

Jackson, Donald

Donald S. Jackson, 84, resident of Port Austin, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe. Don, the only son of the late Thomas B. and Ella (Shupe) Jackson, was born on December 28, 1919 in Detroit. Don married Mary "Betty" Elizabeth Ross in the Bad Axe Presbyterian Church on June 27, 1947. They were married by the Rev. Manson Lowe. Mr. Jackson was a graduate of Bad Axe High School and Hillsdale College, also holding an MA in counseling from Central Michigan University. Don served in World War II as part of the D-Day invasion as ship commander at Normandy. Returning to the U.S. Navy as a recruiter, he retired many years later as a lieutenant commander. He was co-owner of Jackson's IGA Market in Bad Axe with his parents after returning to Bad Axe. He served as guidance counselor at the Evert and Deckerville High Schools. He also served as athletic director in Deckerville and served for many years on the Board of the Thumb Meet of Champions. He worked for the National Education Corporation in Anaheim, California, Chicago, Illinois, and Hartford, Connecticut. He also worked for the DeVry Institute of Technology and the Detroit Engineering Institute. Mr. Jackson, a 30-year resident of Bad Axe, moved to his home in Port Austin upon his retirement. Don is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Jackson; daughters, Toni McLellan and her husband, John, of Hartford, Lorri King and her husband, Daniel, of Okemos; grandchildren, Matthew McLellan and his wife, Melissa, of Savannah, Georgia, Kevin McLellan, of Hartford, Katherine McLellan, of Kalamazoo, Michael King, of MSU and Okemos, and Allison King, of Okemos; great-grandson, Matthew John McLellan II, of Savannah, Georgia; and sister-in-law, Dr. Margaret Ross, of Marietta, Ohio. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2004, at Bad Axe Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Jan Dykshoorn will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday at MacAlpine Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Cremation will take place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Port Austin Community Players, Port Austin Library, or the donor's choice.