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Obituaries

VICTOR E. BERTERA
Victor E. Bertera of Wixom died May 25 at Farmington Valley Hospital in Farmington, Conn., at age 70. He was a self-employed bookkeeper for many years.

Mr. Bertera was born April 20, 1920 in Northville. He was the son of the late Nicholas and Angelina Bertera of Northville. He was a member of St. Helen's American Legion in Northville.

Mr. Bertera is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Y. Burkman of Wixom; his brother, Shawn Koch of Howell; two sisters, Marlene Koch of Howell and Imogene of Northville; a sister, Helen, who resides in California; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the St. Helen's American Legion in Northville.

RUTH Y. BURKMAN
Mrs. Ruth Y. Burkman, 84, of Northville, died May 28 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was the widow of the late Ross A. Burkman, who died in 1958.

Mrs. Burkman was born March 30, 1906 in Northville to the late Frank and Pauline (Blied) Felt. She was a life-long resident of Northville, and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Prior to her marriage, she worked for many years in the Northville, Water and Sewer office.

Mrs. Burkman is survived by her husband, Kenneth Y. Burkman, of Wixom; her daughter, Louise Bertera of Wixom; her brother, Donald Rayle of Northville; and her sister, Nora Woodmansee of Northville. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Funeral services were held May 30 at Union Cemetery. Rev. James Russell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Northville Township.

LEON FREDERICK DECHENL
Mr. Leon Dechelm, 88, died May 24 at the Oakland Hills Memorial Presbyterian Church in Oakland, Mich. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Funeral services were held May 27 at the Oakland Hills Memorial Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Ernest D. Holtz, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment was at Waterlily Memorial Gardens, Oakland, Mich.

Mr. Dechelm was born Jan. 11, 1919 in Northville to Joseph and Catherine (O'Keefe) Dechelm. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville for many years.

Mr. Dechelm is survived by his brother, Harry Dechelm of Northville; his sister, Mabel M. Stitzer of Novi; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were made by the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

JOHN K. BURKHORST
Mr. John K. Burkhorst, 71, of Northville, died May 25 at Wills Memorial Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren, Northville.

Funeral services were held May 28 at the Church of the Brethren. Rev. George W. Armstrong, pastor, officiated. Interment was in Union Cemetery in Northville Township.

Mr. Burkhorst was born May 22, 1919 in Northville to the late John and Mary (Kuehne) Burkhorst. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren for many years.

Mr. Burkhorst is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Burkhorst; his son, John A. Burkhorst of Northville; his daughter, Mrs. Carol R. Northrop of Northville; two brothers, Donald Burkhorst of Northville and John Burkhorst of Fenton; and three sisters, Mrs. Mildred Woodmansee of Northville, Mrs. Dorothy Isenberg of Northville and Mrs. Gladys Burkhorst of Southfield.

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WILMA HAMLIN RAYLE
Mrs. Wilma Hamlin Rayle of Northville, died May 24 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was 74.

Mrs. Rayle was born May 30, 1915 in Northville to the late Charles and Emma (Black) Hamlin. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Mrs. Rayle is survived by her husband, Mr. Ray Rayle of Northville; her son, Mr. John Ray of Northville; her daughter, Mrs. Joann Brumfield of Northville; her brother, Mr. Charles Hamlin of Northville; and her sister, Mrs. Helen Hamlin of Northville.

Funeral services were held May 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Rev. John N. Grenfell, Jr., pastor, officiated.

Interment was in Union Cemetery in Northville Township.

Mr. Ray Rayle, Jr. is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilma Hamlin Rayle; his son, Mr. John Ray of Northville; his daughter, Mrs. Joann Brumfield of Northville; his brother, Mr. Charles Hamlin of Northville; and his sister, Mrs. Helen Hamlin of Northville.

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