

## OBITUARIES

## ELEAHOR DORN

A memorial service for Eleanor Dorn, 86, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 4:30 p.m. today, Jan. 23, at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills. Visitation will precede the mass from 3:45 p.m.

Mrs. Dorn was born Detroit and died Jan. 17 in Royal Oak. She enjoyed cooking and sewing.

She is survived by children, Elizabeth Sultan, Roberta Arboone and Karl Dorn; six brothers; three sisters; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Boys & Girls Republic of Farmington Hills.

**WILLIAM E. KELLY**  
Services for William Edward Kelly, 81, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 2:20 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington with the Most Rev. Walter Hurley officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Kelly was born April 6, 1922, in Detroit and died Jan. 19, 2000, at Botsford General Hospital.

He is survived by sons,

Thomas (Cindy) and Mark; daughters, Sue (Dr. Frank) Knight and Shannon Kelly; brother, Daniel; sister, Madeline; grandchildren, Brian and Robert; and a special friend, Eleanor Peterson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosella.

Arrangements were made by Heaney-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**ARTHUR J. RUSKIN**

Services for Arthur Joseph Rusk, 60, of Wixom, were held Jan. 22 at Heaney-Sundquist

Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating.

Mr. Rusk was born April 5, 1939, in Detroit and died Jan. 16 at Huron Valley/Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. He worked as a civil engineer for the city of Farmington Hills.

He is survived by daughters, Carrie (Scott) Beckstrand, Tina Quigley and Tammy DeGuire; sons, Joseph (Leona) and Robert (Rita); sisters, Dorothy Wintergerst and Charlotte Russak; and 17 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Monastery of the Sacred Sacrament.

**DONALD W. WOMACK**  
A memorial service for Donald Whited Womack, 77, of Torch Lake, will be held this summer at Torch Lake.

Mr. Womack was born Nov. 8, 1922, in Ray, Ariz., and died Jan. 15 in Glendale, Ariz. He worked as a vice president for a property management company and was a past commodore for the Detroit Yacht Club. He was

also a veteran for the United States Coast Guard.

He is survived by wife, Helen; daughter, Mary (Ted) Bronzema and Kathryn; son, Chad (Su); grandchildren, Angela, Sol, Rory and Theo; sister, Mary (Robert) Appling; nephew and Larry (Alice) Womack.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of the Valley, 6555 W. Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306-5093.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

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"Ron's program reaches students — they respond to him," said Mechigian. "I believe the unique outlook Ron's able to provide motivates and inspires people in a way they may not have ever experienced before."

"This is the best program I have had the opportunity to support."

Ironically, Bachman has found a career in reaching out to the children he once avoided.

"Kids can be so cruel," said Bachman, "but there's a way of pointing and pointing out that is completely unkind in the face of their youth and innocence."

After years of being teased and taunted, Bachman decided to eradicate painful past experiences with adolescents by doing something to try and change their attitudes.

"Not knowing — ignorance — is where fear and prejudice are born," Bachman said. "The only way to change things is to let

them see how normal I really am, to help make them comfortable with handicapped people."

Bachman went on to say, "I want them to realize that different is just different, and nothing more. I'm a regular person just like anyone else. I can walk, I can drive, I can do almost anything that anyone else can do. I want them to realize that and to understand that."

Many would claim that Bachman's life has been anything but regular. His incredible life experiences made him the subject of a 1996 independent film produced and directed by former TV producer Kathy Vander.

Entitled "Walk This Way," the 30-minute documentary captures the remarkable story of a man who refused to give himself over to the cards he was dealt at

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birth.

"Walk This Way" has won numerous awards, including the CINE Golden Eagle Award, the Golden Apple from the National Educational Media Network, honor from the National Council on Family Relations, an Indie Award, and a People's Choice for documentary films.

"Walk This Way" recently received an invitation to be shown at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Film Series in February.

Bachman's spirit, enthusiasm, and love of life have inspired, touched, and transformed the thousands of people he has met.

In retrospect Ron simply states, "It has been a good thing for me to go to the schools and meet parents, administrators and especially the kids. I get to tell them, 'Hey, look here. If I can accomplish all of the things in my life that I'm proud of, without legs, just imagine what you can do!'"

**Ron Bachman**  
—Motivational speaker

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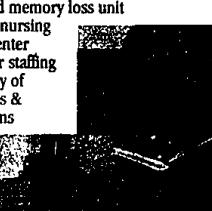
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Aaron Rosen, a fifth grader at Forest Elementary School, recently became the school winner of the National Geographic Bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society. Aaron com-

peted in a group of the 10 top scorers on the preliminary test to win a medal and the chance to take the state qualifying exam.

Aaron recently took the written qualifying state exam and

will not receive the results until March. Nationally, students in grades 4-8 compete in the Bee with 100 Michigan students being invited to participate in the state competition.

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