



Roy G. "Stretch" Bukowski, age 84 of Manistee died Wednesday evening, September 10, 2014 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility surrounded by his family.

He was born May 20, 1930 in Manistee, Michigan, son of the late Andrew Bukowski & Karen Margaret (Hansen) Bukowski Field. He was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1949. He served as a member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War from September 9, 1949 until February 2, 1953. Roy married Caroline N. Showalter on September 3, 1955 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Manistee. They have celebrated over 59 years of marriage together. Roy was employed at the Packaging Corporation of America in Filer City for 39 ½ years, retiring on November 2, 1992. He was the past president of the Northside Improvement Association, a member of the American Legion Post #10 of Manistee and #1 fan of all of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's academic and athletic events.

Roy enjoyed playing baseball but he was most proud of the long lasting friendships he had with the members of the Tiece's Slo Pitch team. He enjoyed watching High School Sports in Manistee and was a past member of the Dad's Club.

Roy is survived by the love's of his life, his wife, Carol Bukowski of Manistee, MI; two daughters & sons-in-law, Susan & George Edmondson and Lori & Timothy Kolanowski all of Manistee; his son & daughter-in-law, Thomas & Molly Bukowski of Columbus, OH, his brother in-law Charles (Donnajean) Showalter of Manistee, MI, whom Roy and Carol raised; four grandchildren, Stacey & Chris Polcyn, Jory Edmondson, David & Hilary Edmondson and Michael & Lauren Kolanowski; ten great grandchildren, Brian, Dylan, Evelyn, Owen, Jaret, Jorren, Ethan, Jayna, Alayna and Calvin; two sisters & brothers-in-law, Linda & Dan Skocelas of Manistee, MI and Jane & Don Fritz of Arcadia, MI; one brother, William Field of Manistee, MI; his sister-in-law, Ruth Ann Bukowski of Manitowoc, WI and brothers in-law & sisters-in-law, Leonard & Charlotte Showalter of San Diego, CA, William Porter of Manistee, MI and Richard & Jeanne Showalter of Raleigh, NC. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Ray Bukowski; his brothers, Robert Bukowski and John Field; his sister & brother-in-law, Lorraine & Lawrence "Bosch" Mrozik and his sister-in-law, Ruth Porter.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 15, 2014 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Shrine Catholic Church of Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. A luncheon will take place immediately following Roy's funeral Mass. Burial will take place at 2:30 p.m. at the Onekama Village Cemetery in Onekama on Monday afternoon where members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council will present graveside military honors. The family will be at the church one hour prior to Roy's funeral Mass on Monday to receive friends.

A memorial will be established in Roy's name for the Manistee High School Athletic Department. Envelopes will be available at the church on Monday morning.

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