

Duane Coyle, 66, of Manistee died peacefully after a brief illness at Munson Medical Center ICU on Friday, August 15, 2014.

He was born on May 24, 1948 in Edgewater, NJ, son of the late Norman D. and Lola G. (Martin) Coyle. Duane married Susan Lund on August 24, 1985 at Naval Air Station Willow Grove, Willow Grove, PA.

Duane graduated from Fordham University, NY in 1970 with a B. A. in History. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1970 achieving a rank of Sergeant before joining the officer ranks of the United States Navy in 1975. He retired from active Naval service as a Lieutenant Commander in November of 1991.

He was a loving husband and father and enjoyed living in Manistee. He performed in many productions for the Manistee Civic Players at the Ramsdell Theater; his last as the evil Dr. Einstein in Arsenic and Old Lace. He mentored the Kennedy Elementary School Chess and Checkers Club for sixteen years and also served as a reading program mentor. He organized and led many Oak Grove Cemetery Walks to benefit the Manistee County Historical Society and the Oak Grove Cemetery flower fund.

He was a member of Guardian Angel Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was an avid reader and cook, enjoyed watching movies, listening to books on his iPod, visiting museums and gardens, attending Grand Rapids Symphony subscription concerts, and doing recreational grocery shopping at Oleson's. He especially enjoyed history travel with his father-in-law Dwight, strategy board games with his brother-under-the-skin Fr. Mike Bell and Disneyworld.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Lund-Coyle, of Manistee, and his son and daughter-in-law GM2 Bartholomew "James" Coyle USN and EM3 Brandi Coyle USN. His Coyle relatives include his brother Norman Coyle, his children Norman Neal and Lisa Coyle; Chrissie and Lloyd Adams, their children Griffen, Audrey, and Jared Adams, Jeffrey and Minelli Coyle, their children Marcus and Katina; and sister-in-law Martha Coyle. His Lund relatives include his father- and mother-in-law Dwight and Vivian Lund, brother-in-law Erik Lund, his daughter Kara; sister-in-law Jenny Lund, sister-in-law Lucy and William Hawke, their children, William Hawke IV; Sarah and Travis Edwards, their son Lucas; Diane and Pablo Tabilo, and Stephen Hawke.

He was preceded in death by his parents Norman D. and Lola Geneva Coyle and a brother Nelson Coyle.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 30 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with the Rev. John McCracken officiating. Military honors will be conferred by the United Veterans Council Ritual Squad. Final inurnment will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

The family has requested that memorials in Duane's memory be directed either the Manistee County Historical Society, 425 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660, or the Manistee Civic Players., PO Box 832, Manistee, MI 49660-0832.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home of Manistee. [johnson-funeral-home.com]