

Robert Edward Budnik, age 66 of Manistee, Michigan died Saturday November 1, 2014 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

He was born April 15, 1948 in Manistee, Michigan son of Edward & Florence (Fausz) Budnik. He was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central High School with the class of 1966. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from March 6, 1968 until his release from service on March 5, 1970. He then attended Michigan Tech University for one year. Robert married Betty Witucki on May 26, 1990 in Manistee at St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was employed at the Morton Salt Company in Manistee for over 38 years retiring in 2006. Robert enjoyed being in the outdoors and tending to his garden, he was an avid sports fan of all the major Michigan professional and college teams. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee, a member of the American Legion Post # 10 of Manistee and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Betty Budnik of Manistee, MI, his son & daughter-in-law: Kenneth & Melanie Budnik of Clarksville, MI, his parents, Edward & Florence (Fausz) Budnik, his brother & sister-in-law: Ron & Sue Budnik, his sister & brother-in-law: Mary Kaye & Daniel Wilkosz all of Manistee, MI, and a very special friend Mike Bauman. Several aunts, uncles and nieces and nephews also survive him.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery with Graveside Military Honors given by the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

The family will receive friends at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Saturday morning from 9:45 a.m. until leaving for the church at 10:40 a.m.

Memorials have been established in Robert's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools and also St. Joseph Catholic Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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