



HOUTZDALE — Carl Edward Lutz, 90, of Houtzdale peacefully passed away September 9, 2017, at his home with loved ones. He was born October 28, 1926, in Blackburn to the late John and Victoria (Moskalik) Lutz. His family lived on a farm and mined coal, which instilled in Carl a hard work ethic from childhood which he retained throughout his lifetime.

Carl attended Madera High School. In 1944, he served in World War II with the United States Navy in Pensacola, Florida. After the War, Carl returned home and continued on creating his legacy. On October 27, 1951, he married Anna Lucas at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ramey. The two lived in Erie for a decade where their first three children were born – William Lutz, Karen (Paul) Gardner, and Deborah (Joseph) Tarbay. During his time there, he worked for General Electric.

The family returned to Houtzdale in the early 1960s where Carl was foreman and laborer in constructing buildings at Penn State University and then the coal mines where he ultimately retired from Mine 33 in Ebensburg as a member of the United Mine Workers Association.

Carl and Anna had two more daughters, Lisa Ludwig (Tim Tekely) and Mary Jo (Stephen) Kitko, later in life. All children and their families reside in Houtzdale and are proud of this heritage created by Carl and Anna.

Like many, his lifetime included successes along with hardships. His successes include a large family and many friendships, as well as his strong faith in God through his membership of Christ the King Catholic Church. This faith guided him through his hardships, most notably the passing of his wife Anna on April 22, 1988, and then his grandson Dylan Ludwig on August 9, 2015.

After the passing of his wife, Carl spent many happy years in the companionship of Beverly Marchincin, in which Carl's family is so grateful for her and her family to be part of their lives.

Carl is remembered for his love of family, making time to be at every event, opening his home for family when in need, and his meticulous and fruitful gardening skills. He served as a member of the Houtzdale Borough Council, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion.

In addition to his parents, wife, and grandson, Carl was preceded in death by his brothers, John and Joseph, sisters Mary Brennan, Frances Christoff, Helen Kavala, and Blanche Behun.

In addition to his five children who survive him, he is also survived by grandchildren Michelle (Tyler) Grube, Joseph (Lindsey) Tarbay, Pamela Washell, Jacob Ludwig and Cole Tekely, Hannah and Emma Kitko; great grandchildren Annie and Lainey Grube, Noah and Samantha Tarbay, and Bo and Trey Washell; a sister Eleanor Rebon, and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Birger A. Freeberg Funeral Home, Houtzdale. Viewing will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Alter Rosary Society will pray the Rosary on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be at Christ the King Church, Houtzdale, Wednesday, September 13, at 11 a.m. with Father Zab Amar officiating; interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery with graveside military honors accorded by the Houtzdale American Legion Honor Guard.