

**OBITUARIES**

**Elizabeth "Betty" Rogers**

Elizabeth Rogers of Northville died Nov. 25. She was 80.

Ms. Rogers is survived by six children, Jim (Brenda), Lynn (Gary) Gorski, Carol (Lee) Rankin, Nancy (Scott) Stoner, Jeanette (Tony) Ellis, and Evey Ms. Rogers (Ronnie) Henrichs; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Her husband, Ray Rogers preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held Nov. 29 at St. Genevieve Catholic Church of Livonia. Interment will be at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bed and Breakfast Program of the Salvation Army.

Arrangements were made by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Livonia.

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**Virginia P. Filkin**

Virginia Filkin of Northville died Nov. 5. She was 87. Ms. Filkin was born Dec. 20, 1915 in Tonganoxie, Kan. to the late William Papenhausen and Mary Mails.

She had lived in Northville from 1958 to 1967, moving to Irons, Mich., then back to Northville in 1985. She graduated from the University of Kansas School of Nursing. She enjoyed reading and traveling, especially to New Zealand.

Survivors include her children, David (Uta) Filkin of Northville and Sally (Leroy) Files of Indiana; one sister, Wilma Violet of California; five grandchildren, Stefan M. (Rose), Joleen (Mark) Rumsey, Nanda (Marco) Wotschka, Lawrence M. Files and Rebecca (Randy) Frison; and one great-grandson, Michael Frison.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Lawrence E. Filkin. Private family services were held.

Memorials may be made to the Lawrence E. & Virginia P. Filkins Scholarship Fund No. 833534.00 Kansas University Endowment, P. O. Box 928, Lawrence, Kan. 66044-0928.

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

**Syble D. Johnson**

Syble Johnson of Northville died Nov. 28. She was 85.

Ms. Johnson was born May 13, 1918 in Gordon County, Ga. to the late Merrill Moss and Susie Taylor.

She had lived in Northville for 50 years and was a retired machinist for Chrysler Automotive. She had also worked in a bomber plant during World War II as a riveter in Baltimore. She owned standard bred racehorses and enjoyed going to Northville Downs, and playing bingo.

Survivors include one daughter, Doris (Tom) Zielke of Northville; three sisters; four grandchildren, Jean Zielke, Deborah (Donnie) Lambert, Joseph Hazel, and Tom (Tammy) Zielke; seven great-grandchildren, Brian, Brandyn, Rebecca, Monique, Nicole, Dylan, and Donnie, Jr.; and one great-great-grandson, Joseph.

Her daughter, Violet Hazel, preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held Dec. 2 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville. Rev. Richard Schroeder of St. John's Lutheran Church of Fowlerville officiated the service. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery of Northville.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the giver's choice. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home.

**Louva R. Waterman**

Louva Waterman of Northville died Nov. 27 at Heartland Health Care of Plymouth. She was 97.

Ms. Waterman was born March 3, 1906 in Royalton Township, Ohio to the late Murray M. Rowland and Barbara Ada Crow.

She had lived in Northville since 1925. A graduate of Plymouth High School as the Valedictorian and began her teaching career in the same school. She obtained various temporary certificates for teaching. She obtained her bachelor's degree at Michigan State Normal College and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She was an active member of the Presbyterian Church in Plymouth, a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society-Alfa Nu Chapter since 1957 and was retired from teaching in the Northville Public Schools. The Northville Board of Education gave her a Resolution signed by then board President Wilfred Becker and Secretary Stanley Johnston recognizing her 26 years in education. She also received the Michigan Education Association Honor award for the 26 years of honored service.

Survivors include two children, Claudine (Robert) Tessmer of Northville and Eunice (William) Switzer of Northville; one sibling, Ardith Fischer of Plymouth; five grandchildren, Craig Tessmer, Ann Burroughs, Cathy Gnewkowski, Gary Tessmer, and Nancy Robinson; and 10 great-grandchildren, Michael, Karen, David, Gregory, Michael, Rachael, Laura, Danielle, Jacqueline, and Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude H. Waterman; five sisters and three brothers.

A funeral service was held Dec. 3 at Casterline Funeral Home of Northville, which handled funeral arrangements. Rev. Dr. James Skimins of Presbyterian Church of Plymouth officiated the service. Interment will be at Oakland

**William G. Wood**

William Wood of Bloomington, Ill., died Nov. 29. He was 84.

Mr. Wood was born Sept. 28, 1919, in Bloomington, Ill. A resident of Northville for the last 20 years, Mr. Wood previously lived in Grosse Pointe. He was a 1941



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bachelor's degree recipient from Wayne State University, from which he also earned a master's degree in 1952. Mr. Wood was the former vice-president of research and development at Kolene Corporation. He was also a fellow of the Engineering Society of Detroit, the American Society for Testing Materials and the American Society for Materials. He had served as president of the American Society for Materials and was the author or co-author of numerous patents in the field of metal treatment.

Mr. Wood is survived by his children, Kathy (Ron) Houser, Laurie (Terry) Marrs, Rick (Sue) Wood, Marsha Soltis, Debra (Dave) Benyon, Therese (Craig) Fedore, Donna (John) Wehlan, Joseph (Heidi) Wood and Michael (Jackie) Wood; 30 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Wood.

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