Mr. John "Jack" Kennedy, 79, of Ubly, passed away peacefully, Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013, at his residence.

John was born Sept. 13, 1933, in Marlette, to the late Donald and Frances (Ksiazkiewicz) Kennedy. He married Donna Brown Dec. 1, 1957, in Angola, Ind. She preceded him in death Nov. 7, 2002.

John was a graduate of Marlette High School. He served in the U.S. Airforce from 1951-1954. After the service, he attended Michigan State University for two years. John was a rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. He also was employed at Marshall Real Estate and Valley Enterprises, both of Marlette, for many years.

John was one of the original gentlemen who established and built the Ubly Little League field. He was a member of many organizations, including the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the VFW Post No. 6965 of Ubly, the Rural Letter Carrier Association, the former Masonic Lodge of Ubly, and the former Moose Lodge of Rapson. He also was a former board member for Ubly Community Schools.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and bowling for Tyll's in Ubly. John loved woodworking and crafts and enjoyed going to various craft shows with his beloved wife, Donna.

John is survived by three children, Lana Kennedy of Caro, James Kennedy of Florida, and Cammie Rae Hill of Ubly; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Janet Adler and her husband, Edward, of Bad Axe; one brother, Rex Kennedy and his wife, Belva, of Ashburn, Ga.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Kennedy; and one sister, Frances Hudson.

The funeral service for John Kennedy will be 7 p.m. Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly. Pastor Philip Tousley of the First United Methodist Church in Bad Axe will officiate. Burial will be in Valley Cemetery in Ubly.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home in Ubly.

Memorials have been requested to Sleeper Public Library.

Please visit www.smigielskifuneralhomes.com to express your sympathy and share stories with John's family.