

Joseph H. Hammond, 77

Joseph H. Hammond, 77, retired Chief of Police of East Jordan, died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

He was born on Oct. 24, 1931, in East Jordan, the son of Gains and Dorothy (Wedderburn) Hammond. He grew up in East Jordan and played great football. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1950.

After high school, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1951 until 1955.

On April 5, 1958, he married Arlene Willson in the old Missionary Church in East Jordan which is located just behind the current East Jordan Police Department.

Joe served as an East Jordan Police officer from July 16, 1956, until Jan. 5, 1959. In those days, Joe also volunteered on the East Jordan Ambulance Service. He became Chief of Police on Jan. 5, 1959, and continued until his retirement on Feb. 23, 1990.

Joe was active in the lives of those he served. He helped to start Little League in East Jordan, coached Middle School Girls Basketball and was a member of the City of East Jordan Charter Commission amongst several other activities.

Joe was a lifetime member of the Rebec-Hosler-Sweet Post No. 227 of the American Legion in East Jordan. In 1962 and 1996, he was awarded as the East Jordan Rotary Club "Father of the Year."

He is survived by his best friend and wife of 51 years, Ar-



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lene Hammond, of East Jordan; two children, Phyllis Olszewski and her husband, Brian, and Joseph H. Hammond Jr. and his wife, Mila, all of East Jordan; two grandchildren,

Stephanie Olszewski and Joseph H. Hammond III, both of East Jordan; two brothers, Pete Hammond and his wife, Dorothy, and Bernard Hammond and his wife, Bonnie, all of East Jordan; and one brother-in-law, Howard Zwiegle, of Grand Rapids. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Perilee Zwiegle.

The funeral service was 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, May 26, at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan. Pastor Rap Posnik of the East Jordan United Methodist Church officiated. Interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in East Jordan.

The family received friends 2-5 p.m. Monday at the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.

Memorials may be given to the East Jordan United Methodist Church for the Stain Glass Window Fund, 201 4th St., East Jordan, Mich. 49727; or the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Joseph H. Hammond Scholarship Fund, 507 Water St., P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes, Inc. in East Jordan.