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Obituary Notices

Robert E. Collins
Robert E. Collins, 521 Fairfax, Birmingham, died Tuesday at William Beaumont Hospital after a long illness. He was born March 27, 1961 in Bronxville, N. Y. Robert was a fourth grade student at Querton High School and a member of Midvale School Club Scouts. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.
He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Collins Jr.; a sister, Nancy C.; a brother, John W. III; and paternal grandmother, Mrs. John W. Collins of Detroit.
Services will be 3 p.m. Friday from the First Presbyterian Church with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Lilah A. Bush
Mrs. Lilah A. Bush of Elsinore, Calif., died Monday from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Sunday in Harvard, Ill. She was 48.
Survivors include her parents, the Jerry Johnsons of Higgins Lake, formerly of Birmingham; three sisters, Mrs. Harold Tolles of Royal Oak, Mrs. Fred Cooper of Berkeley and Mrs. Kenneth Moutier of Bloomfield Hills; a brother, James Johnston of Royal Oak and a grandfather, D. H. Reynolds of Birmingham.
Funeral services and burial were Tuesday in Illinois.

Mrs. Georgia Drawe
Mrs. Georgia A. Drawe, 1277 Ferry, Birmingham, died Tuesday at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital after a long illness. She was 54. Mrs. Drawe was a member of St. Columban's Church.
Surviving are her husband, George E.; two daughters, Mrs. Edward R. Chipman and Mrs. Thomas Kanaley and seven grandchildren.
Rosary will be 8 p.m. this evening from the William Vasu Funeral Home, 4376 Woodward, Royal Oak. Services will be 9:15 a.m. Friday from the Vasu Funeral Home and 9:30 a.m. from St. Columban's Church. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Robert S. Plexico
Robert S. Plexico, who retired last year as chief truck design engineer for Chevrolet Motor Division, died May 10 at the American Hospital at Istanbul, Turkey. He had been on a Mediterranean cruise. He lived at 309 Arlington Road, Birmingham.
During his almost half century of experience in the automotive industry, he was associated with a number of modern developments in passenger cars, commercial and military vehicles.
A NATIVE of Rock Hill, S.C. in 1907, Mr. Plexico was a graduate of Clemson College in 1919. He served in the U. S. Army during World War I.
Mr. Plexico started in the auto industry 44 years ago with the Anderson Motor Company as assistant engineer and chief draftsman. He left there in 1923 to go to the Warner Gear Company, where he became assistant chief engineer. He went to Willys-Overland as assistant chief engineer in 1929 and then joined Chevrolet Motor Division in 1934 as a project engineer on clutches and transmissions.
During World War II, as a division engineer, Mr. Plexico worked extensively on development of the 4 x 4 truck, T-17 military vehicles, 4-ton unit and jet engines.

Following the war, he was assigned as chief staff engineer on clutch and transmission. Among assignments in that period was extensive work on the design and development of the famous Powerdrive automatic transmission. In 1962 he was appointed staff engineer in charge of truck chassis design and two years later assistant chief engineer of the same field. He was named chief truck design engineer in 1967, a position he held until his retirement in April 1960.
A 41-year member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Mr. Plexico served on numerous committees of the organization. He also was active in the Automobile Manufacturers Association, particularly the truck and bus group.
MR. PLEXICO is survived by his wife, Marian, who was with him at his death, and two sons, Philip S., who is with a New York City law firm, and Jon L., who is with the U. S. Army in Korea.
Funeral arrangements were made by Bailey-Manley Funeral Home, 1830 Oakland, Birmingham. Services were Wednesday from the First Presbyterian Church. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Bion Place
A former resident of Birmingham, Mrs. Bion Cole Place of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Sunday after a short illness. She was 77.
She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Birmingham. Surviving are two sons, Karl M. of Detroit and William L. of Los Angeles; five grandchildren and three nephews.
Services will be 1 p.m. Friday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with graveside services in Richmond, Mich.

