

# Golfers, school to help victim's grandchildren

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ROCHESTER — Yvonne Williams, who was murdered on Thursday night, June 18, so loved her grandchildren that she helped pay the bill for their attendance at St. Monica's School.

"She would give me what I needed when I asked for it," said Janice Jackson, Mrs. Williams' daughter and the mother of Ryanne and Mikyla Jackson. Ryanne, 6, will enter St. Monica's first grade this fall, and Mikyla, 5, will enter kindergarten.

But even in death, Mrs. Williams will play a role in helping to finance the children's education.

In her memory, both St. Monica's and a golf team that raised funds for Catholic schools, are offering to help pay her grandchildren's tuition for the 1998/99 school year.

"I was very happy," Jackson said. "(My children) are going back. As long as I live in Rochester, they're going to St. Monica's."

Mrs. Williams, 55, lived at 1099 S. Plymouth Ave., and was fixing her address number on her house when she was hit by a bullet June 18. The bullet was reportedly fired from a car. Rochester City Police have since arrested Felipe Burgos, 17, of Rochester, and charged him with second-degree murder.

Burgos was allegedly targeting a group of three men standing in front of a house next door to Mrs. Williams' home, according to Eddie Williams, Mrs. Williams' husband who is also Mikyla and Ryanne's grandfather. Burgos allegedly fired several shots out the back window of the car, but missed his intended targets, and hit Mrs. Williams, her husband said.

Mrs. Williams and Eddie would have celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on July 14.

"She was special," said Eddie Williams. "She was the best. I can never remember her getting upset at me."

In the wake of the tragedy, a golf team that played in the Second Annual Catholic Schools Golf Classic on June 23 decided to lend the family a financial hand.



Eddie and Yvonne Williams

The golf tournament, which took place at Greystone Golf Course in Walworth, raised scholarship funds for Catholic children attending Monroe County's 31 Catholic schools. The tournament

raised \$22,000, according to Sister Anne Guerin, SSJ, assistant superintendent for diocesan school advancement.

Robert A. Curtis played at the tournament along with his teammates, Les Pieters and Dennis Olbrich. Curtis and Olbrich are parishioners at St. Paul's Church, Webster, and Pieters is a parishioner at St. Rita's in Webster.

The trio won the \$1,000 prize at a putting contest during the Golf Classic. The team decided to give half its winnings to St. Rita's School and the other half to finance the education of the Williams' grandchildren, Curtis said.

"We had heard through the media about the tragedy, and found out that she had (grandchildren) in the Catholic school system," Curtis said.

Meanwhile, Sister Mary Marvin, RSM, principal of St. Monica's, said her school has offered to pay \$500 worth of the grandchildren's tuition for next year. Tuition, she added, will be a total of \$3,705.

Phyllis Robinson, who teaches preschool at St. Monica's, remembered Mrs. Williams as a caring grandmother who loved her grandchildren.

"She always showed a lot of interest in what they did during the day," Robinson said of Williams.

Mrs. Williams' funeral took place June 24 at her church, Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 549 Clarissa St.

## Reaffirming unity



Greg Francis/Staff Photographer

Episcopal Bishop William Burrill, left, and Bishop Matthew H. Clark chat in the foyer of Rochester's St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church before a June 26 service marking the 10th anniversary of the covenant between the local Catholic and Episcopal dioceses signed May 22, 1988.

## Recognizing

★ The Catholic School Board of Monroe County May 8 presented the John Peter Medaille Award to Father James Marvin and Sister Roberta Tierney, RSM, and the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award to the late Sister Judith Heberle, RSM, and the late Father John Whalen. The awards, presented at the Celebrate Catholic Schools Dinner at Arena's party house, Webster, are given to individuals who have made significant contributions to Catholic schools.

★ The fifth- and sixth-grade classes at St. Louis School, Pittsford, staged a "Mission Day Carnival" June 5, which raised \$1,000 for missionary work by Father Pious Hamist in his native Kenya. Father Hamist is a visiting priest at St. Louis Parish while he attends St. John Fisher College.

★ Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, has been awarded the 1998 Leadership in Education Award from the Mercy Higher Education Colloquium. The professor of language and literature at the Rochester Institute of Technology received the award at the colloquium's annual conference June 19-21.

## Obituary

### Patricia Schmidt; active in parish

Patricia E. Schmidt, an active, longtime member of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Irondequoit, died April 7, 1998. She was 71.

Mrs. Schmidt was born in Rochester, and graduated from Nazareth Academy and St. Mary's School of Nursing. She married Milton Schmidt July 17, 1948.

At St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Mrs. Schmidt was the first female parish usher, first female president of the parish council and first president (with her husband) of the St. Margaret Mary high school religious education program. She was also a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by sons and Thomas (Barbara), and

John (Veronica); and daughters Kathleen (Michael) Termaine, Eileen Schmidt, Margaret (David) Burns, Anne (Tim) O'Neill, and Patricia (Daniel) Beaudrie; 16 grandchildren; and brothers William, Robert and Laurence Murray.

A funeral Mass for Mrs. Schmidt was celebrated April 13 at St. Margaret Mary Church. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials in her name be sent to the Patricia E. Schmidt Foundation at St. Margaret Mary Church, 401 Rogers Parkway, Irondequoit, N.Y. 14617. Donations will be used to increase handicapped accessibility to the church.

## Appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following pastoral appointments, effective June 30, 1998:

**Father John Gagnier**, from priest administrator, St. Patrick's Church, Moravia, and St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, to parochial vicar, Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece.

**Father Timothy Horan**, from temporary administrator to pastor, St. Philip Neri Church, Rochester, concurrent with continuing duties as pastor, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

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