

Richard R. Zapalski age 79 of Manistee, Michigan died Saturday night, May 24, 2014 at his home.

He was born July 13, 1934 in Chicago, Illinois and was the son of the late Vincent and Mary Zapalski. He served in the United States Army during the early days of the Vietnam War from November 20, 1959 until February 9, 1962. Richard married Louise A. (Olk) Zoscsak on July 13, 1985 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on March 5, 2002. Richard was a master carpenter and former employee of Bell Lumber and Homewood Industries. He was a member of the Catholic Community of Manistee (Guardian Angels Catholic Church).

Richard is survived by his nieces Diane (the late Stephen) Corr; Peg (Peter) Bugajski; and Ruth Ann Buchnat; and nephews Allan Smolinski and Ronald (Ursula) Buchnat; numerous great nieces and nephews; loyal friend Mike Hargesheimer; and dear friends Marlene and Tom Lijewski, who brought him much comfort in his final days.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents Vincent and Mary; sisters Helen B. (Eugene) Smolinski, and Charlotte (Jerry) Buchnat; and brother Arthur E. Zapalski.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Chet Collins celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee, where graveside military honors will be given by the members of the Manistee Walsh Post #4499 VFW Ritual Squad. By Richard request there will be no visitation at the funeral home or at the church on Saturday morning.

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