

## Obituaries

### BERNARD A. CROTEAU

Bernard A. Croteau, 90, of Northville died March 24 in Huron Valley Hospital, Commerce Township. He was born April 30, 1908, in Alpena to Edward Joseph and Emma (LeMeere) Croteau.

As a printer with The Detroit Times, Mr. Croteau retired in 1971 as a printer with *The Detroit News* after 20 years of service.

Surviving Mr. Croteau are his wife, Edna Mae of Northville; son, Gary (Sue) of South Lyon; Mary Croteau; 12 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Mr. Croteau was preceded in death by a son, Gerald.

Services were conducted on Friday, March 26 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with the Rev. James Kean of Our Lady of Victory officiating. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Alpena.

Memorial contributions to the Hospice of Michigan, 120 S. Main Street, Suite A, Milford, MI 48361 would be appreciated by the family.

### GERTRUDE NITZEL

Gertrude Nitzel, 83, of Northville died March 20 at Westland Convalescent Center in Westland. She was born Jan. 27, 1916, in Guide Rock, Neb., to Edward and Maud (Francis) Cady.

Mrs. Nitzel moved to Northville during the 1940s and was a clerk at D&C Dime Store. Her memberships included Northville Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and the American Legion.

She is survived by her children, Glenda Hurrelbrink of Plymouth, Larry of Wayne, Paul Thompson of Dearborn, and Gerry of Wayne; seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mrs. Nitzel was preceded in death by her husband, Jack in 1990; two sons, Ron and Paul; and two brothers and one sister.

Services were held March 24 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville with the Rev. Douglas

Vernon of the First United Methodist Church, Northville officiating. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

Memorials to the Parkinson Michigan Foundation, 39090 John R, Detroit, MI 48201 would be appreciated.

### ARTHUR A. MATCHULAT

Arthur A. Matchulat, 70, of Northville died March 24 in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. He was born April 24, 1928, in Dearborn to Alex and Emma (Sabrowsky) Matchulat.

Mr. Matchulat retired in 1975 from the Detroit Police Department after serving 25 years as a police officer. He was a member of the Detroit Police Officers Association. Mr. Matchulat served in the Army during the Korean conflict.

He is survived by three sons, John (Deby) of Marquette, Mark (Suzanne) of Redford, and James (Maureen) of Fraser; brother, Ernie of Redford; and five grandchildren.

Mr. Matchulat was preceded in death by his wife, Doris in 1995.

Services were conducted on Monday, March 29 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with the Rev. Drexel Morton officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorial contributions to the Arthritis Foundation would be appreciated.

### PAULINE C. FEE

Pauline C. Fee died March 25 in Martin Luther Memorial Home, South Lyon. She was 91. Mrs. Fee was born June 10, 1907, in Laurium, Mich., to Martin and Pauline (Lenz) Kratt.

Mrs. Fee was a homemaker and a resident of the area for over 70 years. She was an active member of the Redford Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Fee is survived by sons, Wallace (Sally) of Novi, Donald of Northville, and Robert of Highland; grandchildren, Cynthia (Oded) Fee

Gur-Arie, Michael (Jennifer) Fee, Todd Fee, Jessica Fee, and Mathew Kramer; and two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Nathaniel Gur-Arie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W.; brother, Martin Kratt; and two sisters, Chara Carl and Bertha Hartford.

Services were conducted on Monday, March 29 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. The Rev. Richard Zelle of Redford Lutheran Church was the officiant. Interment was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, MI 48076 would be appreciated by the family.

### MARGARET H. LEFEVRE

Margaret H. LeFevre of Northville died March 24 in Angela Hospice of Livonia. She was 86. Mrs. LeFevre was born Aug. 1, 1912, in Detroit to Wallace and Bertha (Dixon) Boughton.

Mrs. LeFevre was a lifelong member of the community and a graduate of Northville High School. For many years, she was office manager for Dr. Atchison, whose office was located on the corner of Dunlap and Lyndon.

