



Benedict "Ben" Kubiak, age 104 of Manistee, MI, died Thursday February 1, 2018 at his home unexpectedly.

He was born on November 4, 1913 in Manistee, MI, son of the late Joseph & Mary (Feliczak) Kubiak. He attended St. Joseph School. Ben married Sally V. Bernaciak on February 3, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on November 28, 2001. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. After his discharge from the Army, Ben was employed at Morton Salt Company, then with the REA Express in Manistee where he retired from. After his retirement he was the groundskeeper at the Manistee Golf and Country Club. Ben loved to keep busy in his spare time, and had sold insurance as well as doing book work for many businesses and local people. He was involved in many community activities and liked to volunteer his time, like taking tickets at the MCC football games and also for the St. Joseph

Men's Club benefits. He served on the Manistee County Social Services Board for many years, until the age of 100. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening "pedaling" (giving away) his garden goods. He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church), St. Joseph Men's Club, Msgr. J.M. Steffens Council #853 Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Civic Club where he had held office throughout the years, American Legion Post # 10, the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499, a life member of the Catholic War Veterans Council #1848, the B.P.O. Elks Lodge # 250 all of Manistee, life member of the Eagles and a member of the M.C.C. Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his daughter Kay Sytek, his son & daughter-in-law, Michael & Barbara Kubiak all of Manistee; seven grandchildren: Kelly Sytek, Ryan & Shannon Sytek all of Manistee, Monica & Patrick Makowski and Darin & Kristen Sytek all of Twin Lake, Shelli & Jim McGrath of Manistee, Holli Kubiak and her fiancée Chad Shook of Holland and Alan Kubiak of Manistee; nine great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by two sisters & brothers-in-law, Germaine & Edwin Jozwiak and Phyllis & Edwin "Chief" Wissner and two brothers & a sister-in-law, Gordon Kubiak and Clarence & Mary Kubiak.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee at 11:30 AM with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee, where the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad will give military honors.

The Evening Vigil Service will be prayed at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Monday evening at 8:00 PM, where the family will receive friends on Monday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, and on Tuesday morning from 10:30 AM until the time of leaving for the church at 11:15 AM.

A memorial will be established in Ben's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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