

Walter Lawrence Slawinski, age 81 of Manistee, Michigan died Friday, August 26, 2011 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, unexpectedly. He was born April 14, 1930 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Kawalec) Slawinski. He attended the LaSalle School. Walter served as a corporal in the United States Army during the Korean War from January 21, 1953 until December 30, 1954. He married Mary Jane Dziolek on October 6, 1956 at Saint John Cantius Catholic Church in Freesoil, Michigan. Mary Jane preceded him in death on October 20, 1998. Walter was employed for over thirty six years with the Packaging Corporation of America in Filer City, Michigan, retiring in July of 1992. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Monsignor J.M. Steffes Council #853 in Manistee. He was inducted into the Manistee Catholic Central Hall of Fame in 1995. In his younger years, Walter was very active in Boy Scouting in our local area.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Slawinski and James Slawinski both of Manistee, MI, four grandchildren, Sarah, Kristopher, Rebecca and Andrew Slawinski, his sister Dorothy Sielski of Manistee, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Henry D. Slawinski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives, friends and the members of the Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary, Wednesday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee at 7:30 PM, where the Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed on Wednesday evening, at 8:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

A memorial will be established in Walter's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**