



**Ted J. Zatarga** age 90 of Manistee, Michigan died Thursday, March 25, 2010 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan. He was born March 14, 1920 in Filer Township, Michigan and was the son of the late John and Anna (Rozga) Zatarga.

He served in the United States Army during World War II from March 26, 1942 until November 17, 1945 with A Company, 68<sup>th</sup> tank battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Armored Division in the European Theater, in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe with General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. Ted married Minnie Rybicki on October 25, 1947 at St. John Cantius Catholic Church in Freesoil, Michigan. All of his working life he was employed at the Century Boat Company of Manistee until his retirement in 1976. He was very handy with wood and was an excellent carpenter and master cabinet builder, having built several homes in the area, including his own home and his cottage on Big Bass Lake. Ted enjoyed spending time with his family, and grandchildren, especially the time they would all spend at his cottage on the lake. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and gardening in his spare time. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee, a charter member of the VFW Walsh Post #4499, a charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1128 and the Disabled American Veterans Salt City Chapter #43 all of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Minnie Zatarga of Manistee, his children, Marlene and Dean Kruse of Manistee, Dan and Cindy Zatarga of Bear Lake, MI, Marty Zatarga, and Alan and Nancy Zatarga all of Manistee and Tom and Marla Zatarga of Ludington, MI, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandson, his brothers and sisters inlaw, Leonard and Rogene Zatarga and Bernard Zatarga all of Manistee, M, and Richard and Mary Zatarga of East Lake, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

His sisters, Clara Bajtka, Isabelle Wojciechowski and Adeline Zatarga also preceded Ted in death.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Monday, March 29, 2010 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery where, the members of the Manistee VFW Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad will conduct graveside military services.

Relatives and friends will pray the Rosary Sunday evening at 7:30 PM and the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM both at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

Memorials will be established in Ted's name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools and the VFW Walsh Post #4499 both in Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**