

**William “Bill” Markham**, age 75 of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday October 9, 2013 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee unexpectedly.



He was born on May 17, 1938 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Thomas E. & Esther L. (Olson) Markham. He was a graduate of Manistee High School the class of 1957. Bill married Catherine M. Hillary on August 18, 1962 at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have been married for over 51 years. He was employed for 34 years in the Maintenance Department at Martin Marietta Company. He enjoyed bowling in his earlier years and was a great supporter of Manistee Catholic Central School. He enjoyed spending summers at Lime Lake, Michigan, loved the Detroit Tigers and Michigan State Spartans and above all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and family. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee.

He is survived by his wife Catherine “Kay” Markham of Manistee, MI, two daughters & sons-in-law; Hilary & Brian McKie and Staci & Jeff Johnson all of Manistee, MI, two sons & daughters-in-law; Scott & Rhonda Markham of Grand Rapids, MI and Shawn & Kim Markham of Ludington, MI, 14 grandchildren, his brother & sister-in-law; James & Martha Markham of Sparta, MI, one sister & brother-in-law; Sharon & Steve Sandberg of Cadillac, MI, and his special friend Denny Janowiak of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by twin sisters Laura Dummer and Linda Bladzik.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Burial will take place immediately following Bill’s funeral Mass at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, on Sunday, October 13, where friends may begin calling at the funeral home on Sunday after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home to receive friends, on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. until leaving for the church at 10:40 a.m.

Memorials have been established in Bill’s name for Manistee Catholic Central School. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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