

## LOCAL DEATHS

# Joseph Cummins Sr.: Helped career fulfillment

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In his previous occupations, Joseph Cummins Sr. of Southfield helped employees realize their potential and achieve career ambitions.

It was a task he eagerly accepted and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Cummins, a human resources manager with Ford Motor Co. and a job counselor at the career consulting firm Janotta Bray & Associates, died Friday of complications from a cerebral hemorrhage at Evergreen Health & Living Center in Southfield. He was 90.

"He was a highly principled perfectionist known for his loyalty, integrity and trustworthiness throughout his career," said his daughter, Kathleen Devereaux. "Not only did he relish helping people who were lost in their profession, but he achieved a definite sense of satisfaction from redirecting them toward their occupational goals."

Mr. Cummins began his career with Ford in 1939 in an industrial relations position in the steel division of the Rouge plant. He retired from Ford in 1981, then worked another 10 years for Janotta Bray in Southfield.

Born and raised in Detroit, Mr. Cummins graduated from Visitation High School in 1934 and earned a bachelor's degree in history and Latin at the Uni-

versity of Detroit.

He was drafted into the Army Air Corps the same year he was hired at Ford, and served in northern Africa during World War II. Following his discharge in 1945 he returned to Ford and, a year later, married Irene Kenney.

Whenever he needed time to rejuvenate, Mr. Cummins headed for his cottage in Oscoda along Lake



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Huron, which was family-owned since the 1930s. There he could relax, enjoy the surroundings and participate in his favorite activities — sailing, canoeing and tennis in summer and ice-skating and cross-country skiing in the winter.

In addition to his daughter, survivors include sons Joseph Jr. and Mark; one sister; three grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation is 2-8 p.m. today at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. There will be a scripture service at 7 p.m.

Visitation is at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday followed by a funeral mass at 10 a.m. at St. Colman Church, 32500 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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