Robert Finley Sweitzer

March 31, 2002

Robert “Pete” Sweitzer of Tilghman, MD died at Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, March 31, 2002. He was 77.

Born in Baltimore, MD December 19, 1924, he was the son of the late Albert F. and Lois Roberts Sweitzer. He grew up on a farm on Tilghman and after graduating from Talbot County public schools, he joined the United States Navy. During WWII he fought in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. Following his release from active duty with the rank of bosun mate 1st class, he returned to Tilghman. In December 1948 he married the former Grace E. Dakin. Pete worked as a commercial waterman, crab potting in the summer and dredging for oysters in the winter on his skipjack “ Hilda M. Willing”. Pete was known to be one of the best skipjack captains on the Bay during his career that spanned more than 50 years. Recently he passed his skipjack on to one of his son’s and it is still used on the Bay today. Mrs. Sweitzer died in 1998.

Mr. Sweitzer is survived by one daughter, Evelyn Resseigue of Baltimore, MD; four sons, Bob Sweitzer of Tilghman, MD, Bill Sweitzer of Preston, MD, Barry Sweitzer of Baltimore, MD and Brady Sweitzer of Kent Island, MD; five sisters, Bernice Leonard, Erma Harper and Lois Loretangeli, all of St. Michaels, MD, Rea Poore of Bozman, MD and Sue Shores of Claiborne, MD and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by, two brothers, Lloyd A. Sweitzer and

Albert Sweitzer, Jr.

Funeral services will be held at the Tilghman United Methodist Church, Tilghman, MD on Friday, April 5, 2002 at 11:00 AM.

Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Easton, MD on Thursday, April 4, 2002 from 7 to 9 PM and at the church one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Memorial Park, Easton, MD.