

Richard S. Zatarga, age 90 of Manistee, Michigan, died Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at the Grancare Home in Custer, Michigan.

He was born on April 1, 1926 in South Bend, Indiana, son of the late John & Anna (Rozga) Zatarga. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Richard married Mary (Wortley) Porter on September 24, 1983 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on December 11, 2011. Most of his life he was employed with the Century Boat Company in Manistee until his retirement. He worked for the Manistee



Marina after his retirement. He was a musician all of his life having played the drums, guitar, accordion and the concertina, and played with in many different bands in the area and most recently the Wellston Jammers. He was very proud to have played with John Helminiak and his Music Makers and Ken & Eileen Hawkins bands. He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) of Manistee and the DAV Salt City Chapter # 43 of Manistee. He was known by his many nieces and nephews as the “uncle with the accordion”.

Richard is survived by four step daughters, Sally Currier, JoAnn Jensen, Mary Lou Porter and Rose Kretzinger and five step sons, Mark, Steven, Michael, Rodney and James Porter, two sisters-in-law, Minnie Zatarga and Rogene Zatarga; nieces and nephews, David, Gordon & Ed (Joyce) Bajtka, Marie Cabot, Jane Wojciechowski, Bonnie O’Bryan & Betty (Robert Jr) Kran, Marlene (Dean) Kruse, Dan (Cindy), Marty, Alan (Nancy), Thomas (Marla) Zatarga and Linda Gogocha.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Clara (Ed) Bajtka, Isabelle (John) Wojciechowski, Adeline Zatarga and Frances Zatarga and four brothers, Ted, Bernard, Leonard and Harry Zatarga.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Scott Lawler celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

The family will be present at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to receive friends and also on Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. until leaving for the church at 10:40 a.m.

Memorials have been established in Richard’s name for St. Joseph Catholic Church and Meals on Wheels. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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