

JOHN M. BACKUS

1933-1993

John M. Backus, 59 of Sebewaing, died Friday evening, July 9, at his home following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Hamtramck on Sept. 25, 1933. He was married to Patricia Lafata on Dec. 23, 1977, in Eastpointe and she survives him.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Mr. Backus had been employed by A.T.&T. for 33 years before retiring and moving to Sebewaing. He then owned and operated Airport Motel.

He was a member of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia of Sebewaing, one daughter, Diane Sigmund of Sebewaing, two sons and spouses, John (Tom) Backus of Sebewaing and Gerald (Lucy) Backus of Bay City, four stepsons and spouses, Michael Lafata of Detroit, Mark (Jan) Lafata of Eastpointe, Kerry (Cathy) Lafata of St. Clair Shores and Kevin (Wendy) Lafata of Roseville, nine grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. George (Phyllis) Baker of Detroit, Mrs. William (Gertrude) Balaska and Mrs. James (Maryanne) Rumanupp of Armada and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service took place at 1 pm Monday, July 12, at Krot Funeral Home, Hamtramck, and burial was in Sebewaing Assembly of God Cemetery.

Local arrangements were by Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing.