

Ronald E. Kamaloski, 72, of Manistee, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday afternoon, April 24, 2012, at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

He was born November 8, 1939 in Manistee, the son of the late Peter & Irene (Hughes) Kamaloski. Ron married Betty Lijewski on September 17, 1966, in Manistee. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Nurnberg, Germany as a radio operator. He was retired from the United Postal Service and most recently worked as a Crop Loss Insurance Adjuster.

Ron enjoyed woodworking and gardening. He loved watching birds and collected many ornamental trees which he planted in his yard. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends and strangers.

Ron was a communicant of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee.

Ron is survived by his wife, Betty; one daughter & son-in-law, Dursa & Kenneth Smotrilla of Caledonia; two sons & one daughter-in-law, Peter Kamaloski of Manistee and Jeffrey & Casey Kamaloski of Bear Lake, two grandsons, Matthew & Nicholas Smotrilla of Caledonia, one brother & sister-in-law, Richard & Pat Kamaloski of Manistee, two sisters & one brother-in-law, Shirley & Lane Anderson of Eastlake, and Arlene Brown of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Theodore Kamaloski; and one sister, Gloria Brown.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 30, 2012 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee where members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad will present graveside military honors.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening April 29, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. receive friends.

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