

Captain Harold "Bud" Raskey, age 84 of Stronach, Michigan passed away Tuesday morning September 7, 2010 at his home in the care of his loving family.

Bud was born on November 24, 1925 in Stronach, Michigan, the son of Reinhold and Helen (Gorski) Raschke and lived in Stronach his whole life. He attended Guardian Angels School as a youngster and married Laura R. Raatz, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee, on November 8, 1942. They were married 53 years and raised six children together. Laura preceded him in death on August 12, 1996.

As a young man, Bud was active in the sport of boxing, winning a Golden Gloves Title in 1950. When his boys were growing up, he was very active for years as a coach for the Little League and Pony League baseball program in Manistee. But, Bud is mostly well known as a long-time fishing guide, hunter and trapper in the Manistee area. He worked as a fishing guide on many of the area inland lakes and rivers for years and was one of the original guides on Lake Michigan when the salmon were first planted here in the late 1960's. He chartered with his boat, the "Michelle" for over 30 years. The Manistee County Sports Fishing Association presented Bud with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994 and he was inducted as a Legendary Guide in the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in 2006.

Bud Raskey is survived by two sons and daughters in-law; Jerome and Sherry Raskey of Wasilla, Alaska and David and Mary Raskey of Manistee, MI; three daughters and three sons in-law; Marilyn Shoup of Ludington, MI, Marlene and Tom Lijewski of Manistee, MI, Michelle and John Dalton of Freemont, MI, Jim Fortier of Stronach, MI, and his special, long-time companion, Maxine Lepior. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one sister, Elaine (Chester) Tyrrell of Cridersville, Ohio and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Laura, Bud was preceded in death by one daughter, Marcia (Jim) Fortier, one grandson, John Shoup, and two sisters, Flora (Stacey) Thompson and Lucille (Elzie) Russell.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at the Old Stronach Cemetery.

The Evening Vigil service will be prayed on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and at the church on Saturday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**