

85-year-old resident dies

Donald A. Ware of Northville died June 10 at Providence Hospital with his family members at his bedside. Mr. Ware was born April 9, 1909, to Thomas and Ina Walters Ware in the "Cabbage Town" area of Northville. "He is one of the only octogenarians born here who stayed here," said his wife, Mary (Genitti) Ware.

He spent his early youth and teenage years in a house that was eventually made into the Little Italy Restaurant. The current dining room of the restaurant was his bedroom.

In the 1920s, Donald's mother, Ina, owned a restaurant in Northville called "A Good Place to Eat." "Donald was practically raised in that store," according to his wife. The restaurant was located where the Four Seasons Flower Shop is today.

While a student at Northville High School, Mr. Ware played on the football team, and was a member of the graduating class of 1928. "He would tell us he played the whole game because you were lucky if you had enough players," said Mrs. Ware.

Donald Ware and Mary Genitti were married 42 years ago and when Mary came to Northville, so did her family. "John Jr. always told everyone the first job he ever had was working for Uncle Don moving stones from one side of the driveway to the other to build a retaining wall," said Mary of her nephew, the owner of Genitti's Restaurant.

Mr. Ware received many awards from the Northville Beautification Commission for gardening, landscaping and property development.

"Don once owned a restaurant in the basement of The Northville Record building," said Mrs. Ware. For 42 years, he was a safety and traffic engineer for the Wayne County Road Commission. He was also a member of the Northville Historical Society.

In 1960, he developed Ware's Square on the property where his



Donald Ware

home was located, moving the house around the corner.

Mr. Ware was a contributor to the Northville Historical Society. During a taped interview "he gave his personal look back at Northville as it was in the early 1900s," said Mrs. Ware. "It includes quick looks at Main Street as a dirt street, his mother's restaurant, and the livery stable where a horse and buggy might be rented to go out on a date." The Northville History Project has about a dozen interviews on audio cassette.

Mr. Ware watched Northville grow from a small farming village to the large northwestern suburb of Detroit that it is today. He enjoyed progress,

according to his wife, but "he had high hopes that Northville would always be the small town it was."

Surviving are his wife, Mary; daughter, Ann James of Grosse Pointe; son, D.J. Ware of LaJolla, Calif.; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson Timothy Ware.

A memorial service was held on June 13 at Casterline Funeral Home followed by burial at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The Rev. Roger Rose officiated.

Mr. Ware may be remembered through memorial contributions to the Northville Historical Society.

Obituaries

SALLY E. BRENNAN

Sally Evelyn Brennan died June 12, 1994, in McPherson Hospital. She was 74.

Mrs. Brennan was born in Tennessee and was a resident of Brighton. She had been employed as a postal clerk.

Surviving are her daughters, Allison Terrell, Patricia Wolfolk-Mahoney, Susan Paruszkiewicz, Sally Walker and Janet Shinske; her sons, Michael and Jeffrey; 22 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a brother.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, James D. Mahoney Sr. and Leo T. Brennan; and her son, James D. Mahoney Jr.

The funeral was held June 16 at the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorial tributes may be sent to the Michigan Heart and Lung Association, P.O. Box 721129 Berkley, MI 48072.

ALICE M. PHILLIPS

Alice M. Phillips died June 14, 1994, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. She was 81.

Mrs. Phillips was born Dec. 19, 1912, in Utica, New York to Frederick and Pearl Arheilger Schindler.

She had been a resident of Northville for 13 1/2 years after moving here from Detroit. Mrs. Phillips was a retired office manager and a member of First United Methodist Church of Northville, where she was active in church functions.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Linda Bardeleben of South Lyon; her son, Frederick of Troy; two grandchildren; and her brother, Willard Schindler of Battle Creek.

The funeral was held June 16 at Casterline Funeral Home. Dr. Douglas W. Vernon of the First United Methodist Church of Northville offi-

ciated. Burial was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi.

The family would appreciate memorials to the charity of your choice or the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

MARCELLA E. DOUGLAS

Marcella E. Douglas died June 17, 1994, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was 94.

Mrs. Douglas was born June 10, 1900, in Leipsie, Ohio, to Henry H. and Bertha Huber Lampe.

She had spent most of her life in this area and was a former Northville resident before moving to Plymouth.

Mrs. Douglas served as the principal of the former Wayne County Training School for 25 years. She was

also an elementary school teacher at the Detroit Public Schools.

