

Walter Zawilinski, 93, of Cass City, died, following a short illness, Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, at United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center in Marlette.

He was born March 2, 1920, in Hamtramck, to Joseph and Mary (Philipowicz) Zawilinski. He married Agnes C. Van Erp Feb. 8, 1964, in St. Columbkille Catholic Church in Ubly.

Walter worked various construction jobs before buying the Cass Tavern, which he ran with his brother, Martin, for over 30 years. After retirement Walter worked in the meat department of Erla's Grocery Store for several years.

In his younger years Walter enjoyed boating and fishing with his nieces and nephews. Walter also enjoyed gardening.

Walter is survived by his wife, Agnes; son, Fred (Anna) Zawilinski of Painesville, Ohio; grandchildren, Megan, Kateri and Sarah; sister-in-law, Marge Zawilinski; Agnes' family, Mary Kubacki of Ubly, Florence (Norman) Briolat of Romeoville, Ill., Evelyn Schadd of Fillion, Robert (Sue) Van Erp of Bad Axe, William (Kay) Van Erp of Canton Township, Carol Van Erp of Bad Axe. He was Uncle Wally to many nieces and nephews.

Walter is preceded in death by siblings, Bruno (Martha) Zawilinski, John Zawilinski, Martin (Virginia) Zawilinski, Frances (Jack) Hrabec; nephews: Jerry Zawilinski, Pete Zawilinski, Philip Zawilinski; Agnes' siblings, Marcella (W.J.) Campbell, Dorothy (Robert) Schmidt, Joseph Van Erp, Albert (RuthAnn) Van Erp, Albert Kubacki and Earl Schadd.

Memorial service will take place at noon Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church with Sr. Maria Dina Puddu MC officiating. Interment will take place in Elkland Township Cemetery in the spring. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014 in St. Pancratius Catholic Church in Cass City

Memorials may be made to United Hospice of Marlette Residence Center or St. Pancratius Catholic Church.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Kranz Funeral Home of Cass City.