

Hammond, Wallace

Wallace F. "Papa" Hammond, 79, of Fort Myers, Florida, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at Lee Memorial Hospital. He was born on September 30, 1924 in Bay City to Lowell and Alice Hammond. He was a resident of Harbor Beach prior to moving to Ft. Myers in 1988. A graduate of Eastern High School in Lansing, he received his bachelor of arts degree from Northwood University in Midland. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during WW II and was part of the preparation for the D-Day Invasion. He was a life member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Harbor Beach. He also was a life member of the Masonic Lodge in Bad Axe and he attended the American Legion in Ft. Myers Beach. Mr. Hammond was employed as a master mechanic for Hercules, Inc. in Harbor Beach for 45 years until his retirement in 1988. He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church, Ft. Myers, and a former member of the Harbor Beach United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara J. (Wood) Hammond; his children, Evelyn J. Bochenek, of Mason, Kathleen Eagan and her husband, Barney, of Ravenna, Dorrie Rogers and her husband, Richard, of Cape Coral, Florida, and W. Fred Hammond and his wife, Wendy, of Lexington, South Carolina; grandchildren, Kyle Krawczyk, Noel C. Rogers, Melissa Moran and her husband, Mike, Beth Ward and her husband, Billy, Rebecca Crouch and her husband, Greg, Michael Hammond, Eric Schneider and his wife, Therese, Tyler and Hope Eagan; great-grandchildren, Noel J. Ward, Brendan and Ashleigh Schneider; siblings Lowell Hammond of Lubec, Maine, Priscilla Lopinski, of Kalkaska, Barbara Dowker and her husband, Roger, of Lansing, Allyne Holloway, of Summertown, Tennessee, and Margaret Barker and her husband, Pat, of Grand Ledge. A memorial service will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2004, in the Faith United Methodist Church, 15690 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers, Florida 33908. The family would appreciate memorial gifts be sent in Mr. Hammond's memory to the Faith United Methodist Church. Arrangements by the Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.