Mrs. Douglas held a bachelor of science degree from Detroit Teachers College and a master of arts degree in education from Wayne State University. She was a member of the Northville Women's Club; Business and Professional Club of Northville and St. Kenneth's Catholic Church in Plymouth.

Surviving are her nieces, Patricia Lampe-Tice of Atlanta, Ga., and Jane Lampe-Groh of Kingston, Pa.; and seven grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Bertha Jean in December 1972; her sister, Cornelia; and her brother, Waldo.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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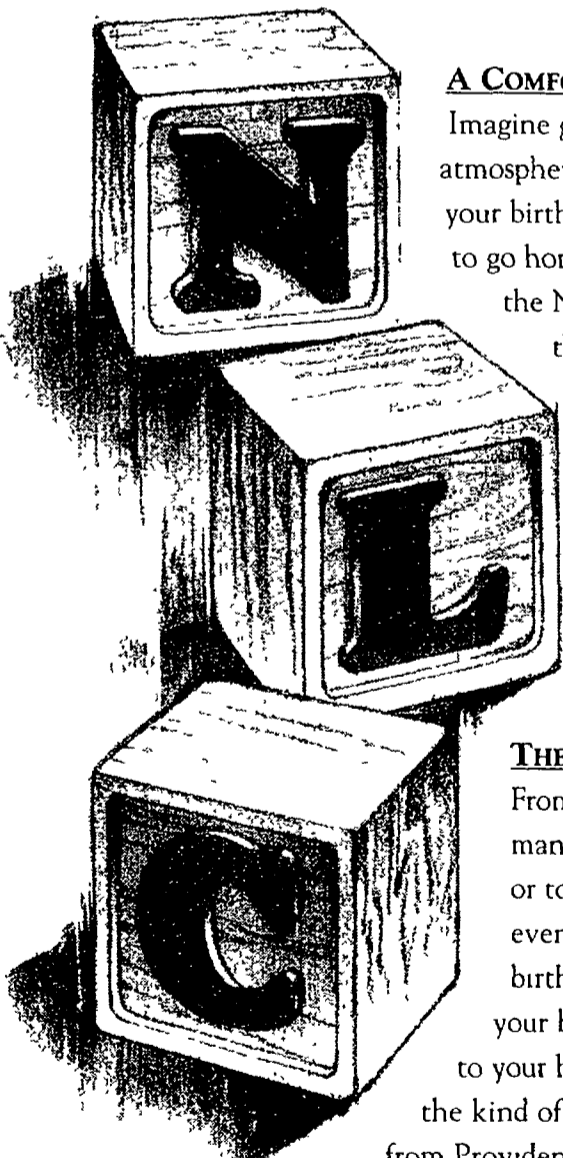
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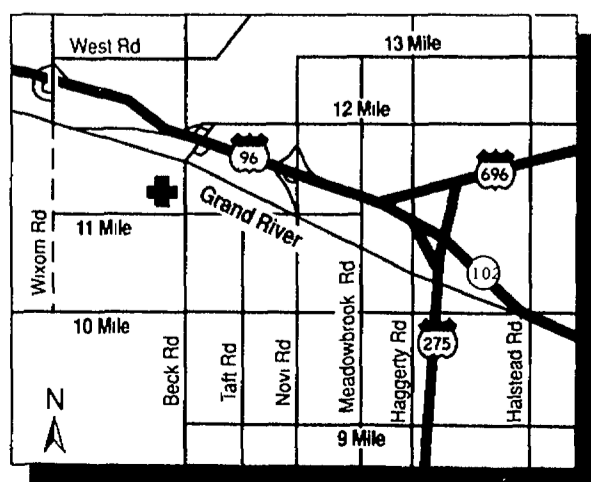
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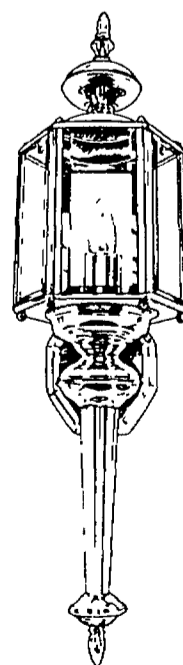
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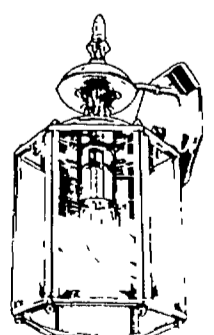
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