

**Earl “Buzzy” Racine Jr.** age 73 of Manistee, Michigan died peacefully on Monday afternoon, October 22, 2012 at William Beaumont Hospital in Gross Pointe, Michigan.

He was born on October 7, 1939 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Earl J. Sr. and Eva M. (Floyd) Racine. He was a graduate of Manistee High School the class of 1958. He played on the Manistee High School football state champion team of 1957. Buzzy married Mary Lou Bartoszek on October 9, 1982 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He was owner and operator of Manistee Tire Service for over 40 years. His hobbies included fishing & woodworking. He was an active member with the St. Joseph Men’s Club and an active volunteer at Manistee Catholic Central School and a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou Racine of Manistee, MI, one daughter, Kelly Zack of Florida and her children, Alexa & Andrew Zack, one son & daughter-in-law, Earl James & Melanie Racine and their son Earl Jefferson Racine IV of Colorado, five sisters & three brothers-in-law, Donna Wallace, Bonnie & John Harwell, Patricia & Dan Barch and Linda & James Muszynski all of Manistee, MI and Deborah & Michael Birkam of Mt. Pleasant, MI, his mother-in-law, Sally Cabot of Manistee, MI and his brother-in-law, Reverend Richard Bartoszek of Clinton Township, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Glen Wallace.

Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 12:00 noon at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with his brother-in-law Reverend Richard Bartoszek celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

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

Memorials have been established in Buzzy’s name for St. Joseph Men’s Club, Manistee Catholic Central Foundation and Beaumont Gross Pointe Chapel Fund. Envelopes will be available at the church on Thursday.

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