



Joseph P. Bolach age 81 of Manistee, died Monday, December 30, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center. He was born November 9, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois to Michael and Angela (Rexnis) Bolach. He moved to Ludington, MI as a young boy. He served in the Korean War as an X-ray Technician, spending his Air Force assignment in Germany. Joseph married Marilyn K. Spence on July 7, 1956 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Custer, MI. He was employed as a Boy Scout Executive after volunteering for many years. He also worked in the missile engineering departments of Lockheed, Rohr, and Douglas Aircraft. He spent 13 years for the City of Muskegon Engineering Department until he was disabled on the job. Joseph received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from Grand Valley State University in 1980. He retired to Manistee in 1997. He enjoyed multiple hobbies, traveling, hunting and fishing.

Joseph belonged to Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee. He was active as a Eucharistic Minister, altar server at funerals, revitalized the Pastoral Council and instituted the Homebound Ministry. He was a life member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn of 57 years; five sons, Joseph D. (Victoria) of Dorr, MI, Francis (Michele) of Denver, CO, Anthony (Natasha) of Oakland, CA, Michael (Trisha) of Rochester, MI, Mark (Laurie) of Pleasant Ridge, MI; four daughters; Mary Bolach of Denver, CO, Theresa Kundrot (Craig) of Houston, TX, Patricia Gundy (Tom) of Tucson, AZ, Angela Hager (Jim) of Oakland, CA; 19 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren; two brothers, Anthony M. of MI, Michael of CA, three sisters, Angelina Patapoff of AZ, Genevieve Schofield of CA, Bernice Schrader of MI, and several nieces and nephews.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee where graveside Military Services will be conducted by the members of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee Ritual Squad.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Friday evening, January 3, 2014, where the family will receive friends from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

A memorial will be established in Joseph's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be at the church on Saturday morning.

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