



**Raymond "Petey" Oleniczak**, age 94 of Manistee, Michigan died unexpectedly early Wednesday morning, September 19, 2012 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

He was born on November 6, 1917 in Filer Township, Michigan son of the late Michael & Clara (Kroll) Oleniczak. Ray married Genevieve J. Pieczynski on August 3, 1940 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They have celebrated over 72 years of marriage together. He served in the United States Army during World War II from 1945 up until his discharge in 1946. He was employed in the Maintenance Department at the Hardy Salt Company (Akzo) for 42 years retiring in 1982. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed picking blueberries and mushrooms in the woods. He also enjoyed tending to his garden and his Detroit Tigers. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife, Genevieve J. Oleniczak, his son and daughter-in-law: Kenneth & Nancy Oleniczak all of Manistee, MI, two grandchildren, Mark & Jennifer Oleniczak and Linda & David Wandrych, four great grandchildren, Allen & Bryan Wandrych and Danielle & Nathan Oleniczak all of Manistee, MI, one brother & sister-in-law, Joe & Virginia Oleniczak of Manistee, MI, two half-sisters, Ceil (Ralph) Krusniak of Manistee, MI and Germaine Habkirk of Flint, MI, his half-brother, Donald Oleniczak of Hamtramck, MI, his sister-in-law, Valeria Wosniewski of Manistee, MI and a brother-in-law, Ed Byers of Ludington, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Edwin Oleniczak, four sisters, Virginia Kott, Emaline Baker, Bernice Izdebski and Martha Oleniczak, his three step-sisters, Josephine Jameson, Rose Cerny and Lilian Wosniewski, one step-brother Michael Wosniewski and three half-sisters, Eleanor Klett, Mary Beyer and Clara Dahlke.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 22, 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 Friday evening September 21, 2012 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling after 6:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to receive friends.

A memorial has been established in Ray's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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