

OBITUARIES

PAUL D. PAYNE

Services for Paul Daniel Payne, 78, of Farmington Hills will be held at noon today, Feb. 3, at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Fred Froman officiating.

Mr. Payne was born Jan. 31, 1922, and died Jan. 31 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was employed by General Motors.

ALPHONSE C. BLONDEEL

Services for Alphonse C. Blondeel, 78, of Farmington Hills were held Jan. 30 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Blondeel was born Oct. 7, 1921, in Detroit and died Jan. 28 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a railway clerk for Pere Marquette Railroad, Chesapeake Railroad, CSX Railroad and C-B & O Railroad. He was also a World War II Marine Corps veteran.

Mr. Blondeel is survived by his wife, Marianne; son, Timothy (JoAnn); daughter, Gail (Dale) Pryor; brothers, Kamil Blondeel and Harry Darvesian; sister, Angeline Baigrie; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 2350 South Huron Parkway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

M. ELIZABETH VAUGHN

Private services were held for M. Elizabeth Vaughn, 82, of Farmington Hills.

Ms. Vaughn was born Aug. 23, 1917, in Dundee, N.Y., and died Jan. 27 in Farmington Hills. She worked as a nutrition director for the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeast Michigan and was a member of the Dietetic Association. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Kewka College and a masters degree from Harvard University. She was published in many professional publications and held positions in many national, state and local professional organizations.

Memorial contributions can be made to Michigan Conservation. Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

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PETER J. HASSELL

Services for Peter J. Hassell, 97, of Livonia, were held Jan. 31 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Frederick Klettner officiating. Burial took place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Hassell was born June 12, 1902, in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, and died Jan. 27 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was an administrative assistant for the Wayne County Road Commission for 38 years and fielded fly balls for Ty Cobb at Bennett Park, a forerunner of Tiger Stadium.

He is survived by son, Dennis (Rose); daughters, Betty (Joseph) Dooling and Joan (Jack) Stone; daughter-in-law, Theresa; 10 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louella Mae and son, James.

Arrangements were made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

WILLIAM R. TANNER

Services for William Reuben Tanner, 65, of Farmington Hills were held Feb. 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit with the Rev. Dr. David Eberhard officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Tanner was born in Wappinger Falls, N.Y., and died Jan. 29 at Huron Valley/Sinai Hospital. He was a noted authority on robotics. After beginning his career with Ford Motor Co., he went on to become the first robotics consultant in the United States. He was one of three people in the world to receive the 1984 Joseph P. Engleberger award for his work in robotics education, which was presented to him by King Carl Gustaf XVI of Sweden.

He was the author of two books on robotics. His latest position was vice-president of the Management Consultant Division of the Compass Group in Birmingham. Mr. Tanner was also the owner of the Animality Gallery in Ann Arbor. The gallery was voted one of the top 100 American craft galleries in the United States in 1999.

He is survived by wife, Anita; son, Kenneth (Tammie); daughter, Christina; two sisters; and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit. Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington.

LUCY M. OZOG

Services for Lucy M. Ozog, 83, of Lathrup Village, were held Jan. 29 at National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Ozog was born Aug. 24, 1916, in Detroit and died Jan. 25 at Ashmun Court Nursing Home in Brighton. She was a homemaker and a member of the Croatian Club, St. Bede Women's Guild & Alter Society, and the Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent dePaul. She was also a eucharistic minister and enjoyed gardening, playing the guitar and singing.

Mrs. Ozog is survived by sons, John (Kathy), Robert (Sandy), Larry, and Terry (Andrea); sisters, Marie Lepo, Jennie Krause and Annie Knezevich; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

JOHN W. SELKMAN

Services for John W. Selkman, 73, of Farmington, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Holy Family Church in Novi with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr. Selkman was born in 1926 and died Jan. 31 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was employed in the transportation industry all his life. He was past president of Detroit Passenger Traffic Club, and a member of Delta Nu Alpha. He was a longtime railroad enthusiast and also worked for the Wabash Railroad in Ohio and Indiana.

Mr. Selkman is survived by wife, Rita; sons, John (Dora), Joseph and Michael; brother, James; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sisters, Mary and Marcelle.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Capuchins, Fr. Solanus Guild, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496.

CECILIA C. STARON

Services for Cecilia C. Staron, 78, were held Jan. 24 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in Farmington Hills with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Staron was born Sept. 5, 1921, and died Jan. 21 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

She is survived by husband, Frank; children, Nancy (Dean) Frazier, Frank Jr. and Janice (Robert) Smart; and grandchildren, Amelia, Melissa, Brandt, Robin, and Natalie. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Joyce, and granddaughter, April.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

ADRIAN FELIX JR.

Adrian Felix Jr., 83, of Grand Rapids, died Jan. 29.

Mr. Felix worked for 19 years at Jervis Inc. and was also the owner and operator of several businesses in Grand Rapids and spent his last years working with his brother Raymond in the photo engraving business in Detroit. He was an active member of several churches and was most recently an active member of St. Timothy Prosestria Church of Livonia.

He is survived by sons, Andre (Gretchen) and Kenneth (Joan); brother, Gerald (Eileen); sisters and brother-in-law, Anna Petracosta, Rachael and Adrian Vander Stoep and Joan Stille; many nieces and nephews; and close friend, Joan Hixon. He was preceded in death by first wife, Nellie; second wife, Phyllis; and brothers, Martin, Andrew and Raymond.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Charitable Care Fund of Pilgrim Manor.

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taxes don't go up in line with value increases until a property is sold.

Before state lawmakers enacted Proposal A, which capped property taxes at the rate of inflation, increases in home value meant an increase in taxes.

Assessment notices will soon be on the way.

"They're required to go out 10 (business) days before the board of reviews," said Sailer, about the mailing of assessment notices. "...Everybody gets one. It's sort of a non-event now."

Last year, the benchmark tax increase was 1.6 percent, and "hardly anybody" challenged their notices at the Board of Review, he added.

During annual Board of Review, valuation and hardship appeals are considered.

Sailer said the city of Farmington's 2000 Board of Review

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are scheduled as follows: 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday, March 13; 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 15.

Though Proposal A has calmed some of the taxing complaints, some homeowners still appear before the Board of Review to preserve their rights under the law. Protest at the Board of Review is required in order for a taxpayer to appeal assessments to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or State Tax Commission.

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applied for Kriewall's position. Of those, 27 were considered candidates and 14 actually were interviewed by the Novi City Council.

Among others who were interviewed in December and January were Riverview City Manager Robert Elliott, interim Howell City Manager D. Wayne O'Neal and Marc Ott, assistant to the mayor in Rochester Hills.

Richards, who spearheaded last year's successful "Kid's World" PlayScape project, said he was not given specifics as to why he advanced to the final four.

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Dublin, Ohio, James Pierce from Davenport, Iowa, and Mark Vandorpoole of Skokie, Ill.

Richards said he is scheduled to have his second interview on Saturday, Feb. 26. His first interview in December was open to the public and was televised on Novi Channel 13.

If Richards were hired for the Novi job, he would probably receive a notable salary increase. The 11-year veteran of municipal government, with more than five years in Farmington, currently earns approximately \$67,000.

In December, Richards emphasized that he was happy serving Farmington, and was applying for the Novi job because it would be an outstanding opportunity to lead a "growth community."

Tuesday, he reiterated that he'll be "happy either way," in Farmington or Novi. Originally, about 50 people