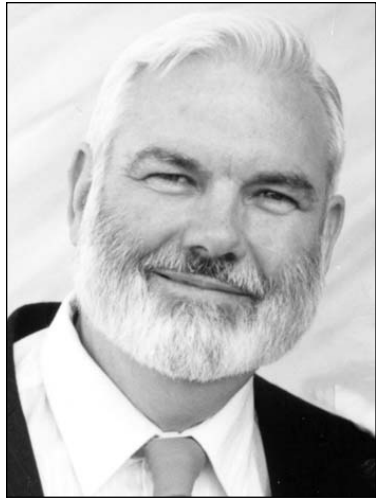


# OBITUARIES

## Dale Roe



Dale Roe

Dale Robert Roe, 72, of Pickford, was a longtime farmer who enjoyed helping people and had established a wide circle of friends in the community. Mr. Roe died peacefully Tuesday, April 24, 2007, in his home on the family farm, in the same room where he was born August 17, 1934, to William Wesley Poole and Isabella Mary (nee Holmes) Roe.

He grew up in Pickford and was graduated from Pickford High School in 1953. He then served in the United States Army. Mr. Roe worked for the Sault Ste. Marie City Police Department for a short time before moving to Lansing, where he worked for General Motors for more than 38 years. During that time, Mr. Roe returned to his farming roots by establishing a large community garden that provided much of the produce for his friends and neighbors. Mr. Roe then bought a farm near Charlotte, where he and his children spent a great deal of time.

Following his retirement, he returned to the family farm in Pickford, where he enjoyed his draft horses, riding horses, cattle, llamas, goats, chickens, ducks, and hunting dogs. Most of all, he enjoyed visiting with people. He could usually be found hauling hay for the deer, friends said, or helping a neighbor rebuild a burned barn, building ramps for someone with a mobility problem, taking in an animal that needed a home, or providing apples for pies for a community dinner. Everyone who stopped by to see the animals or visit Mr. Roe was invited in for tea or hot chocolate; on some days, if the group at the dining room table got big enough, he might have to move the new horse harness off the chair in the corner so everyone could be seated.

He told his family that he was thankful for the life God had given him, and he had no regrets. Mr. Roe is survived by two daughters and their families, Ruth and Rob Willadson of Charlotte and

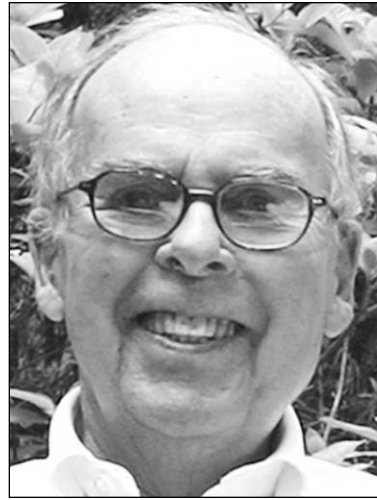
Debbie Roe of Perry; three sons and their families, Daniel and Angie Roe of Olivet, Mark Roe of Newberry, and Mike and Lisa Roe of Albion; nine grandchildren and their families, Krystine and Josh Barrett, Hether Roe, Brandi Willadson, Jeremy Willadson, William Roe, Autumn Roe, Emily Roe, Lauren Willadson, and Samantha Roe; and one great-granddaughter, Vivian Barrett. He is also survived by three brothers and their families, Keith and Connie Roe of Marshall, Earl and Dorothy Roe of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Harry and Arvilla Roe of Fort Myers, Florida; one brother-in-law and his family, Willis and Mary Galer of Pickford, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his former wife, Gloria Jean Roe, a grandson, Joshua Roe, his sister, Olive Galer, and a sister-in-law, Ema Lou Roe.

Visitation was Friday, April 27, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, April 28, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford. Services were Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home with the Reverend Paul Gruenberg officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery in Pickford.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mackinac Straits Hospital, Cancer Care Center, 220 Burdette Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781.

## Hugh Wagner



Hugh Wagner

Hugh S. Wagner of Contoocook, New Hampshire, was a long-time summer resident of Boot Island in the Les Cheneaux Islands, making his first visit to the Snows in 1919 and enjoying his last visit in 2005. An avid sailor, he enjoyed taking the family for rides in the 1934 Chris-Craft runabout purchased by his grandfather from Mertaugh's in Hessel. Mr. Wagner was 88 when he died Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Hospice House in Concord, New Hampshire.

He was born July 20, 1918, in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Carl and Sarah (nee Sutherland) Wagner. He was graduated from Shorewood High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mr. Wagner served most of World War II as a naval aviator engaged in anti-submarine warfare. After VE day, he was in night fighters until the end of the war. While flying in the Naval Reserve out of NAS Grosse Isle, he had the opportunity to photograph construction progress of the Mackinac Bridge. He retired from the Naval Reserve in 1964 as a captain.

His corporate career was concentrated in the areas of sales, marketing, and general management. Mr. Wagner spent 14 years with Shell Oil Company in the Midwest and New England. The next 13 years were spent in the marine industry in New England. From 1973 until his retirement 17

years later, he represented Planned Equity Corporation in New Hampshire as regional vice president.

Mr. Wagner is survived by his wife of 63 years, Cameron B. Wagner; a daughter, Judith Howe of Nottingham, New Hampshire; four sons, Bill Wagner of Astoria, Oregon, Rick Wagner of Concord, Peter Wagner of Portland, Oregon, and Chuck Wagner of Dexter, and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Daniel Wagner, and a sister, Carol Johnson.

