

Upthegrove Jr., John

John Ellsworth Upthegrove Jr., 80, of Port Austin died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at Saint Mary's hospital in Saginaw. John was born Feb. 28, 1922, in Bad Axe to the late John Ellsworth Sr. and Bertha (Cramer) Upthegrove. He and Ethel Marie Soward were united in marriage on May 14, 1941, at St. Michael's Parish in Port Austin. She preceded him in death on Feb. 1, 2000. John owned and operated the Port Austin Level Company. He was a member and former chief of the Port Austin Fire Department. He served in the United States Coast Guard. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. In his spare time, John enjoyed fishing. He is survived by three sons, John Henry Upthegrove and his wife, Sharon, of Port Austin, David Upthegrove and his wife, Shirley, of Otisville, and Robert Upthegrove and his wife, Linda, of Port Austin; one daughter, Shirley Krajewski and her husband, Daniel, of Sterling Heights; two cousins, Evelyn Gay and her husband, James, of Alma and Larry Cramer and his wife, June, of Grand Rapids; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian burial will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Fr. Robert Pare will officiate. Burial will be at St. Michael's Cemetery. A scripture service will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday at MacAlpine Funeral Home-Gage Chapel in Kinde. Visitation will be tonight from 7 to 9 p.m., 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be offered to American Diabetes Association of the donor's choice.