

**Francis “Franny” Kadzban**, age 87 of Manistee, Michigan died early Tuesday evening, August 16, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

He was born on February 2, 1924 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Max & Elizabeth (Bartoszek) Kadzban. He was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1941. Franny served in the U.S. Army during World War II from February 24, 1943 until February 10, 1946, having been stationed in New Guinea. He married Gertrude J. Jabrocki on June 1, 1946 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Ludington, Michigan. Franny was employed for 36 years with the Hardy Salt Company retiring in 1986 from Diamond Crystal Salt Company. After his retirement, he was employed with the Herbert Funeral Home. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, a life member of the V.F.W. Walsh Post # 4499 and also a life member of the Civic Club all of Manistee. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, working in his yard and gardening.

He is survived by his Gertrude J. Kadzban of Manistee, MI, two sons & daughters-in-law: Phil & Cindy Kadzban of Onekama, MI and Leon & Mary Kadzban of Comstock Park, MI, two grandsons and their spouses: Jason & Jannete Kadzban of Grand Rapids, MI, and Jared and Jennifer Kadzban of Caladonia, MI, and eight great grandchildren: Allyssa, Caitlyne, Jacob, Ethan, Ellie, Isabelle, Hannah and Max, two brothers & one sister-in-law: Maurice Kadzban of Wyoming, MI and Aloise & Marvine Kadzban of Grand Rapids, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by three sisters & two brothers-in-law: Christine & Al Gorch, Phyllis & Harry Adamczak and Maxine Batterson, one brother, Joseph Kadzban and one sister-in-law: Jacqueline Kadzban.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad will conduct Military Graveside Honors.

An evening Vigil Service will be held Friday evening August 19, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling at the funeral home on Friday afternoon after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to receive friends.

Those wishing to make a memorial contribution are asked to consider St. Joseph Catholic Church or Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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