



Kenneth Raymond Conklin, Sr., age 77 of Manistee, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City surrounded by his immediate family.

He was born October 22, 1935 in Bear Lake the son of the late Ralph and Anna (Williams) Conklin. On February 4, 1954 Kenneth enlisted in the United States Army, serving during the Korean War until his honorable discharge on July 3, 1958.

Kenneth married Dorothy Marie Kukla on June 6, 1959 in Manistee at Guardian Angels Church. He was employed at Century Boat and Manistee Drop Forge. He also delivered newspapers for the Grand Rapids Press, Detroit Free Press and Detroit News. Ken and his wife, Dorothy, enjoyed running their small home business, Ken and Dorothy Crafts.

He provided volunteer driving for the Department of Human Services and volunteered as a member of the American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, vacationing, playing poker, pinochle and euchre, gathering at McDonald's or K-Mart for coffee with his buddies, and spending time with his family and friends. He was a very loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed, always loved, and never forgotten.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Dorothy Marie Conklin; five children, Anna Ruiz, Kenneth Jr., Ralph, Thomas (Yvonne), Kevin (Lora); 12 grandchildren, Angela, Joshua, Justin, Jason, Michael, Ashley, Ryan, Robert, Jonathan, Amanda, Jennifer and Logan; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; and 4 step-great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward, Jim and Rex; sisters, Mable Farnsworth, Irene Milarch, Virginia Morley, Madelyn Cottrell, and Marilyn Croft.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service for Kenneth will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27th at Oak Grove Funeral Home, 309 Parkdale Ave. in Manistee with Father Sylvestre Obwaka officiating. A Military Tribute conducted by VFW Walsh Post #4477 and the American Legion Post #10 will follow the service. The family will receive friends for visitation from 12:00 p.m. until time of service.

Memorial contributions in Kenneth's name may be directed to the Manistee American Legion or the Manistee Senior Center. Please visit his personal book of memories page at www.oakgrovefh.com to share stories or photos with the family.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.