She is survived by daughter, Murilla Ann Berryman of Northville; brother, Gerald Norton of Marshall; and sisters, Helen Litzenberger of Ann Arbor and Dora Shaw of Battle Creek.

Mrs. LeFevre was preceded in death by her husband, Charles in 1958.

Services were held on Saturday, March 27 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. with the Rev. James Russell, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, officiating.

### AGNES M. BERNHARDT

Agnes M. Bernhardt, 95, of Northville died March 23 in Arbor Hospice, Pittsfield Township. She

was born in Farmington Aug. 19, 1903, to Heinrich and Hermine (Kamin) Meyer.

Mrs. Bernhardt, a homemaker, was a lifelong resident of the area. She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northville, where she had been a member of the choir, was affiliated with the ladies auxiliary, officiated as organist, and also taught Sunday School.

She is survived by daughter, Marilyn Bernhardt of Northville; son, Robert A. Ehlert of Ohio; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Mrs. Bernhardt was preceded in death by her husband, Henry in September 1982.

Services were conducted on Friday, March 26 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church with Pastor Thomas Lubeck officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville.

Memorial contributions to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St., Northville, MI 48167 would be appreciated.

### CLOYCE A. MYERS

Cloyce A. Myers, 82, of Northville died March 25 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He was born Dec. 22, 1916, in Hillsdale, Mich., to Chloe (Baxter) and Frank Myers.

Mr. Myers served in World War II and retired as a major from the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Northville community for many years and also retired from the Northville Post Office.

His memberships included the First Presbyterian Church of Northville and VFW Post No. 4012. Mr. Myers was a 1935 graduate of Northville High School.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Price); sons, George (Sue) of California, Richard (Diane) of

Brighton, and David of Westland; daughter, Debi (Matt) Jarvi of Brighton; sisters, Alice Ackerman of Kalkaska and Gladys Smith of Livonia; brothers, Clayton of Northville and Richard of Cadillac; grandchildren, Mark (Tracy), Mike (Veronica), Joel (Sandra), Cheryl, Chris, Greg, and Scott Myers; and Jennifer, Jessica, Mathew, and Jeffrey Jarvi; great grandchildren, Mark, Adam, Madeline, Kimmy, and Jonathan; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Myers was preceded in death by brothers, Howard, Harold, Walter, and Robert.

Services were held on Tuesday, March 30 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. with the Rev. James Russell, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, officiating.

Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery.

### FLORA F. THORMAN

Flora F. (Gerst) Thorman, 85, of Northville died March 28, 1999. She was born June 15, 1914, in Canton Township.

Mrs. Thorman was a lifelong member of the Canton community and a 1931 graduate of Plymouth High School. She retired as an inspector after 20 years of service at Burroughs Corp.

Prior to Burroughs, she was employed at Daisy Air Rifle Co. Mrs. Thorman was a charter member of the Canton Historical Society.

She is survived by niece, Nancy (David) Schoultz of Northville; nephew, Gerald (Bessie) Gerst of Plymouth; and several grand and great grand nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted on Monday, March 29 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth with Pastor Drexel Morton officiating.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorials to Star Manor Activities Fund, 520 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167 would be appreciated.

### DOROTHY E. HAYS

Dorothy Ellen Hays, 74, died March 22 in St. Mary's Hospital, Livonia. She was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Detroit to George Stewart and Mary Ellen Bernard.

Mrs. Hays was a former resident of Northville. She retired in 1986 as supervisor of accounts payable for the R.L. Polk Co.

She is survived by one son, Patrick of Wayne.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 26 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton Township. The Rev. Chris Masse will officiate the 10:30 a.m. service.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorial contributions to the St. Francis Home for Boys Endowment Fund in Detroit would be appreciated by the family.

### GLADYS A. THOMSON

Gladys A. Thomson, 76, of Canton Township died March 17 in Farmington Hills. She was born May 21, 1922, in Bishop Aukland, England.

