James J. Chycinski, age 72, of Manistee, MI died peacefully Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee surrounded by his family.

He was born on January 20, 1939 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Ernest & Marie (Jankowiak) Chycinski. Jim was a graduate of St. Joseph High School class of 1958. He married Eleanore "Lori" Graczyk on October 3, 1964 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, Michigan. He was employed from the age of 12 at Carl's IGA Store in Manistee until he was no longer able to work because of being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1978. He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee. Jim had a great love for music and played the saxophone with many area bands.

He is survived by his wife: Eleanore "Lori" Chycinski of Manistee, MI, two daughters & sons-in-law: Cheryl & Dennis Bhaskaran of Grand Rapids, MI and Sandra & George Saylor III of Manistee, MI, one son & daughter-in-law: David & Breanna Chycinski of Grand Rapids, MI, four grandchildren, Jason & Jonah Bhaskaran and Hailey & Noah Chycinski all of Grand Rapids, MI, his sister & brother-in-law: Doris & Eugene Kolanowski of Manistee, MI, three sisters-in-law: Leona & Jack Swanson of Belding, MI, Margaret & Richard Zajac of Freesoil, MI and Elizabeth "Betsi" & Paul Rothrock of Las Vegas, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his mother in-law & father-in-law: Frank & Florence Graczyk and his brother-in-law: Donald Graczyk.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM on Friday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling on Friday afternoon after 2:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

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