... 'Been there! Did that!'

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Within 45 minutes the sky is almost totally black, and the spectacle of the lava flowing down the pali is captivating. A breakout will suddenly occur as a dull rustle grows.

All our moments are brightened to crimson, flecked with yellow. It may fade a bit, but is soon joined by another.

We can see that there are dozens of breakout points — soon, a hundred or more. They glow in many shades of red and orange, on the slopes, and somberly announce that the lava is near like lights of a city.

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... and then another.

William J. Young Jr.

Kenneth A. Pierce

Kenneth A. Pierce described by his family as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, died peacefully on May 13, 2006 in Rochester. He was 77.

Mr. Pierce was born on Aug. 16, 1928 in Central Bridge. His parents were the late William and Anna (Crewell) Pierce. His brothers Ted and Henry Pierce also died before him.

Mr. Pierce grew up in the Schoharie Valley, where he attended Schoharie Central High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and served during World War II.

After returning from the service, he graduated from Albany Business College.

After retiring from General Electric Mr. Pierce lived in Little River, S.C. He was an avid bowler and golfer.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Bertha Mae Pierce; his daughter Cynthia Kerr and her husband, Randolph, of Greenwich; his granddaughter Maureen DeBoles and her husband, Michael, of Two Rivers, Wis.; his daughter Linda Young, of Rochester; his daughter Maureen DeBoles and her husband, Michael, of Delmar; and his daughter Merry Beth Scanu and her husband, Kenneth Rogers, of Andover, Mass.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Randolph, Ian, and Maureen Kerr; his grandson John Kenneth Feeney and his wife, Andrea, his granddaughter Jennifer Sullivan and her husband, Sean; his grandson Amy DesRoches; his grandchildren Michael, Justin Pierce, and Stephanie Kneizus; and his grandchildren Anthony and Nicole Scanu.

He also survived by his sister, Thelma Stolzenburg and her husband, Herter, of Dozer, N.H.; many nieces and nephews; and his lifelong friends Al and Mary Kay Levien, and Dick and Deane Johnston.

A funeral was held on Wednesday, May 17, at the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sports & Therapeutic Recreation Instruction Developmental Evaluation, Inc., (S.T.R.I.D.E.). P.O. Box 178, Rensselaer, NY 12144 or The Humane Society of North Myrtle Beach, Post Office Box 3869, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582.

Arthur Szatkowski

GUILDERLAND — Arthur Szatkowski, former owner and operator of Schoharie’s Community Bank, died on May 13, 2006 at age 77. He was a resident of Guilderland and Naples, Fla.

"Mr. Szatkowski was a father figure to many throughout his life and will be greatly missed," his family wrote in a tribute.

Mr. Szatkowski grew up on the Western Tugboat Golf Course for many years before retiring in 2004. The course now belongs to the town of Guilderland.

Mr. Szatkowski was active in the community and was educated at St. Mary’s in Schenectady and the Catholic Brothers Academy in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Szatkowski, of Lebanon; two daughters, Carol Cowan of Altamont, and Catherine Statkowski, and Ken for his former parishes and others touched by Carver’s service.

At the service, Carver’s cousins, James and Jim Wesolowski Anglo, and her husband, Greg; her brother, Alex Fagan of Guilderland; three grandchildren, Zachary, Christopher, and Matthew Cowan, of Delmar; and three great-grandchildren, John Esposito and Michael and Nicholas Anglo, of Guilderland.

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