



**William R. Shales**, age 73, passed away at 9:46 pm Monday, March 28, 2011, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Bill was born November 24, 1937, in Detroit Michigan, to the late Merton and Phoebe Shales. He was united in marriage on August 19, 1959 to Edith Marie Gill. Edith preceded him in death on April 23, 2005. He also had three sisters that preceded him in death.

Bill served his country in the United States Army, SFC E-7, for 20 years and served in Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, Bill and his family moved to Manistee in 1977. He was a loan and finance officer for a while until the business closed due to downsizing and then he started working at Home Furniture and Appliances and stayed on for 20-some years until his retirement. Bill was very outgoing and active in the community through the VFW, Lions Club, the Manistee City Council, the Bowling Association, many bowling leagues and various clubs. He loved to bowl, golf, travel, and spend time with family and friends.

Bill was united in marriage to Lorena Bideaux on November 28, 2010, in Sciota, Illinois. He was a loving, kind and giving person. We will miss him tremendously.

Bill is survived by his wife Lorena, of Colchester, Illinois, a daughter and son-in-law, Cassie and Keith Cabot; grandchildren, Kaylyn and Cory Cabot, of Manistee; step daughters; Michelle and Chet Roy of Fisher, Illinois and Melody and David Vogler of Creal Springs, Illinois, step-grandchildren Luke, Jake, Kailey and Samantha Roberts, Jesse and Erica Vogler; a sister; Lee Herrera of Brainerd, Minnesota and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 11:00 am at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine in Manistee with Father John McCracken celebrant. The family will be present from 10:00 am until the time of service to receive friends. Memorials may be given in Bill's honor to Manistee Catholic Central School.