



John Cairns

April 28, 1929 - January 23, 2011

John "Jack" Cairns, 81, of Toledo, passed away Sunday, January 23, 2011, at Lake Park Comfort Care. He was born April 28, 1929, in Galt, Ont., Canada and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1970. Jack received his degree in journalism from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Mr. Cairns worked at newspapers in Sarnia and London, Ont. He began working for The Blade in 1958, as a general assignment reporter, then went to work at The Times as city editor, then returned to The Blade as assistant city editor. In 1964, Jack left The Blade and returned to Canada to become managing editor of the newspaper in Woodstock, Ont. for a brief period, then went to Utica, NY and became the assistant managing editor for about a year. He then returned to Toledo to work at The Blade again. In 1972, Jack became the city editor at the age of 43, a position he held for 10 years and was the youngest person to hold that position at the time. He left The Blade in 1984 due to management changes. After leaving The Blade, Mr. Cairns immediately went to work for the Medical College of Ohio, (now UT Medical Center), in public relations, retiring after 10 years. Jack enjoyed reading, politics and being an avid hockey fan, following the Toronto Maple Leafs. Survivors include his daughter, Carla (Jim Grodi) Cairns; son, Dr. John Scott (Carol Dahl) Cairns; grandchildren, Leslie (John) Esarco, Katie (Brian) Harman, Ian Cairns and Kristin Cairns and special friend, Lois Wylie of Cambridge, Ont. Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Marion, in 2000. Friends are invited to visit from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue,

where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Reverend Robert L. Wuellner will officiate. Interment will follow in Toledo Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to University of Toledo Medical Center.