

Rote, Tobin

Tobin C. Rote, 72, of Port Hope near Lighthouse Park passed away Tuesday, June 27, 2000, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw following a short illness. He was born Jan. 18, 1928, in San Antonio, Texas, the son of the late William and Augusta (Tiechert) Rote. He was a graduate of Rice University in Houston, Texas, and a professional football player in the National Football League for 17 years as quarterback with the Green Bay Packers from 1950-56, the Detroit Lions from 1957-59, the Toronto Argonauts from 1960-61, the San Diego Chargers from 1962-64, and the Denver Broncos in 1965-66. Tobin was a retired employee of the Fischbach Corp. in Detroit, retiring in 1988. He and his wife, Julie, retired to the Lighthouse Park area near Port Hope in 1993. He was a member of the Port Hope-Grindstone Sportsman Club and the NFL Retired Players Association. Surviving Tobin are his wife, Julie Rote, of Port Hope; two daughters, Robin Kirk and her husband, Bob, of Plymouth, and Toni Stapley and her husband, John, of Woodland Hills, Calif.; a son, Rock Rote and his wife, Bonnie, of Delafield, Wisc.; seven grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Rote of San Antonio, Texas; and nieces and nephews. Cremation took place at Sunset Valley Crematory in Bay City and a memorial service is being planned for a later time. Memorials may be made to the NFL Players Assistance Fund or the Spinal Cord Injury Foundation and may be directed to the Ramsey Funeral Home, 425 State St., Harbor Beach MI 48441, which is handling arrangements.