

**Edward S. Budnik**, age 92 of Manistee, Michigan, died Wednesday evening, August 5, 2015 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. He was born August 11, 1922 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Michael and Cecelia (Staff) Budnik. He attended Saint Joseph Catholic School and was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1941. Ed was a sergeant with the Military Police in the United States Army during World War II from November 6, 1942 until December 25, 1945. He married Florence D. Fausz on June 28, 1946 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They have celebrated over 69 years of marriage together. Ed was employed for 47 years with the Morton Salt Company, retiring as the Superintendent of the Power House. He was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee (Saint Joseph Catholic Church), the VFW Walsh Post #4499, the American Legion Post #10 and The Disabled American Veterans Salt City Chapter #43, all of Manistee. Ed was an outdoorsman who especially loved his hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed traveling and spending time with his wife Florence and their family.

He is survived by his wife Florence Budnik of Manistee, his daughter and son in-law, Mary Kaye and Daniel Wilkosz; his son and two daughters-in-law: Ron and Sue Budnik and Betty Budnik all of Manistee, four grandchildren, Danielle Wilkosz, Stacy Budnik, Daniel (Georgette) Budnik, and Kenneth (Melanie) Budnik; two great-grandchildren, Garrette and Travis Budnik; his special brother Anthony Budnik of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him, as well as his grand-dog "Glada".

Ed was also preceded in death by his son Robert Budnik on November 1, 2014; three brothers, Frank, Joseph and Raymond Budnik; and by four sisters, Clara Najdowski, Elsie Malecki, Alice Mellius and Virginia Mikula.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Peter Wigton celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery where Graveside Military Honors will be given by the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

The family will receive friends at the Herbert Funeral Home on Tuesday morning from 9:30 AM until the time of leaving the funeral home at 10:40 AM for the church.

Ed's family would like to extend a special thank you, to his special friends, Linda, Kathy, Mary and Gretta.

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