

Peter P. Gorkowski, Jr. age 85, passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

He was born October 2, 1925 in Detroit to the late Peter P. and Cecilia (Maday) Gorkowski, Sr. Peter and Helen Jean Ignash were united in marriage on October 16, 1948. She preceded him in death on June 28, 1987 after 39 years of marriage. He married Joan K. Kotula on July 31, 1992 and she preceded him in death on April 28, 2008.

He served in the United States Army in 1945 through 1946 during World War II and was stationed in Japan. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rapson. Peter was a lifelong farmer in Verona Township.

He is survived by four sons, Ronald Gorkowski of Colorado Springs, CO., Martin (Darlene) Gorkowski of Filion, Paul (Christine) Gorkowski of Bad Axe and Jerome Gorkowski of Filion; two daughters, Kathie Tuyo of Livonia and Elizabeth Gorkowski of Lapeer; two brothers, Eugene Gorkowski of Filion and Robert (Stella) Gorkowski of Filion; two sisters, Dollie McKachin and Christine (Clarence) Ruthowski of Ubly; numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rapson with Fr. Robert Howe officiating. Private family burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will take place from 3 – 9 p.m. on Friday with a rosary at 7 p.m. at the MacAlpine Mac Chapel, Bad Axe and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. until time of service at the church.

Memorials may be offered to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.