

Blome, John

John Gustav Blome, 70, of Indian River, formerly of Pigeon and Plymouth, passed away Thursday, April 27, 2000, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He was born on July 1, 1929, in Detroit, the son of the late Gustav and Gertrude (Kaucher) Blome. Following his 1951 graduation with a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State College, he entered the U.S. Navy, where he served from 1952 to 1955. On Jan. 28, 1956, he married Lorene L. Heck in Pigeon, who preceded him in death in April 1993. He was married to Virginia Blay in Indian River on Oct. 22, 1994. She preceded him in death in June 1997. On July 18, 1998, he was united in marriage to Shirley (Kipfer) Sturgis in Linkville. She survives him. In 1959, Mr. Blome began working for Unisys Corp. (Burroughs) and retired as a supervisor in 1988. In 1993, he relocated to Indian River. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Blome was actively involved with his church. He was currently a member of the Hope Lutheran Church in Indian River and the Builders for Christ W.E.L.S., as well as a member of the Indian River Golf Club. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; three sons, David Blome of Howell and his friend, Joyce of Lansing, Paul Blome and his wife, Nancy, of Plymouth, and John Blome and his wife, Maria, of Belleville; three grandchildren, Ryan, Rebecca and Rachel; his stepchildren, Luann Miller of Ann Arbor, Linda Czyzewski and her husband, Joe, of Auburn, Cindy Sturgis of Bad Axe, Wanda Sturgis of Florida, and Scott Sturgis and his wife, Barb, of Grand Rapids; a sister, Joanne Powers and her husband, Patrick, of McCordsville, Ind.; a brother, Harold Blome of Pigeon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donald. The funeral service will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, 2000, at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, in Pigeon, with the Rev. James Dunham, pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Winsor Township. Visitation will be noon until the time of services at 4 p.m. today at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels of Pigeon, Hope Lutheran Church or W.E.L.S. Builders for Christ.