

Wayne C. Miller, age 96 of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility after a short illness.

He was born on August 24, 1920 in Brethren, Michigan the son of Paul and Helena Miller. Wayne married Theresa Tomaszewski on November 10, 1945 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee and they were married 67 years before she preceded him in death on February 14, 2013.

Wayne served our country in the United States Army in the 342nd Battalion in World War II. After a short stint at the Manistee Drop Forge, he went to work at Packaging Corporation of America where he worked for 36 years until his retirement on January 1, 1984. Wayne enjoyed welding, cutting and hauling pulpwood, building equipment and spending time with his family. In his later years, his favorite outing was to the House of Flavors where he would often serenade the waitresses and visit with Dave Barber and other comrades.

Wayne is survived by three daughters, Judy & Jerome Tabaczka, Jolly Miller & Karen Babcock and Vonni & Tim Mikula, two sons, Terry & Brenda Miller and Buzzy & Jane Miller all of Manistee, his grandchildren, Kody Mikula, Dylan Mikula, Jackie Dalke (Mark Richardson), Jamie & Jamie Tabaczka, Nate & Lori Miller, Jessie & Brian Pyrah, Lee & Jill Miller, Stacey & Jeremy Hall, Cassie Miller and Shelly & Aaron Walker, Reid Voorheis and Kelsey & Derek Castillo his great grandchildren, Jordyn & Jenna Fortier, Jalen & Julia Tabaczka, Kate & Grace Miller, Ethan Hall, Robyn Winters, Nolan Walker, Christopher & Tony Pyrah, Ava Voorheis, and his sister Dorothy Johnson of Sterling Heights.

He was preceded in death in addition to his wife and parents by one great grandson, Wesley Miller, three brothers, Donald Albion, Wendlyn Miller and Paul Miller.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Scott Lawler celebrant. Private family burial with Military Honors will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday morning one hour prior to the funeral Mass.

Memorials have been established in Wayne's name for the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee and The Manistee County Council on Aging. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Tuesday morning.

The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.