

Leonard J. Chmielewski, age 88 of Manistee, Michigan died Sunday, November 23, 2014 at his home with his children.

He was born on November 8, 1926 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Stanley & Anna (Krolczyk) Chmielewski.

Len was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1945. He married Phyllis Niemerowicz on November 24, 1949 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They celebrated over 63 years together before her death on July 1, 2013.

He began his working career at the Manistee Shoe Factory and then with the Swanson Oil Company where he delivered fuel oil to the local residents until his retirement from the Blarney Castle Company. He was a volunteer fire fighter for the Filer Township Fire Department. Len enjoyed fishing, reading and the Detroit Tigers. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by his daughter, Joyce Chmielewski (Marty Wabindato) and his son Daniel Chmielewski all of Manistee, MI, two sisters-in-law, Barbara Parr and Rita Niemerowicz both of Manistee, MI. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

In addition to his parents and his wife Phyllis, Len was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Bonnie Chmielewski, a sister & brother-in-law, Virginia & Edward Gregorski, three brothers & sisters-in-law, Harry & Eleanore "Buzzy" Chmielewski, Theodore & Charlene Chmielewski and Edward & Anna Chmielewski and two brothers-in-law, Harry Niemerowicz and Glen Parr.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will be at the church on Saturday morning, one hour prior to Len's funeral mass to receive friends.

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