

Kenneth B. Sielski, age 91, loving husband, father and grandfather, died Sunday morning, June 23, 2024 at his home in Manistee, surrounded by his family.

He was born on December 7, 1932 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Bernard "Ben" and Mary (Purgiel) Sielski. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School and graduated in 1951. Ken lived here his entire life and moved to his house on 23rd street in Oakhill, almost 65 years ago.

He married Harriet M. Bladzik, the love of his life, on April 21, 1956 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan. They celebrated 68 years together this past April. Ken was employed at the Century Boat Company of Manistee for over 28 years, and with Filer Township for 12 years. He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee (St. Joseph Catholic Church), a member of the Civic Club of Filer City and a volunteer fireman with the Filer Township Fire Department. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and loved riding motorcycles and traveling throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Ken is survived by his wife, Harriet M. (Bladzik) Sielski, his four children, Rebecca (Sielski) Schwartz (husband David), Marikae (Sielski) Brehm (husband Joseph), Gregory Sielski (wife Betty Lindsey) and Lisa Sielski. Seven grandchildren, David Lee Schwartz Jr., Tara Lynn Schwartz, Weston Brehm, Aaron Schwartz, Cody Brehm, Austin Schwartz and Andrew James Sielski, 12 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Ken was also preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Mary Ann Sielski.

Cremation has taken place, and no services are planned at this time.

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