

OBITUARIES

Willard Holt Jr.: Pioneer in the medical profession

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Willard Sloan Holt Jr., a doctor who pioneered for African Americans in the medical profession, died of an aneurysm Friday at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

He was 72 and lived in Southfield. His specialty was anesthesiology.



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Dr. Holt did his internship at St. Joseph's Hospital in South Bend, Ind., and his anesthesiology residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He was the first black

person in both programs.

He also practiced at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, where he became chairman of the anesthesia department, managing 20 anesthesiologists, then president of the medical staff. He was the first black person to hold both of those jobs.

In 1949, Dr. Holt earned his bachelor's degree at Hampton (Va.) University and went to Winston, N.C., to teach math and science in high school. There he met teacher Vivian Scott, whom he

married in 1953. He also became a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

But the Korean War intervened, and he joined the Army, where he served as a sergeant at Ft. Jackson, S.C. During an intramural football game, he broke his collarbone, and when his unit was shipped overseas, he was left behind. Not one member of his unit who went overseas survived the war.

After the Army, Dr. Holt earned a master's degree in physiology at the University of Illinois and his medical degree at Meharry Medical College, in Nashville, Tenn., in 1960.

In Michigan, he also worked at St. Joseph Mercy/Oakland hospital in Pontiac. He belonged to Hartford Memorial Baptist Church in Detroit.

Besides his wife, survivors include a son, Willard Holt III; a daughter, Kimberly Holt-May, and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hartford, 18700 James Couzens Highway, where the family will receive friends for an hour before the service. Arrangements are by the Swanson Funeral Home in Detroit.

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Raymond Smith Engineer at Chrysler

Raymond E. Smith, an engineering supervisor at DaimlerChrysler, died of cancer Monday at his home in Clawson.

He was 64 and had worked for Chrysler for 35 years, ending in fleet operations.

Mr. Smith earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan and was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. He served in the Air Force for four years.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia Smith; a daughter, Rebec-

ca Smith; two sisters, and two brothers.

Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today at the A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks, Troy. The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 749 W. 14 Mile, Clawson, where the family will receive friends for 30 minutes before the service.

Burial will be in Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. The family suggests memorial donations to Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer, P.O. Box 53, Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560.

Missionary

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WEST READING, Pa. — The injured pilot of an American missionary plane shot down in Peru last month was released from the hospital Tuesday after a 16-day stay.

Kevin Donaldson, 42, of Morgantown, Pa., said he harbors no animosity toward the pilot of the Peruvian military jet that fired on his plane.

12 Funerals/Services Today

ARUTUNIAN, VIOLA 10 AM, St. Gertrude Church, 28839 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

CASEMORE, OPAL A. Funeral service 12:30 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home (248) 474-4131

FEAR, MARGARET A. (nee Foster) 11 a.m. Elton-Black & Son Funeral Home, 1233 Union Lake Rd.

FOULON-DONAHUE, SUSAN 11 a.m. from Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Clair.

FOULON, RICHARD B. 11 a.m. from Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Clair.

FREDAL, THOMAS J. In state 10 a.m. until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Clare of Montefalco Church.

GINOTTI, PHILIP DOMINIC 10, at National Shrine of the Little Flower (Woodward at 12 Mile)

GODELL, MILDRED 10 a.m. Mass at St. Veronica Church, 21440 Universal.

JALBERT, CLAIRE MARIE Mass 10 a.m. St. Cyprian Church

JOSEPH, JOSEPH M. Funeral 11 a.m. at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores

KIRBY, Mary K. Memorial Service 6:30 pm at Resurrection Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes Rd.

KONEN, JESSIE GAUTHIER 9:30 a.m. at St. Athanasius Catholic Church, Roseville.

LINDSAY, ELIZABETH "BETTY" 11 AM, THAYER ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave.

LOCKWOOD, MURIEL HAY Funeral service 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road.

LYNAM, HELEN C. 10:30 a.m. at Taylor Chapel of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 9800 S. Telegraph.

McGuigan, Rollanda M. Memorial service 1 PM at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home, 30200 Five Mile

MCKINEY, ROBERT (JIM) 11:00 a.m. at St. Sebastian's Church, 3965 Merrick in Dearborn Heights.

MICHAEL, JOHN P., SR. 11 a.m. A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods

ORLIKOWSKI, BENNY 9:00 a.m. at St. Mark Catholic Church, Warren with 9:30 a.m. Mass.

PIENIAZEK, ANNA 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Edmund Catholic Church, 14025 12 Mile Rd.

PLAUNT, GRACE L. 11 a.m. at Edward Swanson & Son Funeral Home, 30351 Dequindre.

PROVENZANO, JOSEPHINE M. In state 8am with Mass 9am at Ephram Church, 17 & Dodge Park.

RITTER, MILTON P. Funeral services 1pm at Wm. R. Hamilton Co., 820 E. Maple Rd., Birmingham.

RUIZ, JAVIER EDUARDO 10:30 Clyné & Sobocinski Funeral Home and 11:30 a.m. at St. Jude Church.

SCARBOROUGH, IRENE C. 12pm, Sterling Hts. Chapel of Obarzanek F.H., 33250 Ryan Rd. (N/14 mi)

SCHACK, ELIZABETH "Betty" 10AM at the Wasik Funeral Home 11470 13 Mile Rd.

STEWART, JAMES R. Funeral Services 11 a.m. at St. Marys Church.

SZCZOTKA, FRANK Visit 9:30 a.m., Mass 10 a.m. St. Barbara's Catholic Church

THOMAS, RALPH G. JR. In state Wednesday 10 a.m., service 10:30 at St. Sharbel Catholic Church.

THOMPSON, Elisabeth service 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 451560 Van Dyke

TREVINO, Phyllis M. Mass 11:00 AM St. Stephens Catholic Church.

UHL, LEONTINE MARIE 10 AM at St. Jude Catholic Church, (Moross & Kelly) Detroit.

VAN SLOTEN, Lyna services 5:30 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Ulfia

WILLIAMS, VAUGHN In state 10 a.m., service 10:30, Dearborn Church of God, Dearborn Hts.

YANICK, MILDRED L. Mass 9:30 a.m. at Divine Child Church.