

Irvin F. Zwiefka age 72 of Manistee, Michigan died peacefully surrounded by his family Saturday evening, January 9, 2010 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

He was born on June 4, 1937 in Manistee, Michigan, son of the late Walter & Martha (Rybicki) Zwiefka. Irv was a graduate of St. Joseph High School the class of 1955. He married Janet L. Dahlgren on February 15, 1958 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Manistee. He was a millwright at Packaging Corporation of America in Filer City, where he had been employed for 45 years, retiring in 1999. Irv was famous for his homemade sausage, brats and headcheese that he made for family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mushroom hunting and spending time in the woods. Irv was a good pool player and enjoyed shooting in the area pool leagues. He also was an avid bowler, not only in the area lane bowling leagues, but also with the machine bowling leagues. He took pride in his gardening, growing vegetables, flowers and his latest attempt to plant grapevines in his garden.

He was a member of the Civic Club, V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Men's Auxiliary, a member of the United Steelworkers Union - Local # 12585 and a member of (SOAR), Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees. His humor and quick wit will be sadly missed.

Irv is survived by his wife of over 51 years: Janet L. Zwiefka of Manistee, MI, three daughters & two sons-in-law: Sue Lytle, Jennifer & Jeff Dontz and Kelly & Todd LaMunyon all of Manistee, MI, five grandchildren: Trevor Lytle, Joe & Jason Dontz and Andy & Shelby LaMunyon, one brother & sister-in-law: Bob & Mary Ann Zwiefka of Manistee, MI. Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Joseph Zwiefka.

According to Irvin's wishes cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken and Reverend Joseph Muszkiewicz celebrants.

An Evening Vigil Service will be prayed Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where friends may begin calling Thursday afternoon, after 2:00 p.m. The family will be at the funeral home on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends and at the church on Friday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the American Heart Association or Breast Cancer Research. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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