

Richard Lewis Totch, age 88 of Manistee, Michigan, died Friday afternoon, February 10, 2017 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee. He was born March 5, 1928 in Manistee and was the son of the late Arnold and Edna Bernice (Dunn) Totch. He married Rosemary Ruth Altrock on November 15, 1949 in Manistee. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2007.

Richard served our country for three years as a member of the U.S. Air Force until his honorable discharge. He was employed at Century Boat Company for 37 years until his retirement, and the Challenger Boatworks for three years. He enjoyed bowling, gardening and cooking, baking and taking long walks. He was a skilled craftsman and also enjoyed carpentry, woodworking and boat restoration. He was a member of the Manistee United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two daughters and son in-laws, Richann & Theodore Doty of Manistee and Rhonda & Michael Brooks of Ludington; one son and daughter in law, Richard & Mary Totch of Manistee, eight grandchildren: Sean Totch, Amy Klackle and Theresa Schimke, Trisha Fires, Stacy Earhart, Sara Cnudde, Benjamin Triage and Katie Sheren; 13 great-grandchildren: Aaron and Sierra Fires, Cameron Mueller, Kendall, Pyper and Zayne Earhart, Devin Loper, Oakley Sheren, Tyler and Thomas Totch, Delanie and Adeline Schimke and Louise Klackle.

In addition to his parents and wife Rosemary, he was preceded in death by his step-father, Homer Tetu; his brother, Arnold Totch; his sister, Norine Ayers and his mother and father-in-law, Gladys & Golden Altrock.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and a family graveside service will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee in the summer.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express their sympathy are asked to consider a memorial donation to Hospice of Michigan 989 Spaulding Ave. Ada, MI 49301.