

James L. Kott, age 84 of Manistee, MI, died Friday December 6, 2019 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, MI.

He was born on March 10, 1935 in Manistee, Michigan, son of the late Stanley & Lucille (Zielinski) Kott. He served in the United States Army from February 4, 1958 until January 18, 1960 and was stationed in Germany. Jim married Carol M. Raczkowski on March 24, 1966 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine in Manistee. They celebrated over 53 years of marriage together before his death. After his release from the service Jim sailed on the Great Lakes for several years. He then purchased the taxi business in Manistee and became owner & operator of the Chippewa Taxi and Auto Sales and had worked till the present time. He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife Carol Kott, his daughter & son-in-law Christine & Brian Slawinski, and his son & daughter-in-law Charles & Nicole Kott all of Manistee, MI, four grandchildren: Clayton (Justine) Slawinski, Austin Slawinski (Sara Schultz), Evan Slawinski and Hope Slawinski, two great grandsons: Henry & Alexander Slawinski, all of Manistee, MI, two sisters & three brothers-in-law: Joyce & Robert Radke of Manistee, MI, Patricia & Ralph (Dave) Bishop of Utica, MI, Dean Hagadone of Sterling Heights, MI; one brother & sister-in-law Richard & Sally Kott of Manistee, MI, one brother-in-law & sister-in-law Leon & Kathy Rac.

He was preceded in death by two brothers Gerald Kott and Thomas Kott, and a sister Elaine Hagadone.

According to his wishes Mass of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, December 16, 2019 at 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant.

The family will receive friends at the church on Monday morning, one hour prior to the funeral service. A luncheon for family and friends will immediately follow the Mass at the St. Joseph Parish Center.

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