

Robert J. Frederiksen, age 80, of Princeton Rd., Manistee, passed away Monday, April 29, 2013 after a long illness. He was born June 1, 1932 in Manistee, and was the son of Einar and Nellie (Williams) Frederiksen. Bob graduated from Manistee High School with the class of 1950, and joined the Naval Reserve.

In 1951 he went to work for the M&N.E. Railroad in the shop, and in January 1952 he was called to active duty in the Navy for a 2-year period. He returned to work at the railroad in 1954, and in 1955 he switched to train service after the C&O took over M&N.E. He retired as a conductor after 37 years of service in 1989.

He married Barbara Strzyzewski at Saint Joseph Church in Manistee on August 25, 1956. He is survived by one son, Daniel, daughter-in-law Victoria, of Downey, CA, and one Granddaughter, Sara of Long Beach, CA. He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara in 2010, a daughter Mary, his parents, siblings Danny, Mickey, & Kathryn who died at a young age, Don 1978, and Elizabeth Werle 2012.

Bob enjoyed singing in the St. Joseph Church choir as long as his health permitted. He passed away while visiting his family in California and his cremated remains will be returned to the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee for a future memorial service at St. Joseph Church, and subsequent burial next to his wife of 54 years at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.