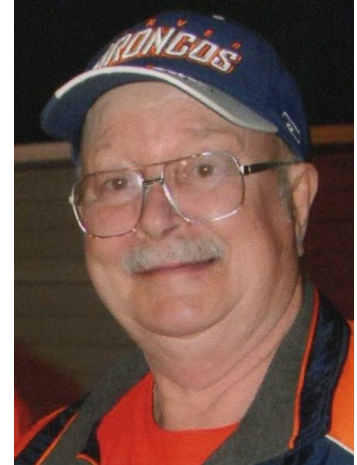


Dale E. J. Edmondson Sr., age 78 of Manistee, MI died Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

He was born on July 12, 1935 in Bear Lake, Michigan son of the late Erford D. & Evelyn G. (Patterson) Edmondson. Dale was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1954. He married Dora Sootsman on July 14, 1956 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manistee. He was co-owner of Manistee Welding & Piping and Manistee Secured Storage along with his brothers and sisters. Dale was a member of the Plumbers & Fitters Local # 174 out of Coopersville where to most of his fellow workers he was known as "Jumbo". He was a 40 year member of the Manistee Township Fire Department since its beginning having been a past fire chief. He bowled in the Manistee Area Association of Bowling for many years bowling at a national level for over 30 years and was inducted into their Hall of Fame. He also served with the Michigan National Guard. Dale enjoyed spending quality time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren especially at his father's cabin where he liked to putter around. He was a great supporter of Manistee Catholic Central Schools and a member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church of Manistee.



To his great grandchildren he was considered "Big Pa Pa" and was well known for passing out his candy for a hug.

He is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Dora (Sootsman) Edmondson, his children, Dale (Rita) Edmondson Jr. of Manistee, MI, Victoria (Alex) Lijewski of Manistee, MI, Christopher (Jeanette) Edmondson of Colorado, Carol (Eric) Jensen of Alaska, Dawn (David) Lijewski of Manistee, MI, Lorie (Scott) Yoder of Manistee, MI, his grandchildren, Dale Edmondson III of Manistee, MI, Derek (Lauren) Edmondson of Florida, Danielle & Devon Edmondson of Manistee, MI, Melisa (Wayne) Christner, Jennifer (Kerry) Wagner of Burton, MI, Amanda (Kelly) Breland of Manistee, MI, Christopher (Michelle) Edmondson Jr. of Colorado, Joshua Jensen, Emily Jensen, Timothy Jensen and Andrew Jensen of Alaska, David Lijewski Jr.(Amanda Pefley), and Denise Lijewski of Manistee, MI, Jessica (Seth) Black of Arizona and Cody Yoder of Manistee, MI, his great grandchildren, Montana Lijewski of Manistee, MI, Dakota Wagner of Burton, MI, Ayden Breland, Noah Breland, Nathaniel Breland, London Breland & Maverick Breland all of Manistee, MI, Rowan Edmondson of Florida, Aston Edmondson of Colorado, Kane Black & Ryder Black of Arizona and Tori Gancarz of Manistee, MI, his brothers & sisters, Lynn (Mary Esther) Edmondson, Jim (Sharon) Edmondson, Roy (Hilda) Edmondson, Larry (Rosemary) Edmondson, Mary Moskalski & George (Sue) Edmondson. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents Erford (Evelyn) Edmondson, a sister Rita Racine, a sister-in-law Sharon Edmondson and a brother-in-law Walter Moskalski.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 21, 2013 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will take place immediately following Dale's funeral Mass at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, on Sunday, October 20, where friends may begin calling at the funeral home on Sunday after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home to receive friends, on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. until leaving for the church at 10:40 a.m.

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