

VanWagoner, Ralph

Ralph N. VanWagoner, Jr., 80, of Harbor Beach, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2005, at Port Huron Hospital. Born in Oxford on June 12, 1925, he was the son of the late Ralph N. and Grace M. (Hempstead) VanWagoner, Sr. Ralph was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Benjamin Franklin. He was an Eagle Scout in his youth and enjoyed carving duck decoys, playing his trumpet, especially big band music, and hunting and fishing. Ralph was a former member of the Oxford United Methodist Church, Duck's Unlimited, and was a member of the Steelheaders Club. Surviving are his wife, Beatrice VanWagoner, of Harbor Beach, two sons, Joseph P. VanWagoner and his wife, Joy, of Ponce de Leon, Florida, and Terry VanWagoner and his wife, Beverly, of Warren; three step-children, James Moen, of Hale, Esther Gaines, of Germantown, Maryland, and Thomas Moen, of Hale; 16 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will take place at noon on Thursday, December 1, 2005, at the Ramsey Funeral Home in Harbor Beach with Claudia Miller officiating. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and interment will be in the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. There also will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005, at the Oxford United Methodist Church in Oxford.