

Obituaries (cont'd)

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and 12 years on Northville School Board, including two terms as president and two terms as vice president.

She is survived by a son, Adam of Plymouth; two daughters, Christie (Dean Kendall) Davis of Canton and Rachel (David) Dewitt of Plymouth; two brothers, Owen Christie of Brownstown and Ryan Christie of Arizona; and two grandchildren, Keegan and Logan Kendall.

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville. Now retired the Rev. William Dewitt, ordained in the United Church of Christ, officiated.

Memorials to the University of Michigan Cancer Center-Development Office, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0759 would be appreciated by the family.

VIRGINIA A. ESPER

Virginia Anne Esper, 75, died Aug. 8 in Heartland Home Care-Plymouth Court in Plymouth. She was born in 1926.

Mrs. Esper is survived by her husband, Jerome; sons, Mark (Christine), J. Timothy (Jacqueline), the Rev. John, and Thomas (Kathleen); two daughters, Mary and Jane (Mark) Vogel; one sister, Sr. Elinor Patrice, O.P.; three brothers, William Hughes, Donald Hughes, and Casper "Bud" Hughes; and 11 grandchildren, Sarah, Joseph, Patrick, Elissa, Caroline, Gregory, Matthew, Meghan, Kathryn, Claire, and Anna.

Services were conducted on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville.

Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi.

Memorial contributions to Adrian Dominican Sisters, 1257 Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221 would be appreciated by the family.

DONALD A. FORD

Donald A. Ford, 69, died Aug. 12 at his residence in Northville. He was born Oct. 19, 1931, in Detroit to Arnold and Gertrude (Wright) Ford.

Mr. Ford served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955. He was a repairman with Burroughs for 35 years prior to his

retirement in 1990. Mr. Ford was a lifelong fan of baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie B. of Northville; stepdaughter, Debra Droncheff of Plymouth; three sisters, Dorothy Little of Traverse City, Margaret Bussini of Chicago, Ill., and Pat Perry of Port Huron; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home of Northville. The Rev. Dave Bevington from Angela Hospice officiated.

Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice would be appreciated by the family.

GREGORY R. KARR

Gregory R. Karr, 57, of Northville died Aug. 9 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born Feb. 29, 1944, in Detroit to Bernard and Geraldine (Rourke) Karpulis.

Mr. Karr was an independent auto dealer and a member of Our Lady of Victory Church, Northville. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his family.

He is survived by his wife, Colleen (Tierney); daughters, Beverly (Donald) Tierney of Wisconsin, Maggie (Jeff) Murphy of Dewitt, Amy (Brian) Vieaux of Novi, Maureen Karr of Seattle, Wash., and Emily Karr of Northville; son, Rusty (Nicki) of Novi; parents, Bernard and Geraldine Karpulis of Arizona; three brothers, Thomas Karpulis of Florida, Ken Karpulis of Novi, and John Karpulis of Union Lake; two sisters, Mary Beth Pulte of Royal Oak and Kathy LaFevre of California; and six grandchildren, Cameron, Meghan, Ethan, Devon, Bailey, and Danielle.

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Monday, Aug. 13 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville, with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating.

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

At the family's request, memorials may be made to: Boisford General Hospital, Corporate Fund Development, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, MI 48336-9929; Beaumont Foundation, Attn: Children's Miracle Network, 100 E. Big Beaver, Suite 800, Troy, MI 48063; or Karmanos Cancer Institute-Novt Region, 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road, Novi, MI 48377-9939.

FRED LINK

John Frederick Link of Plymouth

died Feb. 23 of this year. He was born Feb. 2, 1939, to John Henry and Marian Link of Liberty, Ind.

Mr. Link was a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in economics and was a farm manager in Indiana. He lived in Chicago and came to Michigan in 1974. Mr. Link was owner and operator of the Frederick Electric Co. in Plymouth. He served in the Army as a second lieutenant. Being a pilot, Mr. Link owned and operated his own plane and also raced corvettes. He owned a few classic cars and was a member of the Mercedes Benz owners club and Motor State Street Rods Club.

Mr. Link is survived by his wife, Helen; three children, Nikki of Hammond, Inc., Deanna and Jeffrey of Chicago; and mother, Marion Link of Liberty, Ind.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. A luncheon will follow immediately after the service.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Hotel Funeral Home of Plymouth.

DON MCDONALD

Don McDonald, 71, of Higgins Lake, Mich., died Aug. 6 at his residence. He was born Nov. 24, 1929, in Detroit to John Hugh and June Marie (Purdon) McDonald.

