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Maria M. Torres, 58, retired city official

LORAIN — Maria M. Torres, 58, of Lorain, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at her home following a brief illness.

She was born Sept. 27, 1942, in Santurce, Puerto Rico, and lived in Lorain for 49 years.

Mrs. Torres had retired as director of affirmative action for the city of Lorain.

She served as chairperson of the Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority, secretary of the Lorain Fair Housing Board and secretary of the Sacred Heart Community Corporation, which sponsors Sacred Heart Manor. She was a member of the first graduating class of Leadership Lorain County in 1985 and was designated representative of the Mayor's Advisory Board of the Disabled and a liaison to the city and National Puerto Rican Coalition. She was a member of Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain, where she was a eucharistic minister.

Melvin W. Dittmer, 90, outdoorsman

ELYRIA TOWNSHIP — Melvin W. Dittmer, 90, of Elyria Township, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2000, at EMH Regional Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was born March 7, 1910, in Lorain, and had been a life-long resident of Elyria Township.

Dittmer was employed as a moulder at the Elyria Foundry retiring in 1975 after more than 40 years of service.

Survivors include her husband, Elfrain Torres; mother, Maria Cruzado of Lorain; daughters Erica Torres and Mario Torres of Lorain; son, Elfrain Torres Jr. of Lorain; three grandchildren, sisters Gloria Barash of Lorain and Susan Burge of Sheffield Lake; brothers Bobby Cruzado, Harry Cruzado and Jaquim Cruzado, all of Lorain; and sisters Jacklyn Reimas and Aleri Turcus, both of Lorain.

Friends may call Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m. until time of service at 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain 44053, or New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria 44035-1450.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain 44053, or New Life Hospice, 5255 N. Abbe Road, Elyria 44035-1450. Schwartz, Spence & Boyer Home for Funerals, Lorain, is handling arrangements.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lettie (nee Walton) Dittmer, and brothers Elden Dittmer in 1952, Maynard Dittmer in 1993 and Willard Dittmer in 1995.

Friends may call Monday 4 to 6 p.m. at Glavin-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain, where services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. The Rev. James McKenzie, pastor of Faith United Methodist Church and Emmanuel

Robert E. Bell, 60, pianist, architect

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Robert E. Bell, 60, of Piedmont, S.C., formerly of the Penfield area, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in Greenville, S.C., following a brief illness.

He was born Feb. 27, 1940, in Elyria.

He graduated from Keystone High School in 1958 and from Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C., in 1962, with several degrees in music.

Bell was a concert pianist, conductor and arranger of music. He founded Bell Piano Studio of Elyria, where he taught for many years, and established a mobile piano studio for the rural area students.

He had performed at the White House for President Reagan and developed the Greater Chorale of Greenville in South Carolina. Bell had also been employed as an architect for many years, held several architectural degrees and was a

member of the American Institute of Architects.

Survivors include his wife, Norma (nee Garrett) Bell of Greenville, S.C.; daughter, Tonya Foster of Rockhill, S.C.; son, Michael Bell of Greenville, S.C.; three grandchildren; sisters Mary Elizabeth Sody of Elyria and Sharon Bell Hyatt of Minneapolis, Minn.; and four nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ruby (nee Starkey) Bell.

Friends may call Tuesday from noon until time of service at 1 p.m. at Norton Funeral Home, 370 S. Main St., Wellington. The Rev. Albert Speith and the Rev. Walter Speith will officiate. Burial will be in Penfield Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Music Department of Bob Jones University, 1700 Wade Hampton Blvd., Greenville, S.C. 29614-0001.

Glenn G. Haywood, 44, Elks member

NORTH RIDGEVILLE — Glenn G. Haywood, 44, of North Ridgeville, died suddenly on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, at University Hospital, Cleveland.

He had been a Lorain County resident for 34 years and graduated from Elyria High School in 1974. He received a BA degree in business administration from Ohio State University in 1979.

Haywood operated the Nationwide Insurance Agency on Front Street, Berea, for 18 years.

He was a member of the Elks Club in Elyria and a former member of the Elyria Jaycees. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, camping, golf and karate, and had attained

the rank of Eagle Scout as a teenager.

Survivors include his wife of 12 years, Pamela A. (nee Macula); parents, Wayne B. and JoAnn Haywood of Elyria; brothers Roger Haywood of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dale Haywood of Elyria; and uncles, aunts, nephews and nieces.

Friends may call Monday 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Baker Funeral Home, 206 Front St., Berea, where services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. Pastor Mike Gibson will officiate. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 24100 Chagrin Blvd., Suite 125, Cleveland 44122.