

**Dr. Benedict M. Polcyn, M.D.** age 84, of Manistee, Michigan died Sunday, February 20, 2011 at Manistee County Medical Care Facility in Manistee.

He was born on November 2, 1926 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Stephen J. & Josephine A. (Stefaniak) Polcyn. He attended St. Joseph Elementary School and was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1944. He attended the University of Michigan and received his Medical Degree on June 14, 1952. Dr. Benedict did his residency in Pathology at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee Wisconsin. He joined the Wisconsin National Guard and then he was drafted into the U.S. Army having served as a Captain, in the Medical Corp in Germany from January 2, 1955 until June 13, 1957. He spent countless hours reading, and spending time in the library, and especially enjoyed reading biographies and about historical battles as well as studying and researching the bible and reading poetry, he also enjoyed singing and listening to folk music, playing card games, and woodworking. He had a special interest in animals and always took great care of his pets.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee, where he was a past member of the choir.

He is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law: Ann & Larry Davis of Bay City, MI and Jane M. Polcyn of Indianapolis, IN, one son & daughter-in-law: James Michael & Diane Polcyn of Chesterfield, MI, one granddaughter: Dawn Amanda Wright of Midland, MI, two sisters: Barbara J. Polcyn and Claudia M. Polcyn both of Manistee, MI and one brother-in-law: Raymond Tylenda of Milwaukee, WI. Numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren Matthew Wright and Maureen King, two sisters, Agatha Tylenda and Gertrude Yelich and four brothers, Gabriel, Stephen Jr., Fabian and Bonaventure Polcyn, a sister-in-law, Barbara A. Polcyn and a brother-in-law, Emil Yelich.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Thursday February 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Sylvestre Obwaka celebrant. Burial will follow in Mount Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Thursday morning one hour prior to the funeral mass.

A memorial has been established in Dr. Benedict's name for St. Joseph Catholic Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and also at the church on Thursday morning.

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