



Barney J. Davis, 89, of Manistee passed away Friday morning, June 14, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

He was born November 15, 1923 in Ewart, the son of the late William and Flossie (Patterson) Davis. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving aboard the USS Bell (DD587) in the Pacific. He was united in marriage to Celia Jean Purkhiser in Ewart on September 24, 1947. The Davis' moved to Manistee from Cheboygan in 1976. She preceded him in death on July 13, 1999.

He was a retired having been an electrical engineer for Consumers Energy. He was a member of the Manistee United Methodist Church, the Manistee Kiwanis Club, where he was the secretary/treasurer for 25 years and a past lieutenant governor. He was a past president of the Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce, a past chairman of the West Shore Hospital Board and the Salvation Army Board and served as District Commissioner for the Boy Scout District. He was also a member of Manistee Golf & Country Club and bowled for Manistee Welding on the Elks Bowling League. He was very active in the community.

Barney is survived by his, son and daughter-in-law, Blair & Stephanie Davis of Manistee; daughter and son-in-law, Majel & Dwight Bowerman of Lake Placid, Florida; grandchildren, Shannon Davis of Manistee, Angelina (James) Kolbusz of Chicago, Brian Davis of Mount Pleasant & Chasity Blakely Wagner of Grand Rapids; great grandchildren, Connor and Charles Kolbusz, Adriana Davis and Brendan, Hunter, Sierra and Aadon Wagner. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife and parents, Barney was also preceded in death by a son, Kim William Davis in 1999, by his sisters, Elsie Tunney and Lois Elvey and by four half brothers.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday, June 18th at 11:00 a.m. at the Manistee United Methodist Church with Rev. David Selleck officiating. Final interment will be in the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Military honors will be conducted by VFW Walsh Post 4499 Ritual Squad.

The family will be at the church to receive friends on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, those wanting to remember Barney consider a gift in his memory to either the Manistee United Methodist Church or the Manistee Kiwanis Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home of Manistee.