

James Francis Gutowski, age 89 of Manistee, died Sunday February 17, 2013 at his home.

He was born February 25, 1923 in Manistee the son of the late Stanley and Mary (Oleniczak) Gutowski. He graduated from Manistee High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II where was stationed in the Pacific Theatre; he was wounded in action and earned a Purple Heart. Jim married Arlene L. Pipke on August 4, 1951 at St. Adelbert Catholic Church in Milwaukee, WI; she preceded him in death on August 4, 2000. Jim was employed as a machinist at Packaging Corporation of America for 45 years.

He was a member of VFW Walsh Post # 4499, Manistee Elks Lodge # 250 and a communicant of St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine. He enjoyed reading, golfing, wood working, bird watching, painting, cooking, and his yearly trips to Brownsville, Texas.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Laurice (Harvey) Hohnke of Byron Center; 2 sons, Jeffery (Susan) Gutowski of Saratoga Springs, NY and Gregory Gutowski of Fort Mill, SC; 4 grandchildren, Jason (Stacey) Gutowski, Ryan & Kyle Gutowski, Loranda (Ken) Heng; 5 great-grandchildren, Jack & Aubrey Gutowski and Lorabella, Karena & Kaynen Heng; and sister, Elenore Davidson of Florida. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond, Harry, Larry, Stanley & Gerald Gutowski, and sisters, Rose Janesheski, Alice Landis and Regina Gutowski.

Cremation has taken place and Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 22, 2013 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine with Father Sylvestre Obwaka officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Jim's name may be directed to Manistee Catholic Central School or the American Lung Association.

His children wish to extend a special thank you to his neighbors, Mike & Julie Feliczak and Mary Marzinski for always watching out for their dad.

Please visit Jim's personal book of memories page at www.oakgrovefh.com to share a story or photo with the family.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.