

OBITUARIES

Elton C. Bierschbach

Services for Elton Charles Bierschbach, 81, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23 at Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Visitation will be held 2-9 p.m. today, Dec. 22 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington.

Mr. Bierschbach was born Jan. 31, 1921 in Beal City, and died Dec. 19, 2002 in Farmington Hills. He worked as a crane operator for Detroit Crane and once lifted an airplane out of the Farmington A&P roof. He was a member of the International Engineers #324 and an American Legion volunteer. Mr. Bierschbach was a farmer from April through October and also worked as a ship builder in Saginaw during the winter.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, Dale (Gail), David and Dennis; grandchildren, Dale Jr., Christopher and Connie; and sister, Irene Shafer.

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

Davey S. Lipke

Davey S. Lipke, 52, of Belleville, died Dec. 18, 2002 in Belleville.

Mr. Lipke was born Feb. 8, 1950 in Detroit. He worked as an assembler for the auto industry.

He is survived by his sons, Dale and Chris; brothers, Dann (Diane) and Mory J. (Sharon); sisters, Betty (Steve) Werch and Colleen Lipke; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Renaldy Michniewicz

Services and burial for Renaldy Michniewicz, 84, of Livonia, were held Dec. 20 at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia with the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad officiating. Mr. Michniewicz was born Nov. 27, 1918 in Detroit and

died Dec. 19, 2002 at Heartland Health Care Center - Dorvin in Livonia. He owned Renaldy's White China Shop in Troy.

He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Howard and Paula McCammon; nephew, Gerald; and niece, Geraldine. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary.

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

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Clara J. Crossmyer

Services for Clara Julia Crossmyer, 87, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 20 at St. Gerald's Catholic Church in Farmington with the Rev. Gerald McEnhill and Rev. Robert Crossmyer officiating.

Ms. Crossmyer was born July 8, 1915 in St. Louis, Mo. and died Dec. 17, 2002 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She worked as an interior decorator.

She is survived by her brother, Gerald Crossmyer; sister, Margaret Thomas; nephew, Rev. Robert Crossmyer CP; and niece, Barbara (Brian) Reis. She is preceded in death by her brother, Elmer; and nephew, Michael.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Father Solanus Guild of the Capuchins.

Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Kin Ming Chin

Services for Kin Ming Chin, 80, of Farmington Hills, were held Dec. 20 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Mark Kieft officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Chin was born Aug. 28, 1923 in Canton, China and died Dec. 17, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. He was the owner of the China Gate Restaurant in West Bloomfield and Kin Ming Importing Company in Detroit. Mr. Chin was a World War II Army veteran and member of the Chinese Benevolent Association.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; sons, Dixon (Cynthia) and Ben (Judy); daughters, Frieda (Robert) Boudreau and Jenny (Doug) Chin-Spicer; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Mary M. McAtee

Services for Mary Marie McAtee, 80, of Rochester, were held Dec. 21 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Tom Belczak officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. McAtee was born March 12, 1922 in Detroit and died Dec. 18, 2002 at Heartland Health Care Center - Dorvin in Livonia. She worked as a waitress and was a member of Our Lady of Snows Church.

She is survived by her sisters, Rose (Joseph) Impellitteri and Virginia Kemmreling; nephew, George (Stephanie) Buhals; niece, Penny (Mike) Jaksim; and several other nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph.

Gusta D. Edwards

Services for Gusta Donna Edwards, 81, of Farmington, were held Dec. 19 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Mark Kieft officiating. Burial took place at Temple Hill Memorial Park in Castlewood, Va.

Mrs. Edwards was born Feb. 9, 1921 in Stratton, Va. and died Dec. 17, 2002 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her son, James (Cindy); daughter, Pamela (Kenneth) Starling; sister, Lillie Murphy; grandchildren, Becki (Nick) Siefert, Maria Starling and David Starling; and great-grandchildren, Nick Siefert, Heather Hyatt and Nick Hyatt. She is preceded in death by her husband, Clyde, son, Kenneth and grandson, Jason.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Ave., Detroit, MI 48201.



Daily bread

The Great Harvest Bread Co., located in the Farmington Downtown Shopping Plaza by the U.S. post office off of Farmington Road, generated about a ton of non-perishable food this holiday to needy families. Owners Ray and Lorle Novelly accepted the bags of food from area folks and in exchange they gave them a loaf of fresh bread. Lorle said half of the people who donated the food refused to accept the free bread. Ray said the donated food will go to the Oakland County Food bank and to a family of nine who lost their house to a fire over Thanksgiving. Ray said the bread company also gives its 24-hour old unbought bread to the Angela Hospice, the Livonia Opportunity House and the Salvation Army.

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Africa, Australia and South America in three weeks' time.

Typically, the global journey is figured out well in advance with tour guides and hotels ready to assist the group after the plane lands.

Milling about with people in foreign lands is also part of the fun, Lee said.

"People study is absolutely as important as the places," he said. Lee enjoys taking a worldly view in his visits to foreign countries and cultures.

Different systems of government and practices of living fascinate him.

The Barthels have even visited Cuba and other communist countries where the standard of living is much lower than in America.

Happiness has very little to do with money, he said of what he learned while visiting Cuba.

"The Cubans are very happy even though they live on a \$7 a month," he said.

"They expect little and it seems they can be happy with (what they have)."

"Being poor and happy is better than being rich and unhappy," he said.

The club also sponsors a college student's journey around the globe; he or she writes a

paper on the specific study.

"It's important that young people get to travel and help spread the word," he said. "They all come back better citizens of the U.S. and the world."

Meanwhile, Lee and Floy enjoy entertaining the friends they have made around the world by being in the club.

They host an annual summer safari party at their home where a wild flower garden, Lee's classic car collection and animal statues are part of the fun.

If anyone would like to know more about the Circumnavigators Club, Lee said to call him at (248) 476-0705.

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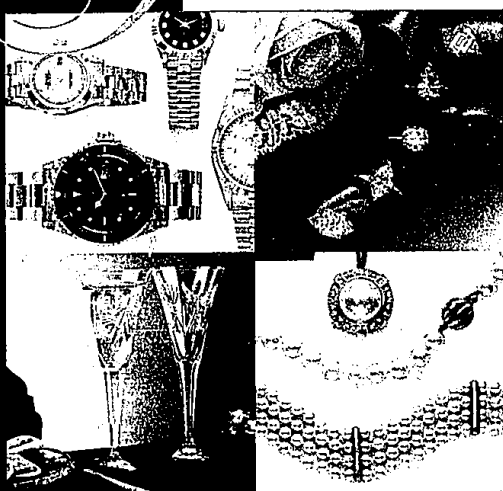
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