

OBITUARIES

DEATHS IN THE NEWS



Disney

Roy E. Disney, 79, nephew of Walt Disney and the son of Disney Studio's founder who is credited with helping to revive the company's animation division; Dec. 16, in Newport Beach, Calif., after battling stomach cancer.

Yegor Gaidar, 53, former Russian official who served as prime minister for six months in 1992 and who guided the country's painful transition from communist rule to the free market; Dec. 16, near Moscow, of a blood clot.

Robert H. Green, 36, directed choirs and music for theater productions at Fremd High School in Palatine; Dec. 12, in Chicago, of complications from a brain tumor.

Jennifer Jones, 90, actress nominated for Academy Awards five times, winning in 1943 for her portrayal of a saintly nun in "The Song of Bernadette," who later led the Pasadena-based Norton Simon Museum; Dec. 17, in Malibu.

Valentina Lillig, 64, former national director of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Oak Park; Dec. 13, in



Jones



Plant

Maywood, following a stroke.

Kenneth Frank Lindgren, 69, former chief executive and president of cast-iron castings manufacturer DA-CO Inc. in North Aurora; Dec. 12, in Aurora, of pancreatic cancer.

Kaaren Plant, 64, attorney with the federal defender's program and Cook County Juvenile Court system who also worked with Growing Home, a Chicago-based organization that provides job training through organic urban farming; Dec. 13, in Skokie, of lung cancer.

Edward A. "Poggy" Poggensee, 87, trombonist who performed with top names and in such storied venues as the Pump Room and Chez Paree in Chicago; Dec. 6, in Naples, Fla., of heart failure.

Sol Price, 93, Price Club founder who helped pioneer the warehouse superstore sales model that grew into a multibillion-dollar industry; Dec. 14, in La Jolla, Calif.

Oral Roberts, 91, Pentacostal evangelical preacher who pioneered use of television and promoted a "prosperity gospel," which



Waldmire

asserts God rewards financial acts of faith, and who also founded the Tulsa, Okla., university named for him; Dec. 15, in Newport Beach, Calif., of complications of pneumonia.

Paul Samuelson, 94, Gary, Ind., native and University of Chicago graduate was the first American to win a Nobel Prize in economics and wrote a landmark college textbook; Dec. 13, in Belmont, Mass.

Ronald S. Sellke, 58, math teacher for 20 years at Evanston Township High School and 10 years at Rolling Meadows High School who helped start Project Excite to teach math to younger students; Dec. 10, in Skokie, of complications from lung cancer.

John W. Sliter II, 75, Mount Prospect resident held leadership roles in the dairy industry before founding his own international marketing and consulting firm; Dec. 9, in his home, after being diagnosed with cancer.

Bob Waldmire, 64, artist who chronicled life on Route 66, where he spent much of his life traveling; Dec. 16, in Rochester, Ill., of abdominal cancer.