

Albin Paul Hughes, age 86 of Arcadia, Michigan passed away suddenly, April 4, 2011 in East Lansing.

He was born January 4, 1925 in Manistee, Michigan, son of the late John & Anna (Modjeski) Hughes. He attended Guardian Angels Elementary School and was a graduate of Manistee High School in the class of 1943. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and attended Hope College in the ASTP program. During that time he was called to serve in Patton's 3rd Army Infantry as the Allies were landing at Normandy. Before he was deployed, he met his future bride Bonnie (Bernadette) Eileen Lutz on the carferry "City of Saginaw". He faithfully served his country and was missing in action behind enemy lines and awarded the Bronze Star. He received an honorable discharge in 1946. Upon his return home he and Bonnie married and lived in Lansing where Al attended Michigan State College (University) and earned his degree. Al served as principal and superintendent in the Arcadia and Onkama School Systems for 28 years. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Arcadia Post #3314 and Manistee Walsh Post #4499. Al and Bonnie loved and were devoted to their family.

Al is survived by his wife Bonnie; three children: Susan (Richard) Zygadlo; Nancy (William) McKenna and Michael (Julie) Hughes; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death in addition to his parents by three brothers: Tony, Lloyd and Edwin Hughes and four sisters: Irene Kamaloski, Lavonne Dugas, Evelyn Haase and Lillian Jacobs.

A Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 8, 2011 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken and Reverend Lawrence Sergott celebrants. Members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad of Manistee will present military honors following Albin's Memorial Mass. A luncheon will be held at the Guardian Angels Parish Hall immediately following funeral services. Final interment will take place at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Arcadia, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established in Al's name for the Arcadia Lions Club. Envelopes will be available at the Church on the Friday and also at the funeral home.

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