

Jay R. Miehlike, age 87 of Manistee, MI passed away peacefully Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 18, 1924 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late August & Bertha (Mausolf) Miehlike.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from March 17, 1943 until his honorable discharge as a Corporal on May 11, 1946. He was a graduate of Manistee High School Class of 1943. Jay married Betty Richards on December 28, 1946 in Ohio. He was employed with the Excello Corporation for 17 years and then as an independent painter working along with his son Pat for many years. Jay was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #10, a member of the Catholic War Veterans of America Post Stephen T. Duchon Post #1847 and also member of the Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge #250 all of Manistee. Jay was a communicant of Guardian Angels Catholic Church also in Manistee.

He is survived by his wife of almost 65 years; Betty Miehlike of Manistee, one daughter: Mary Beth Miehlike of Lansing, MI; three sons: Patrick (Dawn) Miehlike of Manistee, MI, Kevin Miehlike of Nashville, TN and Todd (Robin) Miehlike Miehlike of Lansing, MI; one granddaughter: Erin (Matthew) Buckley; five grandsons: Jacob, Nicholas, John and Bobby and Josh (Angela) Adams; two great-grandchildren: Caden & Ethan Adams; one brother & sister-in-law: Robert & Frances Miehlike of Manistee, MI; one sister-in-law: Lydia Miehlike of Plymouth, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death in addition to his parents by one daughter: Cheryl Christen and one son: Michael Jay Miehlike; his sisters: Hazel Miehlike & Esther (William) Peterson and his brothers, Albert, Walter, Louie, August (Toots) and Lavern.

A Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Sylvestre Obwaka celebrant. At the conclusion of Mass members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 and American Legion Post #10 of Manistee Ritual Squad will conduct military honor services. The family will be at the church on Monday morning one hour prior to time of service to receive friends.

An evening rosary service will be prayed Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee led by Ervin A. Kowalski Sr. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to receive friends.

Memorials have been established in Jay's name for the Manistee County Medical Care Facility and also the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church Monday morning.

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