

Pierce, John

John B. Pierce, 71, of Port Austin and formerly of Northville, died Saturday, September 3, 2005, at his home. He was born June 6, 1934 in Detroit, son of Mary (Flynn) and the late Edmund Pierce. John married Joann Rice on July 12, 1958 in Allen Park. John was the manger of the Latin American Credit Operations for Ford Motor Company. He traveled extensively to Latin American countries. After retiring in 1990, he worked as a consultant in South Africa for a short period of time. John and Joann moved to Port Austin from Northville in 1995. John made many friends in the area and cherished them all. He loved the good life that this area provided. John was a former owner of harness racing horses and always enjoyed going to the races and looked forward to seeing the familiar faces of the owners and jockeys at the Huron Community Fair each year. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and a member of the American Legion Frank Horetski Post No. 499 and the U & I Club, both in Port Austin. John was an avid card player and was a constant fixture playing euchre at both the American Legion and the U & I Club. John and his wife, Joann, spent their winters in Florida where he was very involved in community activities there, as well. John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joann; three sons, Tom Pierce and his wife, Tracee, of Lake Orion, Robert Pierce and his wife, Cerise, of Fort Meyers Florida, James Pierce, of Southfield; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Jessica Pierce, of Lake Orion; his mother, Mary Navin, of Allen Park; a sister, Patricia Arquette, of Allen Park; a brother, Edmund Pierce and his wife, Margaret, of Wilmington, Delaware; a sister-in-law, Arvella Majeski, of Kinde; and many nieces and nephews. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2005, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Kinde. Officiating will be Rev. Mieczyslaw Oniskiewicz. Cremation will follow at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City. Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. on Monday and from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde. There will be a vigil at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United Hospice Service.