



Edward J. Grabowski, age 89 of Manistee, Michigan, died shortly after sunset on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on August 15, 1928 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was the son of the late John and Helen (Dahlke) Grabowski. He was a 1942 graduate of St. Joseph Grade School and of Manistee High School with the class of 1946. Following his high school graduation, Edward joined the United States Army and served active duty in the Philippines from January 19, 1946 until November 15, 1947. He received his Mechanical Engineering Degree in 1952 from Michigan State University, "Go Green!" Ed met Margie Guzikowski in the second grade at St. Joseph's Grade School. They were married on July 12, 1952 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. As a young man, Ed was employed in Manistee at Oak Grove Cemetery and at Morton Salt Company. After his marriage, he was employed

with the Bendix Corporation in South Bend, Indiana from 1952 to 1968, when he was transferred to West Bloomfield, Michigan and was employed and retired from the Honeywell Corporation as Executive Sales Manager, Brake and Steering Division on June 30, 1986. Their door was always open to visitors at "Camelot", their home on the shores of Lake Michigan in Manistee since 1987. Ed was a life member of the St. Joseph Men's Club, the Catholic War Veterans Post #1847, VFW Post 1211, the Knights of Columbus #853, The American Legion Post 0010, and the Michigan State University Alumni Association. He was also a member of Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church) in Manistee. Ed and Margie had the opportunity to travel the world, as well as visit and participate in adventures with their children. There was nothing Ed couldn't do, and was known by his family and friends as the "Umbrella Man". Ed was a friend to all he met.

He is survived by his wife, Margie of Manistee, MI; daughter, Nancy Hunt of Quebec, Canada; sons and daughters-in-law: John and Theresa of Traverse City, MI; Edward and Linda of Tempe, AZ; James and Kristin of Bear Lake, MI; Gerard and Jan of Bear Lake, MI; and Thomas of Frankfort, MI; grandchildren: Randal, Robyn, Russel; Andrea; Gillian, Allison; Chloe, Nathan, Marika, Aria, Quintin; Anna, Galen; step-sisters: Jane (Ken) and Nancy; sister-in-law, Jane; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Max and Eileen. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Edward was preceded in death by infant son, Daniel Joseph; daughter-in-law Ashley; brothers'-in-law and sisters'-in-law: Mae and Fred, Monsignor Gerard, Jane and Steven, John and Irene, Kathryn and Neil, and Frank; and step-brother-in-law, Dale.

Mass from The Order of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Pablo Martinez celebrant. The Rosary will begin at 9:30 AM after which the family will receive friends at the church. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee where graveside military honors will be given by the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

Memorials have been established in Ed's name for Divine Mercy Parish Men's Club carpeting project or Mt. Carmel Cemetery maintenance fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Tuesday morning.

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