



Francis "Frank" Ball, age 94 of Manistee, died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018 at Green Acres Retirement Home in Manistee.

He was born March 16, 1924 in Detroit, son of the late Frank and Norma (Snyder) Ball. Frank was a graduate of the Class of 1942 at Arthur Hill Trade School in Saginaw. He served our country during World War II, in the United States Navy, on submarine duty in the Pacific Ocean from August 27, 1942 until his release on March 13, 1946.

Frank married Mildred M. Zwiefka at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee on December 2, 1950. They spent their winters in Lake Havasu City, Arizona for 20 years. While in Lake Havasu City, Frank was active with the Bureau of Land Management for the restoration of fish habitat. They celebrated over 60 of marriage together before Mildred's death on September 23, 2011.

He was employed with Michigan Bell Telephone Company retiring in 1987 after 40 years of employment. Later in life, he was a driver for the Department of Human Services and Meals on Wheels. He was a member of the Manistee Kiwanis Club, Michigan Bell Pioneers, Manistee Golf & Country Club and Divine Mercy Parish.

Frank enjoyed playing softball, bowling, playing golf, occasionally sailing and later in life Frank liked bird watching, reading nonfiction and visiting with family and friends about the old days.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law: Kathy and Ron Zajac of Manistee, and Cheryl and Jim Rockowski of Carson, Washington; two grandsons Sawyer (Ali) Rockowski of Gresham, Oregon and Matthew (Julie) Rockowski of The Dallas, Oregon. Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

Frank was preceded in death by his brother Ken Ball, and his two sisters Beverly Deal and Joan Piotrowski.

Cremation has taken place and a family Memorial Mass and burial will take place at a later date.

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