

Stanley J. Bajtko, age 87, of Manistee, Michigan died early Friday morning, December 23, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

He was born on October 1, 1924 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Michael & Mary (Steinberg) Bajtko. Stanley married Dolores Adamczak on April 10, 1948 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was employed for 35 years at Hardy Salt Company/Akzo until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of the V.F.W. Walsh Post # 4499 as well as a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church both of Manistee. He was an avid fisherman, Tiger fan and his hobby was making hand loomed carpets.

He is survived by his wife: Dolores Bajtko of Manistee, MI, four daughters & four sons-in-law: Sandra & Tim Bottrell of Manistee, MI, Jane & Doug Kott of Onkama, MI, Laura Olson & Ronald VanderVoort of Manistee, MI and Ann & Chris Kraemer of Windermere, FL, One son & daughter-in-law: Steve & Jenny Bajtko of Manistee, MI, thirteen grandchildren: Jennifer (Derek) Schubert, Mark (Sarah) Bottrell, Tim Bottrell, Tyler Bottrell, William Olson, Matthew Lippert, Katie Lippert, Christopher Lippert, Drew Kraemer, Nolan Kraemer, Ben Riley, Tim Riley and Zack Riley, six great grandchildren; Olivia, Quinn & Isabelle Schubert, Carter & Lila Mae Bottrell and Tatem Bottrell. Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Mary Bottrell, two brothers, Leonard & Harry Bajtko and by three sisters, Florence Hilliard, Sophie Nikolitch and Bernadine Schmidt.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery where graveside military services will be conducted by the members of the V.F.W. Ritual Squad.

The family will be at the church on Wednesday morning one hour prior to the memorial mass to receive friends. The family has established a memorial in Stanley's name for The Manistee County Medical Care Facility and also St. Joseph Catholic Church. Envelopes will be available at the church on Wednesday morning.

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