

David B. Dankowski, age 82, of Manistee, Michigan, died early Sunday morning, May 27, 2012 at the Manistee Medical Care Facility.

He was born October 6, 1929 in Manistee, MI, son of the late Bernard & Mary (Majchrzak) Dankowski. He attended St. Joseph School. He was employed with the Century Boat Company until its closing and most recently with the U.S. Forest Service Senior Conservation Corp.

David was always proud of his daughter Margaret and especially proud of his grandchildren. Known to many as "Unc", David had generous and gentle characteristics of an Uncle that extended beyond his family to his many friends and their families. He loved the outdoors and spending time on the family farm in Fountain with his grandchildren. He loved to garden vegetables, hunt, cut wood and keep busy. He was always willing to lend a hand to anyone with a project. He enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, watching westerns, playing the card game "Setback" and riding around out on "patrol" through the local beaches and forested areas. He also enjoyed being an assistant of the family polish sausage and sauerkraut crew. He was a member of the Manistee Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 1765.

David is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Margaret & Todd Shoemate of Manistee, MI; six grandchildren, Andrew Shoemate of Louisiana, Mariah (Terry) Ray of Florida, Amanda Shoemante of Manistee, MI, David Dankowski of Manistee, MI, Janette Shoemate of Traverse City, MI and Daniel Shoemate of Manistee, MI; 6 great-grandchildren, Saqoaua, Adriana, Ava, Kaleb, Ann Marie and Abigail and 2 brothers-in-law, Edward Miszewski and Gordon Pomeroy. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Donald Dankowski and his sisters, Dorothy Miszewski and Dolores Pomeroy.

A Memorial Service and Celebration of David's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, June 4, 2012 at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken officiating. Burial will take place at a later date. Following David's memorial service, a luncheon will be held at the St. Joseph Parish Center also in Manistee.

The family will be at the funeral home one hour prior to the time of service on Monday to receive friends.

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