

Chester W. Glocheski died peacefully January 9, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Center. He was 93. Chester was born August 13, 1917 in Manistee to Agnes (Ozga) and William Glocheski. He was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1935. The Manistee native served in Europe with the U.S. Army Engineers during World War II, was wounded in France, and received the Purple Heart. Chester returned home to marry his wife of sixty-five years, the former Helen Skiera on July 14, 1945 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He was a gentle, kind and loving husband and a caring and supportive father to his four children who admire and love him greatly.

At Chester's core was his passion for public service. He served his community with integrity and devotion. His career began as a Manistee County Supervisor, in 1959 he was appointed Manistee City Assessor, and in 1969 he was appointed City Manager serving in that capacity for ten years prior to retiring. During that time Chester's accomplishments were many, including a trip to the White House in 1977 to receive a landscaping award for Manistee's Marina Park Project. Chester had a gift for securing state and federal funding for many projects which benefited the city such as the development of the First Street Beach including softball fields and tennis courts; new water wells and under-ground piping, side walk projects, the creation of the Industrial Park, and the purchasing of land surrounding Fifth Street Beach whose development has resulted in a significant tax base for the City. Chester was a visionary and lived to see many of the projects that he initially planned come to fruition since his retirement over thirty years ago.

Chester was a very busy man, but his priority was his wife and children. He was known for taking a car full of family to Grand Rapids for shopping excursions where he demonstrated enthusiasm and extreme patience. He greatly enjoyed spending time on the golf links, tending to his flower gardens, woodworking, and playing cards with his buddies at the Elks.

He is a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee, a member of the BPO Elks Lodge #250 of Manistee and a life member of the Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He is survived by his wife of over 65 years, Helen A. Glocheski of Manistee, three daughters and a son-in-law Mary Sue Spencer of Dearborn, MI, Carol and Brian Copeland of Kentwood, MI, and Gail Glocheski of Byron Center,

MI, one son and daughter in-law; William J. and Becky Fay Glocheski of Surprise, Arizona, four grandchildren Douglas (Kristen) Spencer Jr., Robert Spencer, Elizabeth Copeland and Sara Copeland, two great grandchildren Alyssa Spencer and Casey Spencer, two sisters and a brother in-law Eleanor Miller and Clarice and Leonard Wittlief all of Manistee, MI, two brothers and sisters in-law, Bernard and Joyce Glocheski of Otsego, MI, and Patrick and Carol Glocheski of Banning, California. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was also preceded in death by his son in-law Douglas Spencer and by three sisters Dortha Paprocki, Joan Froncek and Marie Ballard and by one brother James Glocheski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 11:00 am at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow the mass at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at Saint Joseph Catholic Church on Wednesday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

Memorials have been established in Chester's name for St. Joseph Parish and the Manistee County Medical Care Facility both of Manistee. Envelopes will be available at the church on Wednesday morning.

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