

VanHamme, Joseph

Joseph O. VanHamme, 85, of Harbor Beach, passed away on Friday, March 26, 2004, in Courtney Manor Nursing Center in Bad Axe following a long illness. Born in Detroit on April 27, 1918, he was the son of the late Oscar and Alida (Dezen) VanHamme. On August 22, 1969, Joseph and Darleen (Pat) were united in marriage in Roseville. She preceded him in death on June 7, 2002. Joe was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II and is a retired employee of the Chrysler Corporation. He had been a resident of the Harbor Beach area for 24 years and is a member of the Port Hope AmVets Post 115. Joe is survived by sons, Barry VanHamme and his wife, Pamela, of Clarkston, and Michael Hojara; daughters, Judy Osmulski and her husband, Ron, of Harbor Beach, Patti Hojara, Nanette Blaska and her husband, Frank, of Warren, Darla Dickson and her husband, Mark, of Las Vegas, Nevada; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; sister, Mary Murdock, of Sterling Heights; brothers, Art, of Delhi, Ontario, Canada; Frank, of Harperwood, and George VanHamme, of East Pointe. Cremation has taken place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and a memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2004, in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service time on Saturday. Memorials may be given to the Harbor Beach Lighthouse Preservation Society.