Edward F. Nowak, age 85 of Manistee, MI died peacefully Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

He was born on September 30, 1927 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late William T. & Margaret (Paprocki) Nowak. He was a graduate of Manistee High School. He served our country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from January 11, 1951 to January 12, 1953. Ed married Mary Ann Wojciechowski on June 25, 1955 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on November 11, 2001.

Ed was employed with the Hardy Salt Company in Manistee for many years up until his retirement. He loved fishing, hunting gardening and spending time with his family. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

Ed is survived by two daughters & a son-in-law: Jo Ellen & Stephen Karas of Fountain, MI and Sue Nowak of Washington, DC and one son & daughter-in-law: Tom & Suzanne Nowak of East Grand Rapids, MI, 6 grandchildren, Joey, Christine, John & Patrick Nowak and Emma & Eddie Karas, and five sisters-in-law: Grace Nowak of Lowell, MI, Helen Nowak, Virginia Wicinski, Barbara Doering and Carol Hull all of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death in addition to his wife by an infant son, John Paul Nowak, one sister, Esther Wahr & three brothers, William Nowak, Carl Nowak and David Nowak.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil service at 8:00 P.M. on Friday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.

Memorials will be established in Ed's name for Manistee Meals on Wheels and Manistee Catholic Central Athletic Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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