Mr. Wagner's family will gather privately in New Hampshire to memorialize him.

Memorial donations can be made to the Les Cheneaux Historical Association, P.O. Box 301, Cedarville, Michigan 49719.

## Cindy Heard

Cindy Kay Heard of Drummond Island loved animals, especially horses. She trained hunting dogs, and sheltered any stray animal she could accommodate.

Ms. Heard died at age 42, Saturday, April 28, 2007, at her home.

She was born July 24, 1964, in Stoughton, Wisconsin. She grew up in Wisconsin and Colorado, where she was graduated from high school.

After a visit to Drummond Island when she was 19, she decided to make the place her home. While she lived on the island, she enjoyed hunting, fishing, and using her computer.

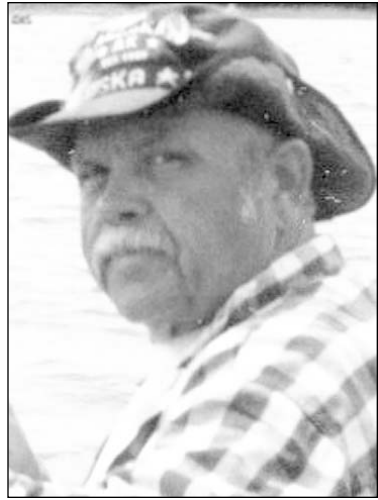
Ms. Heard is survived by her mother and her husband, Marilyn V. and Charles R. Sivard of Crystal River, Florida; her father, Ronald O. Heintz of Statham, Georgia; a brother and his family, Rick and LuAnn Heintz of Milton, Florida; two nieces, Cassandra and Renee Heintz; a step-brother, D. Paul and Tami Allen of Omaha, Nebraska,

and two step-nieces, McKenzie and Morgan Allen.

Memorial services were Monday, April 30, at Lighthouse Christian Church on Drummond Island.

Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

## Frank 'Tom' Warner



Frank 'Tom' Warner

Frank Thomas Warner of Goetzville, known as "Tom" to family and friends, was a former heavy equipment operator in the Operators Union, working 31 years for Flint Road Builders and Genoak Construction in the Flint area.

Mr. Warner was 57 when he died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at his home.

He was born May 2, 1949, in Flint, to Hugh Bernard and Gertrude May (nee White) Warner. Most of his life was spent in the Flint area, where he was graduated from Davison High School.

He married Marilyn Jean Brooks on October 18, 1969, in Davison, and they lived in Millington for many years. In 2003 he moved to his home in Goetzville.

Mr. Warner loved to fish, and he fished in the summer and winter, and on every vacation. One of his favorite vacations was a three-month Alaskan fishing trip he took with his wife in 2004. Family members recalled that every time the Warners visited their daughter in Florida, Mr. Warner went shrimping. He also enjoyed deer hunting and many other outdoor activities.

Mr. Warner is survived by his wife, Marilyn; one daughter and her family, Tracey Lynn and Ernest Lamar of Jacksonville, Florida; one

son and his family, Thomas John and Judy Warner of Millington; three grandchildren, Jenna Michelle Warner, Tyler Joseph Warner, and Ryan Lee Detgen; his sister, Joyce Barber of Bradenton, Florida; a brother and his family, Robert and Hope Warner of Lake George, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Warner was preceded in death by his parents; and by two brothers, Hugh Warner and Charles Warner.

Services will be private. Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford assisted the family with arrangements.

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## Catherine Lehto

Catherine Lehto of St. Ignace was the co-owner of Lehto's Pasties on US-2 in Moran Township, and may have pioneered the first pasty "drive-in" establishment in the early 1950s. Soon after moving to St. Ignace in 1949, Mrs. Lehto noticed that St. Ignace was a busy tourist area and she asked her husband, John to build a small shop on the highway where they could sell pasties to traveling "Copper Country" tourists. The Lehtos worked in the pasty shop for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Lehto was 90 when she died Saturday, April 28, 2007, at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace.

A native of the Copper Country, she was born to Lawrence and Edna Sikarski August 17, 1916, in Wabino, Wisconsin. She was one of eight children. Her parents came from Russia to the small Finnish farming community of Aura, near L'Anse in the west end of the Upper Peninsula.

She was graduated from L'Anse High School, and attended college in Wisconsin. Following graduation, she returned to Aura to marry the love of her life, John Lehto May 18, 1935, in Negaunee. They had two children, and in 1949, moved to St. Ignace, where Mr. Lehto worked on the ferry boats in the Straits of Mackinac.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehto enjoyed traveling and ice fishing together. Mrs. Lehto also enjoyed gardening, cooking, and berry picking.

She is survived by her son and his family, Michael and Barbara Lehto of Evergreen Shores; a daughter, Katherine Babcock of St. Ignace; five grandchildren, Cassandra Darnell, Lee Smith, Michael Lehto, Andy Lehto, and Cindy Schneider; nine great-grandchildren; a brother, Joe Sikarski of L'Anse, and a sister,

Ellen Exworthy of Traverse City.

She is preceded in death by her husband, three brothers, John, Leo, and Dave, and two sisters, Anna and Martha.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. The funeral will be Thursday, May 3, at 11 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church. Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey will officiate.

Burial will be in Gros Cap Cemetery in Moran Township.

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