Mrs. Thomson, a homemaker, moved from Northville to the Canton community ten years ago. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star in Wyandotte and enjoyed traveling. Mrs. Thomson loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet (John) Correll of Canton; one sister, Jean (Chris) Wallington and one brother, Herb (two grand children, both of England; and two grandchildren, William T. and Lesley Correll, both of Canton.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or the Michigan Humane Society would be appreciated.

# MAC announces 16 airport grant awards

Sixteen public-use airports will get grants and loans totaling \$25 million, the Michigan Aeronautics Commission announced.

The lion's share, \$17.8 million, will go to Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport for support of a major multi-year improvement program.

Willow Run Airport, also a Wayne County operation, will get \$4 million for a fuel storage area, water main, stormwater system, runway resurfacing, new firefighting equipment storage building, and entrance signing.

Other funds will go to: Fitch H. Beach Airport, Charlotte - \$200,000 for land purchase.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments - \$55,556 for planning to determine the region's aircraft capacity needs.

Funds are a combination of fed-

eral and state grant and loans. Revenue sources are taxes on aviation fuel, passengers and aircraft registration fees.

**CORPORATE BOARD**  
April 5 is startup date for the new board of the Michigan Economic Development Corp., which will take over the functions of the old Jobs Commission under Gov. John Engler's executive order.

"A wonderful cross-section of business leader, local communities and educators," Engler said of his 15 appointment. Among area people are:

- Elizabeth Chappell, vice chair of The Chappell Group, Bloomfield Hills.

- David Brandon, Plymouth, retired from Valassis Communications, now with Domino's Pizza and an elected regent of the University of Michigan.

- Facundo Bravo, Uni-Boring,

Inc., Howell.

- James Garravaglia, Comerica, Detroit.

- DeWitt Henry, Wayne County economic development.

- Paul Hillegonds, Plymouth, former House speaker, president of Detroit Renaissance.

- Jeff Kaczmarek, Oakland County economic development.

- Irvin Reid, president of Wayne State University.

- Peter Walters, Guardian Industries, Auburn Hills.

### DEMS PRAISE

For once, House Democrats are praising Engler. The governor rescinded his executive order transferring the Transportation Economic Development Fund money to the Jobs Commission.

Engler transferred the funds

back to the state Department of Transportation. "We have eliminated local governments' concerns that Transportation Economic Development Funds would be diminished," said Doug Rothwell, CEO of the Jobs Commission.

The fund was created about 10 years ago to aid counties - particularly Oakland and Macomb - that had great road needs because of job growth.

Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, and two outstate Democrats had called on Engler to rescind the original order, saying it would harm local road efforts.

They welcomed Engler's change of mind. "Every last dime of this money belongs to Michigan's counties. It should not have been targeted for the Strategic Fund," Kelly said.

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### ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE UPDATE

Alzheimer's disease is the most common dementia (cognitive and memory decline) in people over the age of 65. It affects approximately 4 million Americans and ranks as the fourth leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer and stroke. The emotional and social impact of this disease is suffered not only by patients, but also the caregivers.

The functional and behavioral decline in Alzheimer's disease result from destruction of the nerve cells that control memory, thinking and behavior. Initially short-term memory fails and there is decreased ability to perform familiar tasks. As the disease gradually robs people from cognitive and social skills, behavioral symptoms such as aggression, disorientation and wandering are seen. Older individuals, especially those with family history of Alzheimer's disease are at high risk. Complaints of social withdrawal, depression and decreased awareness of time along with memory decline require prompt medical attention and early diagnosis.

The future holds promise for effectively treating this "silent epidemic", and current treatments significantly improve symptoms. When given in uncomplicated disease, a new therapy improved cognitive function in 12 weeks. Treatment of early symptoms can help prevent long-term facility placement, preserve dignity and reduce caregiver stress.

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