Mr. McDonald lived in Northville until his move to Roscommon, Mich., in 1991; since 1935, he summered at Higgins Lake.

While living in Northville, Mr. McDonald was chief probation officer for the 35th District Court. His career background included employment at Reynolds Metals in Detroit and Kentucky; at Kelsey-Hayes Co. in Romulus, where he served as college recruiter; and 10 years at Eastwood Community Clinics in Detroit, where he was medically retired in 1989. Mr. McDonald was a board member of the National Council on Alcoholism and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for many years. He also did volunteer work at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Mr. McDonald served as a lieutenant junior grade officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. His interests included creating stained glass art, classical music, and gardening. Mr. McDonald was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Roscommon.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Louise (St. Laurent), whom he married in January 1954; sons-

Thomas of China, Douglas (Linda) of Brighton, Paul (Diane) of Jackson, and Donald (Diane) of Wixom; daughter, Lauren (David) Berry of Raleigh, N.C.; one brother, Hugh (Anne) of Sacramento, Calif.; two sisters, Edith Rhodes of Oxnard, Calif., and Shirley (Nick) Cavanaugh of Tioga, Pa.; 15 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. McDonald was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Rosemary Masko; and two grandchildren, David Lee and Christina.

Services were held on Saturday, Aug. 11 at St. Michael Catholic Church, with the Rev. Anthony Citro officiating.

Interment was in Gerrish Township Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Walsh Funeral Home of Roscommon.

Memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan, P.O. Box 532, Roscommon, MI 48653 would be appreciated by the family.

PETER F. NIEUWKOOP

Peter F. Nieuwkoop died Aug. 10 at the age of 88. He was born April 30, 1913, to Anthony and Jennie (Zigler) Nieuwkoop of Cadillac.

Mr. Nieuwkoop was brought up in Manton, Mich., where he became postmaster. Later, he entered the ministry and was ordained in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Port Huron. During his 42 years of ministry, he served in a number of Baptist churches in Michigan. Of those he last served were Northville Baptist Church, Maranatha Baptist Church, Lansing; and the First Baptist Church

in St. Johns.

Mr. Nieuwkoop is survived by his wife, Vivian L. (Bever), whom he married in October 1934; daughter, Jean (Edward) McKeehan of Harper Woods; son, Roger (Susan) of Clinton Township; one brother, Cornelius "Casey" of Grand Rapids; sister, Thelma Sprague of Manton; and seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard and Herbert.

Services were conducted on Sunday, Aug. 12 at the First Baptist Church in St. Johns, with Pastor Tim Knaus officiating.

Interment was held on Monday, Aug. 13 at Fairview Cemetery in Manton.

Arrangements were made by Osgood Funeral Homes Inc. of St. Johns.

Memorials to the Gideon Living Memorial, Hospice for Clinton County, 304 N. Brush St., St. Johns, MI 48879 or the St. Johns First Baptist Church Building Fund would be appreciated by the family.

HANNAH M. YAHNE

Hannah Mary (Montgomery) Yahne died Aug. 10 at the age of 85. She was born Jan. 3, 1916, to Velma Pearl (Cryderman) and William Arthur Montgomery of Highland Park.

Mrs. Yahne graduated from Northern High School, Detroit and attended the University of Michigan (the first of three generations of her family to do so). She served her community as a Christian Science Reader and Practitioner. In

1939, she and her husband, Charles Dayton Yahne Jr. moved to Northville, where he taught in the Northville public school system. Ireland and Alaska were among her many travels. She was a member of the Woman's Club of Northville and the Book Club. Her church community was in Plymouth for all her adult life until 1995, when she moved to Alpena. She and her family appreciated the care she received while living at the Bloomberg Foster Care Home in Ossineke.

Mrs. Yahne is survived by a son, William (Nancy) of Alpena; daughter, Carolina (William) Zimmer of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Jessie Liddle of Dearborn; sister-in-law, Almeda Morrison of Grand Rapids; granddaughters, Elizabeth (Martin) Skiba of Alpena, Deborah (Daniel) Tibbals of Rogers City, and Lora (Martin) Edmondson of Glendale, Ariz.; grandson, Paul Zimmer of Chicago; and eight great-grandchildren: David, Brian and Danielle Tibbals; Lauren and Arlis Edmondson; and Hannah, Emily and Noah Skiba.

To celebrate Mrs. Yahne's life, a family dinner was held on Saturday, Aug. 11 at her son's home with words of memorium from him and music by her daughter and great-granddaughters.

Arrangements were made by Bannon Funeral Home Inc. of Alpena.

Memorials to First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170 or the First Congregational Church of Alpena would be appreciated by the family.

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