



Edward Aloysius Williams age 85 of Manistee, Michigan, died Saturday morning, May 7, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on September 16, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan and was the son of the late Ignatius and Selma (Petroskey) Schettek. Ed was a graduate of Holy Rosary School in Cedar, Michigan with the class of 1948. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War from February 16, 1949 until October 15, 1952 and was very proud of being part of the Pusan Perimeter. Edward married Mary M. Gutowski on April 23, 1955 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan. Mary preceded him in death on October 21, 2003. By trade Ed was a Master Electrician having been employed at the ExCello Company in Manistee for 20 years, until the company closed its operations in Manistee. He then was employed

with General Welders of Michigan in Grand Rapids and retired from the U.S. Engineering Company also in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He applied his electrical skills to support many community and individual projects in our area. Ed also served on the Filer Township Board for over 20 years and was a member of the Filer Township Downtown Development Board. He was also a past Filer Township Fire Department commissioner. He was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee (St. Joseph Catholic Church), the Catholic War Veterans Post #1847, the American Legion Post #10 and the VFW Walsh Post #4499 all of Manistee.

Edward is survived by his children and their families, his daughter and son in-law, Karen A. and Rick Laney of Midland and their children, Frances (Craig) Laney Wenzel, Wesley (Leslie) Laney and Lesa Laney, his daughter and son in-law, Lynn M. and Michael Williams-Kaufman of Boulder, CO, and their family, Reed Anderson and Tyler (Amy) Anderson, his son Randall L. Williams of Wyoming, MI, and his family Miah Williams and Chad Williams, his son and daughter in-law, Thomas and Jennifer Williams of Manistee, MI, and their family Nicholas, Jacob, Sydney and Taylor Williams, four great grandsons, Zayne Wenzel, Marek Laney, Mikiah Laney and Maksim Laney, his brother and sister in-law; Carl "Ron" and Agnes Williams of Cedar, MI. Numerous brothers in-law and sisters in-law, nieces and nephews also survive him.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, where Graveside Military Honors will be given by the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Tuesday afternoon after 2:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home to receive friends, on Tuesday May 10, 2016, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to remember Edward are asked to consider a memorial in his name for the purchase of a bench to be placed at Magoon Creek in his memory. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**