

GEORGE BEADLE

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Long-time Caseville booster and developer George Beadle, age 77 of Caseville, passed away Saturday, April 11 at the Tucson Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., after a bout with multiple melanoma.

Mr. Beadle served as Caseville's youngest-ever mayor at the age of 21 during the mid-1950s and owned land development and realty companies that built much of Sand Point after World War II.

Caseville's snow removal equipment was minimal 40 years ago, and one particularly terrible snowstorm paralyzed the village. A special Village Council meeting was called, and one member made a motion saying, "Since the Lord placed this snow here, I move we wait until the Lord also removes it." Mayor Beadle got a second for the motion, which was approved — and that's what Caseville did.

He worked many years for Sand Point North Shore developers such as the late Dr. Clare Scheurer, earning land on the Point's South Shore for work done on the North side of the Thumb's most-popular tourism destination. With the South Shore land he accumulated, he built Beadle Bay Marina and many of the roads off Point Charity Drive.

Mr. Beadle was a self-taught bulldozer and dragline operator. He once told a reporter, "I look over the terrain and know just how to handle it, I've never had a class in it, but can visualize how it should lie and how it will drain."

A part Indian, Mr. Beadle enjoyed marching in parades in an authentic Indian chief's outfit. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and often guided hunting groups to favorite spots along Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. He was a longtime member of the Indian Trails Riding Club and enjoyed riding.

Survivors include several sisters and brothers and his wife, Jeannette. Cremation has taken place in Tucson and a memorial service was conducted there on Monday, April 13.

A local memorial service will be planned for the first part of May and a detailed obituary will appear at that time in *The Progress-Advance*.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Caseville United Methodist Church.

Information was provided by Champagne Funeral Chapel in Caseville.