



Gerald S. Raczkowski, age 74, of Manistee, Michigan died Tuesday evening, September 25, 2012 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

He was born August 25, 1938 in Manistee, son of the late Joseph & Regina (Kruszka) Raczkowski. Gerald was a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic High School of Manistee with the Class of 1956. He proudly served our country as a member of the U.S. Army, Company C 13th Battalion 4th Regiment until his honorable discharge. Gerald married Kay A. VanBenschoten on April 30, 1966 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on August 23, 1991. He was employed with the Kroger

store in Manistee for 25 years and later employed with Burns Security, working at the P.C.A. scale house also in Manistee. Gerald enjoyed hunting, golfing and bowling. He was a member of The Manistee Country Club, St. Joseph Civic Club, American Legion Post #10, V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499, BPO Elks Lodge #250 and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church all of Manistee.

Gerald is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: David & Jennine Raczkowski of Pinckney, MI; his daughter Denise Illig & Rich Williams of Waterford, MI; 2 grandchildren, Gwyneth & Racquel Raczkowski; 3 brothers & 1 sister-in-law, Richard, Daniel & Dolores and Leonard (Sonny) Raczkowski all of Manistee.

In addition to his parents and wife Kay, he was preceded in death by an infant brother.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 1, 2012 with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where members of the American Legion and V.F.W. Ritual squad of Manistee will present graveside military honors.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, September 30, 2012 at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling the funeral home Sunday afternoon after 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established in Gerald's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools and St. Joseph Catholic Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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