

**Phillip C. Celestino** age 82 of Manistee, Michigan died Tuesday night, December 17, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility with his wife Marie at his side.

He was born July 16, 1931 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, son of the late Luigi and Mary (Scozzafave) Celestino. Phil graduated from Sault High School in 1949. Phil married Marie A. Lamontagne on September 8, 1951 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He served as a corporal, in the United States Army during the Korean War from May 22, 1952 until his honorable discharge on April 28, 1954. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Michigan State University in 1958. From 1959 until 1966 Phil was employed with the Montgomery Ward Company, with his last position as the manager of the Manistee store. In 1966 Phil decided to get into the restaurant business and purchased the Bar-B-Q Drive In Restaurant in Manistee, which he owned and operated, in addition in 1977 he owned the Pillars Restaurant on River Street, also in Manistee. He was a member of the Manistee Kiwanis Club and a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife of over 62 years, Marie A. Celestino of Manistee, two daughters, Marcia (Chuck) Pyrah and Annette Celestino (Rick Bevans) all of Manistee, three grandchildren, Brian (Jessie) Pyrah of Manistee, Aaron (Julia) Pyrah of Lusby, Maryland, and Maureen Montgomery of Manistee, five great grandchildren, Claudia, Joseph, Cecelia, Christopher and Anthony Pyrah. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Phil was also preceded in death by two sisters, Vivian Celestino and Theresa Celestino and by three brothers Joseph, Anthony and Louie Celestino.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, December 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Monday morning, one hour prior to the funeral Mass. The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.