

Konefke, Paul

Paul Chester Konefke, 59, of Caseville died Thursday, Aug. 24, 2000, at his home while under hospice care. He was born on June 19, 1941, in Detroit to the late Chester and Wanda (Zawacki) Konefke. On May 26, 1962, he was united in marriage to Patricia Hadam at St. Raymond Catholic Church in Detroit. After graduating from the police academy, Paul took a position with the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department. He retired in 1993, after 26 1/2 years of service. Paul found a vacation home near Caseville in 1991, and moved there permanently in 1996. He became a full-time officer with the Caseville Police Department that year and two years later, he was appointed police chief. He stepped down in April for health reasons. Paul had been coming to the Caseville area since he was a small boy, spending much of his summers there. He enjoyed the water, boating and fishing on Saginaw Bay. He was an antique buff and looked for good deals and old stuff wherever he could. His biggest love was his family, especially the grandchildren. Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Pat; son Robert Konefke and his wife, Jessica, of Armada; daughters, Laurie Powers and her husband, William, of Lapeer and Paula Rzempale and her husband, Craig, of St. Clair Shores; eight grandchildren, Derek, Ryan, Kyle, Sarah, Scott, Taylor, Abby and Avery; brother, Peter Konefke of Huntington Woods and sister, Sharon Maiuri and her husband, John, of Sterling Heights. A funeral mass will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2000, at St. Roch Catholic Church. The Rev. Fr. Dennis Kucharczyk, pastor will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A scripture service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville. Visitation is from 2 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral chapel and after 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or Clothe A Child.