



Thomas John Maue, 72 of Free Soil Michigan, died July 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Grand Rapids Michigan after a 7-week battle with stage 4 inoperable pancreatic cancer.

Son of the late Charles Sr. and Cecelia (Dufon) Maue of Free Soil Michigan. Preceded in death by his brothers Harold and Charles Maue, and sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Robert Sr. Capcia. He is survived by his wife Jeanette "Jan" (Kolanowski), son Bradley and daughter-in-law Tracy Maue and grandchildren Benjamin and Lauren Maue, daughter Julie Maue and grand puppy Monroe, sisters-in-law Mary Helen Maue of Garden City, Mary & Kim Masters of Kentwood, Joyce & David Engel of Grand Haven, brothers-in-law, Jerry (Phil) & Jane Kolanowski of Manistee, Gerard & Lily Kolanowski of Caro, aunt Florence Rutowski of Manistee; nieces and nephews and 1992 M.C.C. German exchange student Achim Bader.

Tom grew up in Free Soil and graduated from Free Soil High School in 1963. He was a member of the 1961 Class D state finals basketball team from Free Soil High School. In June of 2011 he and his teammates were inducted into the Mason County Sports Hall of Fame. Tom continued his education at Virginia Ferrell Beauty Academy in Detroit and opened a salon, Lovell's located in Detroit. He was "drafted" into the US Army to fight in the Vietnam War and was discharged in July 1968 as a Spec 5. Tom met Jan in 1968 and married on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1970. He was employed by Gamache Beverage, Martin Marietta, and Mason County Road Commission for 18 years before retiring. Tom enjoyed waking up early, starting his day with graham crackers and milk and watching the variety of wildlife occupying their property. He took great pride in his family, friends, home, yard and gardening. He loved spending time painting, woodcarving and being outdoors. He enjoyed staying active and took up recumbent bike riding and participated in the Delmac bike ride from Michigan State to crossing the Mackinaw bridge for three years. Tom's generosity was felt by all! He was never too busy to stop and help his wife, kids, family, friends or neighbors. Sharing fish and the bounty of his garden was something he loved to do. While being a member of the Pere Marquette #1492 Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Tom helped with wild game dinners, roadside clean up and socials. He was an active member of St. John Cantius Parish making sweet and sour cabbage for the annual summer chicken dinner and always lending a helping hand for various projects. He was also an active member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee. Manistee Catholic Central also held a special place in his heart, helping with the Autumn Fling and other fundraising events. In 2005 Tom retired and he and Jan spent time traveling and sharing fun times with friends locally and in Arizona. Fishing, hunting and trapping were hobbies he enjoyed very much. He loved controlling the local coyote population with his hunting buddies. Tom's wit and positive personality touched many and will be missed. He truly embraced his family and life and carried out his favorite quote – "Live till ya die".

According to Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place and a funeral Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 25, 2016 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Monsignor John Porter Celebrant. Burial will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery where graveside military honors will be given by the Members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad.

The family will receive friends at the church on Monday morning from 10:00 a.m. until Tom's funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Those wishing to remember Tom may do so by contributing to a memorial established in his name for Manistee Catholic Central Schools or the Matthew 25:35 Food Pantry. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Monday morning.

**The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**