

WESLEY JAY DUTCHER

1914-1995

Wesley Jay Dutcher, 80, lifelong resident of Sebewaing, died Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Cape Coral Hospital, FL. He was a winter resident of Punta Gorda, FL.

Mr. Dutcher was born in Sebewaing on Aug. 16, 1914, the son of Norman and Sophia (Speath) Dutcher. He was a 1933 graduate of Sebewaing High School where he had been an outstanding athlete. He retired as a commercial fisherman after making it his life's work for more than 40 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lucy on July 15, 1988.

Surviving are a daughter Deanna and her husband, Al Kopman, of Hopkins and winter residents of Punta Gorda; three sons, Thomas and wife Lois of Burton, Robert of San Roma, CA, and Richard and wife Cheryl of Kalamazoo, 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He also leaves one brother, Kenneth of Sebewaing, and two sisters, Blanche "VF" Meyers of Ft. Wayne, IN, and Ethel Lance and her husband Paul of Cape Coral, FL.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Lavern Fales, and two brothers, Harold and Earl Dutcher.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 21, at Sun and Shade Travel Park Club House in Punta Gorda. Graveside services will be held in Sebewaing at a later date.

Those wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider the American Kidney Foundation.