

OBITUARIES

ROBERT A. KAUFMAN

Services for Robert A. Kaufman were held Feb. 4 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Mr. Kaufman died Jan. 31, 2002. He taught industrial arts early in his career and later worked as a school counselor for Detroit Public Schools. He enjoyed woodworking and photography.

He is survived by his wife, Lois; son, William (Rene); daughter, Mary Sue Schade (Mark); and grandchildren, Brynn, Bradley, Stephanie and Shannon. He is preceded in

death by his first wife, Nancy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076-3911.

JOSEPH A. KASLAUSKAS JR.

Services for Joseph Anthony Kaslauskas Jr., 69, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held Feb. 2 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Timothy Halboff officiating.

Mr. Kaslauskas was born May 21, 1942, in Detroit and died Jan. 31, 2002, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He

worked as an art director in the commercial art industry.

He is survived by his mother, Mary; daughters, Wendy Green and Jeanne Pageau; brother, Gerald; sister, Jean Fuhr; former wife, Barbara Kaslauskas; and four grandchildren.

ARTHUR H. SMITH

Services for Arthur Hugh Smith, 73, of Farmington Hills, were held Feb. 5 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Smith was born in Highland Park and died Feb. 1, 2002, at Boisford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a sales

manager for Puritan Electric Company and was a longtime member of the Model "A" Restorers Club.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; daughter, Nancy; brother, Howard (Ann); sister, Margaret Daico; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

IRENE TUROVAARA

Services for Irene Turovaara, 91, formerly of Farmington Hills, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Shawn Miller officiating. Burial will take place at Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkeley.

Mrs. Turovaara was born April 20, 1910 in Hancock, Mich. and died Feb. 4, 2002 in Lake Worth, Fla.

She is survived by her nephews, John (Mildred) Taube and Thomas (Elizabeth) Taube; nieces, Doris (George) Giacinto and Virginia (Arthur) Hynninen; and several great-nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ollie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave. West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Blizman files for judgeship

Paul J. Blizman, Farmington Hills Attorney, has filed his Statement of Organization with the Michigan Department of State, Bureau of Elections.

Attorney Blizman will be seeking the seat held by Judge Frederick L. Harris, who is retiring at the end of this year.

"I am grateful and pleased by the positive response that I have received from residents and other attorneys following the announcement of the formation of my planning committee," Blizman said.

"I am running for judge of the 47th District Court, because I believe my experience and service to the community has prepared me to serve in the court closest to the people of this community," he said.

Blizman is a past president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club and is a current member of the Exchange Club. He is Vice-President of the Forestbrook-Pleasantbrook Homeowners Association and has been a representative to the Farmington Hills Council of Homeowners. He has served the community as a member of the Energy Committee (1984-87), the Historic District Commission (1985-91), and the Ethics Committee (1991). Since January 1987, he has been a member of the Farmington Hills Planning Commission, serving two years as Chairman (1992-94).

Other community involvements include serving on the Board of the Farmington Area Philharmonic and currently as Chairman of the Board of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan State Planning Officials and is a member of American Planning Association, with an interest in the areas of law and planning.

Blizman received his law degree from the Detroit College of Law (1980). He attended the University of Michigan and received a degree in History from Wayne State University (1966). He completed his Masters of Social Work in 1969 and worked primarily in the area of juvenile corrections at the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School. Attorney Blizman is a member of the American Bar Association, the Michigan Bar Association, the Oakland County Bar Association and the Oakland County Bar Foundation.

"I have been in general practice since 1981. I have handled bankruptcy, criminal, domestic relations and child custody cases," Blizman said.

In recent years, his practice has included landlord-tenant matters representing both landlords and tenants. Probate and trust preparation has also been an area of his recent practice.

"I have kept very active during my years of work and public service," Blizman said. "I intend to take my experience and energy to the 47th District Court for the benefit of Farmington and Farmington Hills."

He is married to Lee and has a daughter, Alexis, who is attending George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Oakland Co. offers quit smoking class

The Oakland County Health Division's Health Education Unit and Providence Hospital are offering a quit smoking class to help smokers kick the habit noon-1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Providence Medical Center, 30055 Northwestern in Farmington Hills.

The First Aid for Smokers class includes an educational presentation on the quitting process, a smokers' emergency kit and instructions on how to utilize the kit.

Participants will learn valuable coping skills and receive follow-up support to help in the quitting process. There is no fee for the class or materials.

Pre-registration is required. Call toll free (877) 845-5500.



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