

Raymond J. “Beaver” Zavada age 86 of Manistee, Michigan died Saturday morning, August 20, 2011 at the Manistee County Medical Care Facility. He was born January 16, 1925 in Eastlake, Michigan son of the late James and Vernice (Terpak) Zavada.

He served in the United States Army during World War II. Raymond married Donna M. Archer on October 27, 1951 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on January 22, 1991. He was employed at the Century Boat Company in Manistee for over thirty years, retiring in 1986. After his retirement Ray stayed active by spending time working in his garden, wood-working and always puttering around with some kind of project or another. He was a member of Saint Mary’s of Mt. Carmel Shrine Church of Manistee.

Ray is survived by two daughters and two sons in-law, Sandi and Randy Edens of Manistee, MI, and Suzie and Chip Campbell of Cadillac, MI, two sons and two daughters in-law, Ray and Cindy Zavada of Fenton, MI. and Robert and Gail Zavada of Manistee, MI, six grandchildren, Scott Zavada, Matt and Kelly Zavada, Mark and Ashley Zavada, Adele Zavada, Dennis Zavada and Megan Campbell.

Raymond was also preceded in death by his son Richard Zavada.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the Herbert Funeral home in Manistee with Rev. Sylvestre Obwaka officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel cemetery also in Manistee.

The Evening Vigil Service will be prayed at 8:00 PM on Tuesday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM and on Wednesday, morning one hour prior to the funeral service.

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