

Symons, Samuel

Samuel Eaton Symons, III, 86, of Forestville and formerly of Saginaw, passed away Thursday, January 29, 2004, in the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Saginaw on September 10, 1917, he was the son of the late Samuel E. and Marion (Eddy) Symons, II. On January 3, 1942, Sam and Phyllis Riedel were united in marriage in Saginaw. She preceded him in death on December 24, 1997. Sam was a U.S. Army Major during World War II serving in the European Theater with Patten's Third Army. He attended the yearly reunions of the 537th Infantry Division on the former battlefields of Europe. His career in the grocery business began as a child selling candy bars for the Symons Brothers & Co. in Saginaw until he became the owner and president of Sam Symons & Company Wholesale Grocers. He worked for more than 50 years in the business before retiring in 1983 and selling to the Sysco Corporation. During the past two years, he was instrumental in establishing and building the Village Shops of Forestville. Sam was active in civic organizations including being a member of the Harbor Beach Rotary Club, American Legion 197 of Harbor Beach, the Masonic Lodge F&AM of Saginaw, the Germainia Club of Saginaw, the Shriners, the Saginaw Rotary Club, the Saginaw Country Club and the Big Creek Club in Lovells. Surviving are his son, Michael Symons and his wife, Karen, of Forestville; three grandchildren, Philip Symons and his friend, Stefanie, S. Timothy Symons and his wife, Dana, and Margaret Whitmore and her husband, Aaron; four great-grandchildren, Samantha Whitmore, Connor Whitmore, Michaela Symons and Madison Symons; step-grandchildren, Lindsey and Greg Tenbusch. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 1, 2004, in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Kenneth Anderson, of the First Congregational Church of Saginaw, officiating. Burial will be in the E. Delaware Cemetery, Forestville, with military honors by the American Legion Post 197 of Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until the time of services on Sunday at the funeral home.