Albert J. Braun
Albert J. Braun, 1226 Cedarholm, Bloomfield Hills, died Monday at Detroit Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was born Oct. 17, 1906. Mr. Braun was co-owner of Bernal Tool and Machine Co. in Detroit. He lived in Birmingham for six years.
A member of St. Hugo of the Hills, he is survived by his wife, Helen B.; two daughters, Mrs. Jerome Froehlich of Detroit and Cynthia Braun; four sisters, a brother and three grandchildren.
Requiem mass will be 9:30 a.m. today from St. Hugo of the Hills with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

John P. Vaughan
John Patrick Vaughan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Vaughan, 1921 Maryland Boulevard, Birmingham, died May 10 at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital.
Besides his parents, he leaves a brother, Michael; grandparents, the Charles Vaughans of Dover, Ohio and Mrs. John L. Lester of Sandusky, Ohio.
Graveside services will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Sandusky, Ohio. Arrangements were made by the Manley Bailey Funeral Home.

Marion B. Jackson
Marion B. Jackson, 68, of Tawas, Mich., died Saturday. He was well known in the golfing circle. For the past five years, Mr. Jackson owned a bowling recreation center in Tawas.
He is survived by his wife, Norma; a son, Paul G. W. Maple, Birmingham; his mother, Mrs. Margaret Jackson of New Castle, Ind.; a brother and three grandchildren.
Services were Tuesday from the William Vasu Funeral Home with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Robert Brown Sr.

Robert Thomas Brown, 45 of South Woodway, Birmingham, died Friday after a short illness in the Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, Highland Park.
Funeral services were Wednesday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Roseland Park Cemetery.
He leaves three children, Ronald, Robert Jr. and Mrs. Joseph Collins, all of Birmingham; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund J. Brown of Highland Park and a brother, Dr. John E. Brown of Birmingham.

Mrs. F. Sigrist
A resident of Birmingham for 12 years, Mrs. Frederick Sigrist, 1887 S. Bates, died May 11 at the Arnold Home in Detroit. She was 84.
Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. George Limp of Birmingham; two sons, Leonard F. Mount and Ernest O. Mount; a sister, Mrs. Charles Klotz of Birmingham; five grand children and two great-grandchildren.

C. Alvin Koch
A partner of Touche, Ross, Bailey and Smart, a CPA firm, C. Alvin Koch, 1080 Fox Chase, Birmingham, died Saturday at Harper Hospital after a short illness. He was born May 15, 1902 in Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Koch lived in Birmingham for two years.
He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the Detroit Club.
Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Shaker of Rochester, Minn., and Mrs. Charles E. Husted of Boulder, Colo.; and three grandsons.
Funeral Services were Tuesday in Brooklyn, N. Y. Arrangements were made by Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co.

Mrs. Cora Claxton
After a long illness, Mrs. Cora May Claxton, 330 E. Long Lake Road, Troy, died Friday at Mt. Vernon Nursing Home. She was 66.
Surviving are her husband, Arthur, who owns a landscape and gardening service in this area; three daughters, Mrs. Hadyn Moss of Birmingham, Mrs. John Kracoz of Detroit and Mrs. William Walters of Detroit; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Elliswood and Mrs. Charles Logie, both of Detroit.
Services were Monday from the Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co., with burial in Accacia Park Cemetery.

George E. Carter
A resident of Birmingham for 39 years, George Edward Carter, 711 Smith, died suddenly Monday at William Beaumont Hospital. He was 71. Mr. Carter retired in 1956 from Ford Motor Co.
He was a veteran of World War I, a member of the VFW 1071, Detroit; and Senior Men's Group at the Presbyterian Church.
Surviving are his wife, Leah; three children, Mrs. David O. DePre, Mrs. Fred Lovans and Mrs. Charles Marshall, also nine grandchildren.
Services will be 11 a.m. today from the Manley Bailey Funeral Home with burial in Flat Rock, Mich., at 2 p.m.

Frank G. King
A former resident of Birmingham, Frank G. King of Royal Oak died Tuesday at William Beaumont Hospital after a long illness. He was 65.
Mr. King was in the Insurance and Real Estate business and a member of American Legion Cadillac Post; a Mason and an active member of Redeemer Lutheran Church. For many years he served as an officer on the Detroit Real Estate Board.
Surviving are his wife, Margaret M.; a daughter, Sandra Ann; a sister, Mrs. Ellis Bowler and a brother, Arthur.
Services will be 11 a.m. Friday from Bell Chapel of the William R. Hamilton Co. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

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