

Ross, Maxwell

Maxwell Lee Ross, 80, of Sarasota, Fla., died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003. He was born Nov. 4, 1922, son of Walter Clair Ross and Isabella (Todd) Ross, in Unionville and moved to Sarasota 21 years ago from Charlotte. He attended Michigan State University, was a U.S. Army veteran who served with the 18th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized in Europe in World War II. He received the purple heart in the Battle of the Bulge. He was active in the oil business, serving as a corporate officer of S. T. and H. Oil Co. of Bad Axe and Todd and Ross Oil Co. of Ionia. Later he was in real estate sales in both Bad Axe and Charlotte. He was a member and past president of Bad Axe Rotary and a member of Kiwanis clubs. He was active in Bad Axe School Board civic affairs, in musical groups and in Presbyterian Men's organizations. A member of Sarasota's Church of the Palms-Presbyterian, he had been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for over 45 years. He has been a long-time choir member in his various church affiliations. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, (Margaret) Ann; two daughters, Connie Schultz and her husband, Robert, of Findlay, Ohio, Jane Murdock and her husband, Richard, of Charlotte; a son, Scott Clair Ross and his wife, Margo, of Charlotte; and two grandchildren, Glenn and Tamra Ross. He was preceded in death by one brother, Todd Andrew Ross. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at Church of the Palms, 3224 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, Fla., 34239. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Music Program of Church of the Palms or to a charity of the donor's choice.