

Fisher, Anthony

Port Austin Councilman Anthony C. "Tony" Fisher, 51, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, at Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, after a long battle with cancer. He was born Sept. 14, 1949, at Hubbard Hospital, Bad Axe, son of Stanley and Stella (Maurer) Fisher. He was a parishioner at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin, serving as editor of the 100th anniversary history book, a 1967 graduate of Port Austin High School, and a member of the Port Austin Goodfellows. Mr. Fisher was serving his third four-year term on the Port Austin Village Council and was Mayor-ProTempore. He was the chairman of the Police Committee, vice chairman of Finance and a member of the Personnel and Public Buildings and Grounds Committee. He also served as secretary of the Planning Commission for eight years. During his service to Port Austin he was instrumental in the start up of the Bad Axe-Port Austin Regional Water Authority. He served as vice chairman of the Port Austin Winter Carnival for 10 years in the 1970s and presently was serving as chairman of the February 2000 Carnival. Mr. Fisher was the founder, chairman and chief administrator of the Port Austin Softball Tournament, an annual event from 1972 through 1990 which raised over \$32,000 for local park improvements. He was the director of the Huron County Bicentennial in 1976. Mr. Fisher was a former sports reporter and government reporter at the Huron Daily Tribune, being promoted to editor in 1983. He received several writing excellence awards from the Hearst Corp., finishing third in the nation in sports writing at the Tribune. In later years, Mr. Fisher served as editor of The Newsweekly and was co-owner of Fisher's Market, a family-owned grocery store in Port Austin. Surviving are one son, Anthony J. (A.J.) Fisher of Port Austin; one daughter, Candice Fisher of Westland; his parents, Stan and Sally Fisher of Port Austin; one brother, Stanley Fisher, Jr., and his wife, Chrystal, of Port Austin; and his fiancée, Diane Ellicott of Bad Axe. He was preceded in death by a sister, Janice Landress. Services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, 2000, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Port Austin. The Rev. Michael Bell, pastor, will officiate. Cremation will follow. Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. today at the H.W. Weitenberner Funeral Home, Bad Axe, and from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Memorials may be made to the Port Austin Area Historical Society or the Port Austin Reef Light Association.