

William Benjamin Sedlar age 93 of Manistee, Michigan died Saturday evening, February 5, 2011 at the Green Acres Retirement Living Home in Manistee. He was born September 6, 1917 in Kaleva, Michigan, the son of the late John and Magdalena (Volsek) Sedlar. He was a graduate of Manistee High School. Bill married Letha L. Crow on September 28, 1940 at Port Clinton, Ohio. Letha preceded him in death on May 15, 1994. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army, 107th Port Marine Maintenance Company from April 29, 1944 until November 8, 1945. Bill was employed with the United States Forest Service, working as a heavy equipment operator in the Manistee National Forest, being stationed in Wellston, Michigan. Bill enjoyed his hobby of woodcarving, and looking for antiques while stopping at estate sales, garage sales and yard sales. He was an avid domino player, loved to be in the outdoors especially driving and walking in the woods, and later in life, enjoyed traveling with his most recent trip being to Alaska.

He is survived by three sons and daughters in-law, William and Barbara Sedlar of Grand Rapids, MI, Lawrence and Rose Sedlar and Gerald and Darlene Sedlar all of Manistee, MI, six grandchildren, Jennifer (Steve) Kurdelski, Rebecca Sedlar, Valerie (Rick) Van Buskirk, Sally (Curt) Payne, Timothy Sedlar and Holly Bonecutter, nine great grandchildren, one brother and sister in-law, Martin and Irene Sedlar of Yuma, MI, three sisters, Margaret Hardy of Muskegon, MI, Helen Richmond of Flushing, MI, and Bertha Eggleston of Harrison, MI, and his very special friend. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive Bill.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, John and Frank Sedlar and by his infant brother Tony Sedlar.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 12:00 Noon at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken officiating. Burial will take place in the spring, at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday morning two hours prior to the funeral service.

Memorials will be established in Bill's name for Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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