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William L. Saxton, 68

Former East Jordan resident William L. Saxton, 68, of Britton, died Aug. 24, 1993, at Herrick Memorial Hospital.

Funeral will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Purse Funeral Home in Tecumseh with the Rev. Leslie Miller and the Rev. H.F. Jack Brown officiating. Graveside service will be held 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at Sunset Hill Cemetery, East Jordan.

Mr. Saxton was born Feb. 15, 1925, in East Jordan, the son of Harry and Mary (Kitsman) Saxton. He graduated from East Jordan High School in 1943 and then served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He graduated from Alma College in 1950 and received his master's degree from the University of Michigan.

On Nov. 24, 1949, he married Elaine Galmore in East Jordan, and she survives.

Mr. Saxton moved to Britton in 1953 as principal of the Britton-Macon High School and was named superintendent of the school district nine years later, a position he held until his retirement in 1986.

He was a member of the Britton

Congregational Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, Elaine, Mr. Saxton is survived by two sons, Dr. Richard Saxton of Sacramento, Calif., and Michael Saxton and his wife Diana of Wixom; one daughter, Sheila Marie Barnes and her husband Thomas of Orchard Lake; five grandchildren, Kristen and Melanie Barnes, and Dustin, Mitchell and Nicholas Saxton; four brothers, Gayle Saxton of Houghton Lake, Richard Saxton of Little Rock, Ark., Charles Saxton and his wife Nellie of East Jordan, and Robert Saxton and his wife Betty of Laingsburg; and one sister, Virginia Goodman and her husband Harry of Estero, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the East Jordan Athletic Complex in care of R.A. Hansen, P.O. Box 638, East Jordan High School, East Jordan, Mich. 49727.

Visitation will be held 7-9 p.m. today, Aug. 25, and from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday, Aug. 26, at the Purse Funeral Home, 210 W. Pottawatamic St., Tecumseh.