



William Daniels

July 29, 1921 – March 24, 2022

William was born in Manistee on July 29, 1921, the son of the late Fred and Alma (Wilcke) Daniels. On June 18, 1949, he was united in marriage with the love of his life, June A. Anderson. She preceded him in death on November 25, 2014. Bill was the last surviving grandchild of Anna and Charles H. Daniels. C.H. was the founder of the C.H. Daniels Brewery of Manistee. Bill was a great nephew of Louis Doelle, the first non-Native American born in “the encampment on the river” which later became the City of Manistee.

William was a 1939 graduate of Manistee High School, served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II, and was a life member of American Legion Post No. 10 in Manistee. He was a retired foreman of the Hardy Salt Company and had worked there for over 40 years. He also was a life-long member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee, where his mother Alma and grandmother, Melina Doelle Wilcke were founding members.

Bill loved music and had his own dance band in the 1940s. He and June were avid dancers and spent many hours waltzing and polkaing the night away. He was also a big fan of the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

William is survived by his son Robert (Patricia) Daniels of Port Charlotte, FL; his daughter Elaine (Steven) Gonzales of Redford, Michigan; four grandchildren Carley Dalke, Stephanie Dalke, Nicolas Gonzales, and Anita Gonzales; five great grandchildren Liam Klebba, Ava Rose Gonzales, Dominic Klebba, Adriana Gonzales, and Angeline Gonzales; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to June and his parents Bill was preceded in death by an infant sister Agnes in February 1915, a brother Charles in July 1993, and a sister Marijane in July 2012.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on April 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Guardian Angels Catholic Church with Reverend Basil Lek celebrant. Burial will be at the Daniels plot in Oak Grove Cemetery. The Manistee United Veterans Council Ritual Team will provide military honors.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the Herbert Funeral from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday April 7, 2022 and at 10:00 AM the day of the funeral at Guardian Angels Catholic Church.

The family suggests that those wishing to remember William consider a gift in his memory to the Manistee United Veterans Council.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee.