

Daniel Van Aelst of Kalamazoo, formerly of Manistee, passed away Sunday morning, December 25, 2016.

Dan was born January 13, 1947 in Manistee; the son of Leo and Connie (Vander Zanden) Van Aelst. In July 1966, Dan married Darlene Bajtka and she preceded him in death on December 21, 1975. Dan was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Robert, Donald, and Dan's twin brother: Ronald

Dan was a Power House Operator at Morton Salt when he retired with forty years of loyal service. Dan also started Van's Towing in the late seventies and he was the main driver until his son Scott was old enough to start driving.

In September 1976, Dan married Margaret "Peggy" Marks who survives. Dan is also survived by a brother: Richard (Carolyn) Van Aelst, daughters: Amy (Ken) Rowland and Kimberly (Ryan) Terpstra, sons: Paul (Lori) Van Aelst and Scott (Samantha) Van Aelst, a stepson: Daniel (Louri) Fairchild, a step daughter: Diana Fairchild, nineteen grandchildren, two great granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

Per Dan's request, cremation has taken place. Dan's family will receive friends Thursday, December 29, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Oak Grove Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Manistee, where Dan's memorial service will be conducted at 3:00 PM. with Father Richard Schaeffer officiating. Interment will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family for funeral expenses, the Humane Society or an animal rescue service of the donor's choice.

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