

# Obituaries

## JOHN BYRD

John "Jay" Byrd, 40, of the Northville/South Lyon area died Sept. 19 at his residence. He was born Aug. 14, 1961, to Robert and Rita (Hunt) Byrd of Pontiac. Mr. Byrd earned a bachelor's degree from Lawrence Tech and was a self-employed financial advisor.

He is survived by his wife, Karen (Story), whom he married in July 1992; mother, Rita Byrd of Northville; and siblings, Tom, Bobbi, Nancy, Denni, Chris, Paddy, Mike, and Steve.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Officiating were members of the family.

A private interment was held. Memorial contributions to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Hawaii and Elsa Couse Stuber of Ann Arbor; stepdaughter, Patricia Chase Hartmann of Bloomfield Hills and Florida; stepson, William B. Chase II of Florida; and six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Chase was preceded by her husbands, Blake Smith Mott in 1927, Walter L. Couse in 1967, and William B. Chase, founder of Shatterproof Glass Co. in 1985.

A memorial service was conducted on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home of Northville.

At the family's suggestion, memorials may be made to the

church or to Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

## ANNA M. EADS

Anna Marie (Schroeder) Eads, 71, of Taylor died Sept. 9 in Northville Township. She was born Feb. 12, 1930, in Farmington.

A 1947 graduate of Plymouth High School, Mrs. Eads moved from Taylor to Westland in 1980. She served 35 years at Ford Motor Co. and retired as a computer operator in 1991. Mrs. Eads was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Taylor, and her interests included quilting, making afghans, bowling and golf.

She is survived by a son, Robert

(Linda) of Northville; one brother, Everett Schroeder of New Jersey; sister, Nancy Johnson of Georgia; and two grandchildren, Sara and Jenna Eads.

Mrs. Eads was preceded in death by a son, John J.

Services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home in Plymouth, with Pastor Drex Morton officiating.

Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

## ROBERT W. FISCHER

Robert William Fischer, 69, died Sept. 15 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born Nov. 18, 1931, in Detroit.

Mr. Fischer had been employed as a sales representative in the tool and die industry. He was a member of Assisi parish in Farmington Hills, and also supported the St. Michael Franciscan Poverty Program in Southfield.

Mr. Fischer is survived by his wife, Theresa R. (Horner) of Farmington Hills, whom he married in May 1954; three sons, Robert (Susan) of Davisburg, James (Norma) of Highland, and Timothy of Redford; two daughters, Ann Marie Fischer of Farmington Hills and Susan (Paul) Vafeas of Redford; one brother, R. Joseph (Mary Lou) of Northville; and eight grandchildren.

Services were held on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at St. Michael

Church in Southfield, with the Rev. Frederick J. Klettner officiating.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home Inc. of Farmington.

Memorials to St. Michael Franciscan Poverty Program, 25225 Code Road, Southfield, MI 48034 would be appreciated by the family.

## ELLEN L. GATES

Ellen L. Gates, 66, of the Northville/Novi died Sept. 20 in Livonia. She was born April 19,

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## GEORGIANNA C. CHASE

Gorgianna Couse Chase, 91, of Northville died at her home Sept. 19. She was born Oct. 9, 1909, to John and Mamie (Meade) Crawford of Byron.

She became an accountant, graduating from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration in 1933. In 1934, she married Walter L. Couse, an engineer and general contractor who founded Walter L. Couse & Co. for which she set up the company's books. In 1935, they moved to Northville and purchased the home of William and Edith Yerkes, which is now located in Mill Race Village. As a Mill Race docent, she often showed visitors through her former home. In 1947, she and her husband bought a farm on Seven Mile Road and later developed this into Edenderry Subdivision, naming its roads for places in her father's native Ireland. Mrs. Chase was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, serving on several committees as well as teaching Sunday School. She was past president and a life member of the Northville Women's Club, a member of Silver Springs Questers, and of Northville Historical Society.

Mrs. Chase is survived by son, Blake Couse of East Tawas; daughters, Barbra Couse Allen of

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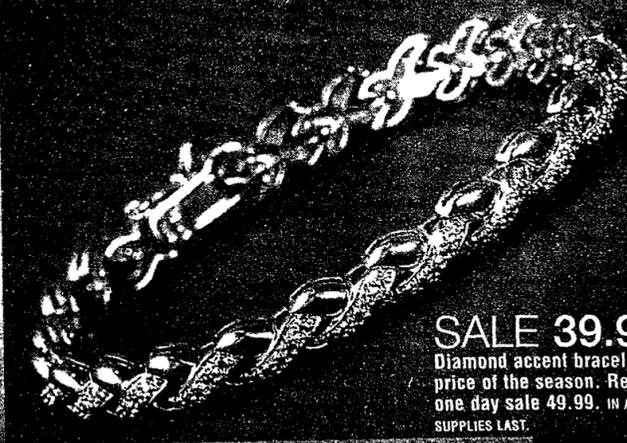


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