

Robert Henry Miehlike, age 93 of Manistee, Michigan, died Tuesday evening, January 19, 2016 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

He was born on March 12, 1922 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late August and Bertha (Mausolf) Miehlike. He was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1941. Bob served in the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II from August 17, 1943 until December 1, 1945. He married Frances Marie Jerumbo on April 27, 1946 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. As a young man he was employed as a bartender at the Pines Night Club in Manistee and after his release from the Navy he sailed on the lower lakers for several years. He later was employed for 25 years at the Packaging Corporation in Filer City (American Box Board) until his retirement in 1986.

Bob also painted all of his life, having owned and operated his own business "Bob Miehlike Painting". His hobbies included woodworking, gardening and making wine. He was a third and fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus Monsignor J.M. Steffes Council #853, the Benevolent Order of Elks Lodge # 250, a charter member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 and a member of the American Legion Post #10, all of Manistee and the Catholic Community of Manistee (Saint Joseph Catholic Church). Bob was also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Zephyrhills Florida for 27 years.

He is survived by his wife of almost 70 years, Frances M. Miehlike of Manistee, six daughters and five sons in-law, Deborah and Michael Sadlowski of Warren, MI, Marlene and Phil Copeland of Gladwin, MI, Karen and Jack Cichy of Grand Rapids, MI, Barbara and Tom Burzynski of Gaylord, MI, Melanie and Ritchie Gillette, and Michelle Miehlike and Randy Pepera also of Manistee, MI, one son Robert Miehlike Jr. and Pamela Palmer of Manistee, MI, sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren, two sisters in-law, Betty Miehlike and Bernadine Jerumbo both of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Bob was also preceded in death by two sisters and a brother in-law, Esther and Bill Peterson and Hazel Miehlike and by six brothers and three sister's in-law, August "Toots" and Phyllis Miehlike, Louie and Lydia Miehlike, Lavern and Geraldine Miehlike, Albert Miehlike, Jay Miehlike and Walter Miehlike, two sisters-in-law, Gene (Guy) Greene and Irene (Karl) Herrmann, brother-in-law Clarence Jerumbo.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, January 25, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, also in Manistee where graveside military services will be conducted by the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

Relatives, friends and the members of the Knights of Columbus will pray the Evening Vigil Service Sunday evening, January 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and Sunday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and on Monday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorials have been established in Bob's name for the local Knights of Columbus. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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