**Verian J. Krusniak** age 71 of Manistee, Michigan died Sunday, January 31, 2010 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility.

He was born July 14, 1938 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Thaddeus "Ted" and Estelle (Dutkavich) Krusniak. He was a graduate of Manistee High School with the class of 1957. Verian married Mary Ann Hilliard on October 14, 1961 at St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee. She preceded him in death on October 11, 1999. Most of his life he had been employed at the Morton Salt Company in Manistee, in the power house, until his retirement in July of 2000. Verian was a member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 and the American Legion Post #10 both of Manistee and an active member of the Fin and Feather Club of Mason County. He was an avid trap and skeet shooter at the Fin and Feather Club in Scottville, on a weekly basis.

He is survived by two daughters and sons in-law, Karen and Edward McFadzen and Kimberley and Jeffrey Johnson, all of Manistee, MI, his grandson Logan Johnson of Manistee, four brothers in-law and two sisters in-law, Patricia and Larry Aiello of Auburn, California, Robert and Arlene Hilliard of Manistee, MI, and Ronald Hilliard of Cadillac, MI, and Michael Hilliard of Flint, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 5, 2010 at 11:00 AM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday morning, from 9:30 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM. Memorials will be established in Verian's name for the Fin and Feather Club and the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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