

Lewis, James

James White "Jim" Lewis, 78, of Pigeon and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. passed away Tuesday, March 6, 2001, following a brief illness. He was born in Madison, Wis. on May 7, 1922, to the late James T. and Shirley (White) Lewis. Following his 1940 high school graduation in Madison, and his 1942 graduation from Madison Business College, Mr. Lewis entered the United States Army where he served with the 10th Mountain Division in Europe during World War II. He was a Master Sergeant when honorably discharged in 1945. On July 20, 1946, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Gloria Elizabeth Lemmel in Madison, Wis. She survives him. From 1962 to 1984 Mr. Lewis worked for Stow/Davis Furniture Company of Grand Rapids as regional manager serving nine states and Canada. He enjoyed hunting and was a member and founder of the Caseville/Pigeon chapter of Ducks Unlimited, as well as past district director. He was a member of the Audubon Society, the Pigeon Historical Society, and a former member of the Pigeon Lions Club. In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mr. Lewis was a volunteer tour guide at Flamingo Gardens. He was also a supporter, member, and a contributor of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division. Mr. Lewis was a member of the Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; one son, David Lewis and his wife, Jane, of Pigeon; two daughters, Diane H. Lewis of Westland, and Debra Hoemke and her husband, John, of Howell; five grandsons, Lukas, Ethan, Nick, and Bryce Hoemke, and Trevor Lewis; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ethel Lewis and his half-sister, Barbara Lewis. The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2001, at the Cross Lutheran Church in Pigeon with the Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Huron County Nature Center Wilderness Arboretum, Ducks Unlimited, the Pigeon Historical Society, or the charity of the donor's choice.