

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herd Hospice in Winter Haven, Fla., holped make Margaret as comfortable as possible, said Hartseck, adding that "She was a very strong person right up to the very tell."

That hospice nurses comforted her was fitting, noted Hartsock, because Margaret was a registered nurse who took care of people's health problems even after retiring from that profession. "It was more a passion of hers than a profession," Hartsock said.

Raiph Yoder, added Hartsock, was understandably devastated

by Margaret's death. As of Thursday, the former councilman and mayor was on route back to the Farmington area for a Saturday, Jan. 30, memorial service in the city.

"Ralph has said that it's hard to prepare for something like that," Hartsock said. "Having known him for so long, (the death) is going to be a tremendous loss."

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Hartsock also said he didn't know whether Yoder would move back to the Farmington area, where many friends and family members live. Ralph and Mar-

garet Yoder moved to Florida about four years ago. Bosides Ralph Yoder, sur-vivors include son Joel of Keego Harbor, daughter Julia (Bill) Chamberlain of Milford, grand-children Charlie, Billy and Annie Rose Chamberlain, brothers C. Wayne Nowels and Robert Now-els.

Wayne Nowels and Robert Nowels.
The memorial service for Margaret Yoder is scheduled for 11
a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Salem
United Church of Christ, 3424
Oakland in Farmington.
Memorial tributes may be
made to Salem United Church or
to the Good Shepherd Hospice,
P.O. Box 7129, Winter Haven,
Fla. 33883.
Funeral arrangements were by
the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral
Home in Farmington. Burial will
take place at Oakwood Cemetery
in Farmington.



Memorial: Margaret Yoder is described as the perfect is described as the perfect behind the scenes person who had her own opinions and supported her husband, Ralph, former city councilman and mayor.

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# Cub Scouts learn about government

Learning about the role of local government were members of Cub Scout Troop 235, from St. Fobian Churchi in Farmington Hills.

The troop visited Farmington City Hall before Tuesday's council meeting. They listened to Mayor Mary Bush and other officials as they discussed local government, what city councils do and the differences between the cities of Farmington and Farmington an cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills





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"It's important that you learn about local government," said Bush, noting that it is the one level of government that affects residents most.

There was an opportunity for questions, both from Bush to the troop members (who were seated at the council table) and vice versa.

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Bush asked the scouts about how local government helps

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them.
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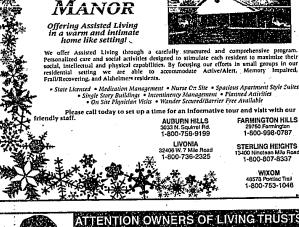
A story in the Sunday, Jan. 17
Farmington Observer, about historical displays at Flanders Elementary School, should have stated that student Jonathan Lindblad's family lives in the "old parsonage" on Freedom Road, and not the Cook Building and that the airca's first school was on Shismanssee, not Sherman Street.

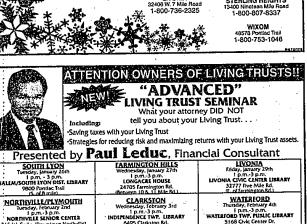




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