

Harvey E. Showalter, age 78 of Manistee, MI died early Monday morning, July 29, 2013 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born on December 19, 1934 in Onekama, Michigan, son of the late Harvey J. and Seraphia (Patterson) Showalter. He was a graduate of Onekama High School with the class of 1952. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War from April 1, 1954 until January 20, 1958. Harvey married Rose Marie T. Edel on June 22, 1963 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past June. For 25 years he was employed at the Excello Corporation in Manistee until the company closed its operation in Manistee, then he started his own masonry construction business which he owned and operated. He was a member of the DAV Salt City Chapter # 43 of Manistee and the Manistee County Foundation. He was instrumental in starting and with the coordination of the Disabled American Veterans Van Program in Manistee County. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee. He enjoyed woodworking, fruit & vegetable gardening, fishing, and riding on his pontoon boat and well as spending time at the casino.

He is survived by his wife Rose Marie Showalter of Manistee, MI, one daughter & son-in-law: Pamela & Todd Gayan of Grand Rapids, MI, three grandchildren: Elizabeth Gayan, Grant Gayan and Weston Gayan, three sisters & four brothers-in-law: Joann Hutchinson, Bonna Jean & Louis Pettis all of Bear Lake, MI, and Rosalyn & Bruce Soller of Onekama, MI, George Vaughn of Onekama, MI and Douglas Somero of Arcadia, MI, his brother Ronald Showalter of Manistee, MI, his sister-in-law: Mary Ann Zuchowski of Caledonia, MI, his special aunt, Florence Rutowski of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him. Harvey also enjoyed his special companion "Butche"

He was preceded in death by an infant brother Joseph Oliver Showalter and three sisters, Jacquelyn Vaughn, Audrey Cady and Anna Somero.

According to Harvey's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, where graveside military honors will be conducted by the members of the VFW Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee Ritual Squad.

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

Memorials will be established in Harvey's name for the Harvey E. Showalter Memorial Fund (Disabled American Veterans Van Program), Manistee Catholic Central Schools, and Hospice of Michigan. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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