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James H. Pax, former Grand Island supervisor

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James H. Pax, a former Grand Island town supervisor and councilman, died Tuesday in Millard Fillmore Hospital. He was 74.

Born in Buffalo, Mr. Pax was a graduate of Buffalo State College. He was a veteran of the Navy and Coast Guard, and also served in the Navy reserves.

Mr. Pax had worked as a sales engineer for Armco Steel, retiring to devote full time to being town supervisor.

He served on the Grand Island Town Board from 1972 to 1991, then was elected town supervisor, serving in that capacity from 1992 to 1997.

Mr. Pax was recognized as Grand Island's Citizen of the Year for Government in 1986. He also was a member of the town's Republican Committee.

He coached baseball and was very active in scouting; he earned the rank of Eagle Scout and remained active as an adult. His other interests included skiing, boating, fishing, travel and carpentry.

Mr. Pax was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church on Grand Island, where he served as head usher and was active in Catholic Charities. After moving to Lockport in 2001, he was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Susan Pless; three sons, James, Jeffrey and Jason; a daughter, Jacqueline Valente; three stepdaughters, Brenda Angelucci, Anita Humphreys and Alycia Tomaino; and a brother, John.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Mary Church, 5 Saxton St., Lockport.

