



Leonard C. Ball, age 86, of Amarillo, Texas, formerly of Manistee, Michigan, died Wednesday, April 28, 2010 in Amarillo, Texas.

Leonard was born on November 22, 1923 in East Lake, Michigan to John and Caroline Ball. He was the youngest of thirteen children. Leonard graduated from Manistee High School in 1941. He married Virginia Bauman in 1950 and is a WWII veteran. He was employed for years at Packaging Corporation of America and retired in 1984. He was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Manistee and was a founding supporter of Manistee Catholic Central Schools, active in the M.C.C. Band Boosters and Athletic Association. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2006. Leonard was a lifelong resident of Manistee, Michigan but recently resided at Seville Estates in Amarillo, Texas for the past two years. He was an avid fisherman, gardener and lover of all sports. He was an ardent fan of all things Michigan State Spartans.

Leonard is survived by his son, Kevin Ball and wife Roxann of Amarillo, Texas, numerous sisters-in-law; brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews, many friends and neighbors as well as staff members and friends at Seville Estates in Amarillo.

He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia on February 29, 2004 and his infant son, Jeffery.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will be at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to receive friends and also at the church on Friday morning one hour prior to the Memorial Mass. There will be an Evening Vigil Service on Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to your favorite charity.

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