

Edmund Michalak, 87 ✓

Jan. 3, 1927 - June 1, 2014

SHELBY — Edmund John Michalak, son of John and Celia (Kusek) Michalak, was born on January 3, 1927 in Omaha, NE. Edmund attended school at Vinton School, and later Immaculate Conception Catholic School both in Omaha and completed his education at St. Joseph's Seminary in Westmont, IL. He also attended Boyles Business College in Omaha for a short time. After his schooling, Edmund joined the United States Navy on January 2, 1945 in Omaha. He served his country honorably at the United States Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, IL; the Training and Distribution Center in Shoemaker, CA and aboard the USS Lexington until his discharge on July 8, 1946. Edmund then returned to Omaha and began working with Northwestern Bell which later became AT&T.



March 1, 1958, Edmund was united in marriage to Audrey Elaine Like in Omaha, NE. After their marriage, they made their home in south Omaha for a short period of time and later Bellevue, NE before settling on an acreage in rural Shelby where they could raise their two children: Jody and Tony. Edmund continued to make the drive to Omaha for his job until his retirement in 1989. Edmund and Audrey loved to dance. They loved making their home on an acreage with their two horses, chickens and cats and dogs. They loved rural life and safe environment to raise their children. He always had a generous heart and never met a stranger. Edmund and Audrey often took in people that were stranded on nearby Interstate 80 or parents of children who were patients at Children's Hospital in Omaha and needed a place to stay. He wanted to be a good example to his children and grandchildren so he quit drinking and smoking. He and Audrey were active in the Shelby Methodist Church where he also taught at Bible School. He always enjoyed spending time with his family especially teasing and scaring the grandchildren when they were little while playing in the basement. In 1998, Edmund and Audrey moved to a home in Shelby. After the death of his wife in 2001, Edmund remained at his home in Shelby until due to an accident in June of 2007, he moved to the Oakland Manor in Oakland. In 2012, Edmund then moved to the Elm Crest Retirement Home in Harlan. He died on Sunday, June 1, 2014 after a short stay at Myrtue Medical Center in Harlan having attained the age of eighty-seven years, four months and twenty-nine days.

In addition to his parents and wife, Edmund was preceded in death by his sisters: Esther, Marie, Ermina, Cecelia, Rita and Laurice and his brothers Richard and John. He is survived by his children: Jody and her husband Dennis Weible of Mead, NE and Tony Michalak and his wife Sandy of Avoca; his grandchildren: SMSGT. Carrie Dail and her husband MSGT. Chris Dail of Fairbanks, AK and their children Cody, Caden and Caitlyn; Kacee Weible of Mead and Christopher Michalak of Avoca; his sister, Sr. Clara Michalak of California; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

The 1:00 p.m. Funeral Service was officiated by Rev. Orris Drake and Rev. Jonathon Heifner on Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at the United Methodist Church in Shelby. Music was provided by Dianne Book and Kacee Weible. Private inurnment may be held at a later date.

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