

# **ARTHUR M. BACH**

**1913-1918**

Retired Circuit Judge Arthur Mertens Bach, 76 of Sand Point, passed away Friday, March 16, at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, following a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Bach was born at Sebewaing on Sept. 14, 1913, son of Franklin and Hedwig (Rechlin) Bach. He was graduated from Sebewaing High School in the Class of 1931, and received his BA Degree in business administration from Michigan State in 1935. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1938 and practiced law briefly in Sebewaing before enlisting in the U.S. Army in April, 1942.

On Aug. 18, 1942, he and Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Slack were married in Duluth, Minn.

He was discharged from the Army as a First Lieut. Judge Advocate in September, 1945, in Washington, DC. He returned to Huron County, where he was elected as prosecuting attorney, serving until 1952. Mr. Bach then became a candidate for the judgeship of the Circuit Court of Huron and Sanilac Counties, being elected and re-elected for 22 years. He retired in 1975.

After retiring, he and Mrs. Bach moved to their home on Sand Point, and he continued to serve in a part-time capacity as an Appellate Court Judge in Lansing and throughout Michigan for a number of years.

He was a past member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, and the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association, past-president of the Michigan Judges Association, a charter life member of Tip-of-the-Thumb VFW Post of Pigeon, and was a current member of Huron County Bar Association, Michigan Bar Association and the Retired Judges Association.

Surviving are his wife, Betty, two daughters, Judith (Michael) Dixon of DeWitt and JoAnn (Robert) Mills of Lansing, a grandson, Timothy Dixon, and a sister, Mrs. Bert (Hannah Louise) Wright of Texas. He was pre-deceased by a brother, Frederick Bach of Akron.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville, which handled ar-