

Hunter, RB

RB Hunter, 90, of Port Hope, passed away Friday, September 3, 2004, in the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Kinde on October 11, 1913, he was the son of the late James and May (Temple) Hunter. He was a graduate of the Kinde High School and attended Huron County Normal School in Bad Axe. RB began working for the Brinker Lumber Company in Kinde in 1933, and was sent to manage the Brinker Lumberyard in Port Hope in 1935. He purchased the Reidel Lumber Company in Harbor Beach in 1960 and operated it as the Hunter Lumber Company until he sold the business in 2003. RB served a long and distinguished civil servant career as being mayor of the village of Port Hope for 52 years and was its fire chief. In appreciation of his unselfish service to the community, the Village of Port Hope dedicated its new village offices and fire hall to RB in 2000. He was a charter member and long time active member of the board of the Eastern Huron Ambulance Service based in Harbor Beach. He also was a member of the United Methodist Church in Port Hope, the Port Hope Chamber of Commerce, and the Thumb Area Antique Automobile Club of which he enjoyed his antique Ford cars and trucks. He married Gladys Classen of Canton, Ohio in 1942. Gladys preceded him in death in 1984. In 1986, RB married Agnes Wooster. RB is survived by his wife, Agnes, of Port Hope; his three children, James Hunter and his wife, Carol, of Port Hope, David Hunter and his wife, Darlene, of Harbor Beach, and Donna Berger and her husband, Jerry, of Bad Axe; eight grandchildren, Amy, Paul, Brian, Heather, Crystal, Charity, Jerry Lee and Angela; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Caleb, Tara, and Madison; step-daughter, Judy Gray and her husband, Harold, of Kalamazoo; step-grandchildren, Curtis, Jay, Timothy, Randall, Tina, Denise, and Troy; and five step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services for RB will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 6, 2004, in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Paula M. Timm, pastor of the United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the New River Cemetery, Huron City. A firemen's memorial service will be at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the funeral home. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may go to East Huron Ambulance Service, United Methodist Church in Port Hope, or the Port Hope Fire Fund.