

Pitcher, J.C.

J.C. Pitcher, 77, died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, at the home of his daughter, Jan, in Oak Park, following a three-month illness. He was born Dec. 6, 1925 in Sebewaing, son of the late John H. and Clara (Holland) Pitcher. He was united in marriage to Madelyn (Jackie) Johnston on June 21, 1950. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1991. He took over the Ben Franklin Store in Sebewaing from his parents in 1965 and operated it until he sold the store to his son, John, and retired in 1990. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. J.C. was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, former member of the Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce, had served on the Sebewaing Fire Department for 25 years and was a member of the Sebewaing V.F.W. Post No. 4115. He also was an avid hunter and fisherman. He is survived by two daughters, Jan Wicks, of Oak Park, Paula Orr and her husband, David, of Coral Springs, Fla.; one son, John Pitcher and his wife, Angela, of Sebewaing; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Fr. John Weis will officiate with burial in St. John Lutheran Cemetery in Sebewaing. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday at the Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing. He will lie in state from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the church. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.