

Charles F. Bialik, age 71 of Manistee, Michigan died early Monday morning, May 26, 2014 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer.

He was born November 28, 1942 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Floyd J. & Marie A. (McGhan) Bialik. He served in the United States Navy from February 17, 1960 until December 10, 1963. He served on the U.S.S. Enterprise. After his discharge from the Navy, he began his career with the Manistee City Fire Department from January 29, 1966 up until his retirement on February 1, 1996. He was very well appreciated by his associates because of his talent and willingness to cook for the firefighters. He married Barbara J. Reed on December 13, 1991 in Manistee. He was a life member and past commander of the Walsh Post #4499 V.F.W. of Manistee. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, golfing, camping & two tracking.

He is survived by his wife Barbara J. Bialik of Manistee, MI, two daughters and sons-in-law; Tammi & Tom Schimke of Manistee, MI, and Debra and Michael Floore of Lakeside, CA, three sons and three daughters-in-law: Todd and Barbara Bialik and Troy & Rachael Bialik all of Manistee, and Donald and Joni Westcomb of Muskegon, MI, eight grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two brothers and sisters in-law, James & Jane Bialik of Manistee, MI and Robert & Mary Bialik of Kalamazoo, MI, two aunts, Ann Bialik & Lori Bialik both of Manistee. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by one grandson Ryan Mulder.

In accordance with Charles's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014 at thee Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Cemetery also in Manistee where members of the V.F.W. Walsh Post #4499 Ritual Squad of Manistee will conduct graveside services and present military honors. The family will be at the funeral home on Monday one hour prior to the time of services to receive friends.

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