

**Harry J. Gajewski**, age 76 of Kosciusko Street in Manistee, Michigan died Thursday evening, January 28, 2010 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

He was born on February 13, 1933 in Stronach, Michigan son of the late John and Jennie (Jados) Gajewski. Harry Gajewski married Mary Ann Rakowski on May 6, 1961 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Victory, MI. She preceded him in death on November 10, 2009. He served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War from May 12, 1953 until May 12, 1955. He was employed at Century Boat Company and later with Morton Salt Company where he had worked until his retirement in 1995. Harry also helped his wife Mary Ann with their family catering business throughout the years. He enjoyed making homemade traditional polish food dishes, including all types of sausages. He loved to fish, hunt, play bingo and go to the casino. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the St. Joseph Men's Club, the Civic Club, a Life Member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 and a member of the American Legion Post #10 all of Manistee.

He is survived by two daughters & sons-in-law: Kathleen & Michael Krusniak of Manistee, MI and Julie A. & Richard Taylor of Grand Haven, MI, two sons & daughters-in-law: Clarence & Debby Gajewski and Theodore J. & Karen Gajewski all of Freesoil, MI, twelve grandchildren, five great grandchildren, his sister and brother in-law, Rose Ann and Kenneth Schwass of Freesoil, MI, his brothers in-law, Robert Rakowski of Freesoil, MI, Ray Buddy of Charlevoix, MI and one sister-in-law and brother in-law: Janet and Harry Abramowski of Traverse City, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive her.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Stanley Holowinski, three sisters Genevieve Golembiewski, Joan Witkowski and Verna M. Cogswell, his brother in-law, Max Rakoski and a sister-in-law Terry (Mikula) Rakowski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, where graveside military services will be conducted by the members of the VFW Ritual Squad.

An Evening Vigil Service will be prayed Tuesday evening February 2, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Tuesday afternoon, after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

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