



Stanley J. Wehrmeister, age 79 of Manistee, Michigan, died Thursday night, February 2, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on April 11, 1937 in Detroit, Michigan and was the son of the late Stanley D. Adamen Sr. and Sylvia (Dudek) Wehrmeister. In March of 1953 he left Saint Casimir School in Detroit and moved with his parents and sister to Manistee, Michigan, a city on the Lake Michigan Shore 240 miles northwest of Detroit, leaving behind many friends and memories.

Hard times fell on his family in 1954, so Stanley had to go to work and help his family. He went to work for the Manistee Iron Works at the age of 17 (lied about his age) in order to get the job. After three years the plant closed and he hired on at Manistee Tobacco. His parents moved back to Detroit, but Stanley stayed here in Manistee and toughed it out alone. Stanley was also employed for twenty five years at the Manistee - Michigan Tool / Ex-Cell-O Company until the company closed its Manistee operations in 1981.

In 1957 he met the person who changed his life – Mary. He met her while he was cruising on his Harley – It was love at first sight (Mary – not the Harley). Mary Jane Oleniczak and Stanley were married on July 22, 1961 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. They had the first of their three children, Wendy born in 1963, Paul in 1965 and Lisa in 1967. He was very proud of his wife Mary who was a professional banker in Manistee for thirty one years, until her retirement.

During the next ten years he was a self -employed as a builder and licensed fishing guide, owning his own Charter Boat – a twenty five foot Bertram which fished six people, a mate and himself.

In 1983 health problems caused his life to change. He had the first of three open heart surgeries, second in 1990 and the third in 1999 that sent him into semi-retirement. Since 1983 come rain or shine you could see Stanley on his two mile walk around Manistee, something that he did religiously every day. After her five year battle with breast cancer he lost his daughter Wendy, who left behind his four year old grandson Cory.

Stanley was still involved in quality custom cabinet work and working with stained glass. His hobbies also included custom gun building, being a gunsmith, golfing, hunting and fishing, but his favorite enjoyment in life was spending time with his family and grandchildren. He was a man that was never judgmental about anyone and was always willing to help anyone in need or that may have needed his advice.

He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish and attended Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, a charter member of the Manistee Charter Boat Association, the National Rifle Association and a past member of the Bear Lake Country Highland Golf Association.

He is survived by his wife Mary Jane Wehrmeister of Manistee, his daughter and son in-law; Lisa and Rick Johnson of San Tan Valley, Arizona, his son and daughter in-law; Paul and Sherri Wehrmeister of Manistee, four grandchildren; Daniel and Sara Wehrmeister, Alex Johnson and Cory Taylor, his sister Jean Nesmith of Dearborn, MI, two brothers in-law and a sister in-law; Ken and Nancy Oleniczak and John "Jack" Oleniczak all of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Stanley was preceded in death by his daughter Wendy L. Taylor on October 24, 1998, his sister Emily Harwood and by his step-father Richard Wehrmeister.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday afternoon, February 9, 2017 at 1:00 PM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Burial of Stanley's cremated remains will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Rosary at 8:00 PM on Wednesday evening, February 8, 2017 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and at the church on Thursday afternoon, one hour prior to Stanley's funeral mass.

Memorials will be established in Stanley's name for the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the Divine Mercy Parish (St. Joseph Catholic Church). Envelopes are available at the funeral home, and will be available at the church on Thursday afternoon.

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