

Roger L. Jankwietz, age 79 of Manistee, MI died peacefully on Thursday morning May 17, 2012 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

He was born on July 2, 1932 in Manistee Michigan, son of the late Adam & Constance (Adolphson) Jankwietz. He was a graduate of Manistee High School, Class of 1950. In January of 1951, Roger enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he was a Staff Sergeant until his honorable discharge in December of 1953. During his active military service, he was awarded a National Defense Service Medal. Following his military service, he was employed with Michigan Consolidated Gas Company until his retirement in October of 1994.

On November 26, 1955, Roger married Donna M. Bartoszek at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Roger served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Joseph Civic Club for 20 years, Secretary for the Pin Busters Bowling League of Manistee for 25 years and also as a Past-President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1765 of Manistee. He was also a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Jankwietz of Manistee, MI; one son Ronald (Sarah) Jankwietz of Cedar Rapids, IA and two daughters, Renee (Richard) Schoenrock of Grand Rapids, MI and Pamela Kapp of Rockford, MI; 4 grandchildren: Anna and Evan Jankwietz and Adam and James Kapp; 2 brothers: Don (Jean) Jankwietz and Dennis (Maureen) Jankwietz all of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, William (Ole) & Regina (Kroll) Bartoszek and his brother & sister-in-law, Robert & Elizabeth Bartoszek.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2012 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee where members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad of Manistee will present graveside military honors.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening May 20, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. receive friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in Roger's name for St. Jude Children's Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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