



WALTER A. SCHUELKE
1934 – 2010

Walter A. Schuelke Jr., 76, of Manistee, passed away Thursday morning, October 14, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born June 1, 1934 in Filer City, the eldest son of the late Walter and Stella (Sprader) Schuelke, he grew up in Filer City and graduated from Manistee High School in 1952. After graduation Walter started his long career at Packaging Corporation of America. He served 2 years in the United States Army in various towns of West Germany from 1957 to 1959. Upon his return, he resumed his work as a millwright and retired in 1996 after 44 years of dedicated service.

On April 15, 1961 Walter was united in marriage to Myrna L. Linke at Guardian Angels Church in Manistee. Together they raised four children. He was a devoted husband and father who always encouraged his family to do the best they could. He was a talented mechanic and handyman, and was admired by those who knew him for his abilities and willingness to repair almost anything. He was an avid reader, and also enjoyed working outdoors. Walter was also a devout Catholic, and a life-long member of Guardian Angels Church in Manistee.

Walter is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Myrna, one daughter, and three sons, Sheri Jordan of Indianapolis, Indiana., David (Marna) Schuelke of Hoosick Falls, New York, Thomas Schuelke of Manistee, and Douglas Schuelke of Manistee; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Marie Schuelke, Wayne and Helen Linke, and John and Sylvia Willett, all of Manistee, Arnold and Linda Linke of Battle Creek, Mi, and Arvid and Laurie Linke of St. Charles, Missouri, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by: two brothers, an infant brother Robert in 1940 and by James R. Schuelke in 1987; by his Father Walter Schuelke Sr. in 1994, Mother Stella in 1986, and son-in-law Rex Jordan in 2006.

Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 18, 2010 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also of Manistee.

The Evening Vigil service will be prayed on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where the family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Those wishing to make a contribution in Walter's memory can consider a gift to The American Cancer Society or Guardian Angels Church. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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