

**Robert J. DeSisto**, age 64, died on February 10, 2011 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, MI after a battle with cancer, leaving behind his wife, Diane (LeDonne) DeSisto, his son, Michael DeSisto (of Chicago, IL), and his daughter, Laura DeSisto (of Blowing Rock, NC). Robert (Bob) was born in Boston, MA on August 10, 1946. He is the son of Anthony DeSisto (deceased) and Marie (DiFranza) DeSisto, of McKenzie, TN. He also leaves behind his sister, Susan (Don) Vaughn, also of McKenzie, TN, and her children Elisabeth (John) Riggs of Fort Worth, TX, and Mark Nordby of Nashville, TN. Bob graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1969, and received an MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in 1982. He enlisted in the Air Force after graduating college in 1969 and was honorably discharged in 1972 after three years of active duty service. His career included work with Proctor and Gamble, Pioneer Hybrid International, Niagara Paper Corporation, Scott Paper Company, Packaging Corporation of America, and Power Holdings of Illinois, LLC. Most recently, he was serving as an Adjunct Instructor of Mathematics at West Shore Community College. Since joining the community of Manistee, MI in 1995, Bob became an active member of a number of boards and organizations, including the Manistee Economic Council and Chamber Alliance (where he served as the President in 2000), the Economic Development Corporation of Manistee County, the West Shore Medical Center Board of Trustees, the Ramsdell Theatre Restoration Committee, and the Ramsdell Governance Authority. An active member of the Catholic Community of Manistee, Bob served as the chair of the Finance Committee.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 14, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Family and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service Sunday evening, February 13, 2011 at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends, at the Herbert Funeral Home on Sunday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and at the church on Monday morning, one hour prior to the funeral mass.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the West Shore Medical Center Foundation, the Ramsdell Theater, or the Manistee Catholic Central Scholarship Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Monday morning.

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