

Robert William Dobel Jr., age 78 of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. He was born July 21, 1935 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Robert and Mary Margaret (Kosiboski) Dobel. He was a graduate of Manistee High School with the Class of 1953. Bob served in the United States Army as a corporal during the Korean War from April 13, 1952 until June 27, 1953. He received three Purple Hearts for wounds he received in October of 1952, December of 1952 and March of 1953. Bob's last and most talked about job prior to his retirement was working in the Power House at the Packaging Corporation of America in Filer City. He retired from PCA in hopes of finding more time to fish and pursue his many other interest and talents.

Bob loved to brook trout fish and fly fish for brown trout in the Lower and Upper Peninsula and Canada. When Bob was not fishing he would always have his nose buried into a book or newspaper and liked to read about trout fishing, the military, archeology and anything about steam engines. Bob loved to carve birds out of wood, make religious icons, and collect butterflies from all countries of the world. There were many times he would have to overcome terrible pain just to do the things that he enjoyed most, but that did not stop him. He had a very kind heart for dogs and spoke quite frequently about days that he had a dog and the pleasures that it brought him. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee, where graveside military honors will be presented by the members of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad of Manistee.

Visitation will be held at the church on Tuesday morning one hour prior to the uneral Mass. Memorials will be established in Bob's name for Saint Joseph Catholic Church and for Homeward Bound Animal Shelter both of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Tuesday morning. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**