

Thomas James Lijewski, age 84 of Manistee, passed away on August 20, 2014 at The Bauer House in Manistee.

He was born July 2, 1930 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the son the late Michael S. & Stella (Czeszak) Lijewski. He attended St. Joseph School and Manistee High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, retiring after 22 years of honorable service. On May 8, 1954 Tom married Betty Jacobs at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Pensacola, FL and they celebrated 52 years of marriage; she preceded him in death on February 22, 2006.



After retiring from the service, Tom worked for Lockheed-Martin in Marietta, GA for 18 years and then retired to Fort Walton Beach, FL. After Betty passed away, he moved back to Manistee. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed fishing.

Tom is survived by his sister, Barbara J. Svetkovich of Foley, AL; brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Jimmy & Mable Whitfield of Fort Walton Beach, FL; and sister-in-law, Shirley Teavy of Brewton, AL. He was especially close to his nephews, Mark and Mike Lijewski and Mike Whitfield; and will be missed by many other nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, John M. and Richard J. Lijewski; brothers-in-law, William Svetkovich and John Teavy; and sister-in-law, Marijane Lijewski.

A Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 20, 2014 with Father Chet Collins, Celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 A.M. until time of Mass. Military graveside services will be conducted at Mount Carmel Cemetery by the Manistee County United Veterans' Council Ritual Team where Tom, along with his wife Betty, will be interred.

Memorials in Tom's name may be directed to Manistee Catholic Central School or Hospice of Michigan.

The family has entrusted the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Manistee with funeral arrangements.