

William "Bill" John McMullen, age 80 of Manistee, MI passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Bill was born October 19, 1937 in Milwaukee, WI. He moved to Manistee in 1951 at the age of 13.

He is survived by his loving children, Therese (Charles) Bekken of Grandville, Jean (Kevin) Stephens of Traverse City, John (Julie) McMullen of Kalamazoo and Mark (Jami) McMullen of Zeeland; his grandchildren, Tyler, Kaila, Michael, Sarah, Nathan, Ryan, Elijah and Noah; his sister, Linda (Melvin) Kruse; his brothers-in-law, Larry (Lois) Bahr and Marshall Bahr. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also survive him.

William was preceded in death by his wife Betty (Bahr) McMullen, his mother Eleanore Wresinski; his step-father Alex Wresinski; his father-in-law Marshall Bahr and mother-in-law Mary (Abele) Bahr; sisters-in-law Janet (Hansen) Bahr and Angeline (Bahr) Lagerquist; brothers-in-law Darwin Lagerquist and Billy Bahr; special nieces Melissa (Kruse) Fralic and Maureen Bahr.

William served in the United States Army, 79th Engineer Construction Battalion after graduating from Manistee High School in 1955. He married Betty Bahr on May 5, 1961 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. They celebrated 54 years of marriage prior to her death on October 10, 2016. He worked at Manistee Iron Works and was a pipefitter at Morton Salt Company until he retired.

William was a loving, hardworking man. He loved fishing, camping, gardening and being "Santa" every year for generations of his family. His home was a constant hub of activity, especially at holidays. The food was overwhelmingly abundant. He always looked forward to his yearly 79th Engineering Battalion Reunions and spoiling his grandchildren. He had many special memories of following his son's participation in high school and college sports, as well as his grandchildren's activities.

William is our hero and always led by example. Though he is no longer by our side, he remains forever in our hearts.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. James Doherty celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee where members of the Manistee County United Veteran's Ritual Squad will present military honors.

Relatives and friends will pray the evening vigil service at 8:00 PM, Friday, May 18, 2018 at Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends and at the church on Saturday one hour prior to the funeral Mass.

Memorial contributions in William's name may be directed to the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 or St. Joseph Catholic Church of Onekama. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and at the church on Saturday morning.

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