

Edward J. Sakowski, the former executive director of the Erie County Association of School Boards, died Oct. 24 in the Chemung County Nursing Facility in Elmira. He was 88. Born in Herkimer, he was an educator in Western New York before moving to Horseheads in 2011. Mr. Sakowski was a staff sergeant in the Army's First Cavalry Division. He graduated from Houghton College and earned a master's degree in education from SUNY Buffalo State. He taught at Frontier Central Schools and was a principal at Salamanca city schools and Lyndonville Central School. He served as assistant superintendent of the Wyoming County BOCES, and was superintendent of Springville-Griffith Institute for 10 years. He also was executive director of the Erie County Association of School Boards for 16 years. Mr. Sakowski was a volunteer at Millard Fillmore Hospital and for the Niagara Frontier Radio Reading group, and was a member of Post 527, American Legion in Hamburg. He was a 65-year member of Orchard Park Wesleyan Church. He had varied interests, including golf, bowling, gardening, reading, woodworking and antiques, and he was a member of the National Association of Clock and Watch Collectors. Survivors include his wife, Geraldine; two sons, Mark and Jonathan; a daughter, Janine Witte; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orchard Park Wesleyan Church, 7295 Ellicott Road, Orchard Park. The Buffalo News, Buffalo, New York - Wed 11 Nov 2015