

Wienczek, Robert

Dr. Robert G. Wienczek, 76, of Port Austin, died Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw. He was born on January 29, 1927 in Lackawanna, New York, son of the late Theodore and Clara (Gutowski) Wienczek. Robert married Joan Krawczyk on December 1, 1956 in Buffalo, New York. Dr. Wienczek is survived by his wife, Joan, of Port Austin; five children, Robert Jr. Wienczek and his wife, Lisa, of Henderson, Nevada, Lynne Wienczek, of Southfield, Jerome Wienczek and his wife, Virginia, of Woodhaven, Douglas Wienczek and his wife, Judy, of White Lake, and Leslie Wienczek-Videki, of Traverse City; 12 grandchildren, Catherine, Robert III, Megan, and Andrew Wienczek, Tiffany, Kody, Ryan and Justin Wienczek, Douglas, Jr. and Craig Wienczek, and Joseph and Shane Videki. Robert attended Canisius College in Buffalo, New York after serving in the United States Army. After graduating from college, he traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to attend medical school at St. Louis University. After a few years in private practice in Buffalo, he brought his family to Michigan where he attended the University of Michigan for a Masters in Public Health. He joined General Motors at the Technical Center as Associate Medical Director in 1962. In 1963 he became the Medical Director at Detroit Diesel Engine Division and in 1973 Associate Medical Director for General Motors Corporation. In 1976 he was named Director of Health Services for General Motors and in 1981, his duties were expanded to General Director of Occupational Safety and Health. Dr. Wienczek was very active on numerous and prestigious commissions, boards, councils, associations, societies, colleges and foundations. He also managed to complete the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1984. He retired from General Motors to reside in Port Austin in 1991. Robert was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Cremation is taking place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2004, at the Sawyer Fuller Funeral Home in Berkley. Visitation will be conducted from 3 to 9 p.m. on Friday, and from noon to 1 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. A Mass will be conducted at a later date at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin with burial to follow in the church cemetery. Local arrangements are being handled by the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde.