

James “Jim” Dyer age 72 of Manistee, Michigan died Thursday evening, April 29, 2010 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee, unexpectedly. He was born December 2, 1937 in Marquette, Michigan and was the son of the late Everett and Helen (Pero) Dyer. He was a graduate of St. Thomas High School (Gabriel Richard Catholic High School) in Ann Arbor, Michigan with the class of 1955. He received his bachelor’s degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan where he played the saxophone in the university’s marching band and was a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity. Music was a big part of Jim’s life, he enjoyed listening to music as well as playing the organ in his home. He joined the Michigan National Guard Air Force in 1960. Jim married Corinne B. Collins on June 14, 1968 at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Hazel Park, Michigan. They lived in Royal Oak, Michigan for almost 30 years where they raised their family. Most of his life, Jim was employed in the Detroit area, in the Civil Engineering Field as a draftsman and computer draftsman until retiring in 1997. In 1997 they moved to Manistee where they have made their home, since that time. Jim enjoyed gardening, boating, golfing and playing cards as some of his favorite past times. He was a member of Guardian Angels Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife Corinne Dyer of Manistee, MI., one daughter and son in-law, Jennifer and Todd Reid and their children, Chase, Brady, Drake and Marina Reid all of Manistee, MI., two sons and daughters in-law, Jim and Renae Dyer and their children, Andrew and Cody Dyer all of Warren, MI, and Jason and Stacy Dyer and their children, Alex, and Benny Dyer all of Troy, MI, his sisters in-law and brothers in-law, Juanita and Gunner Weidle of Manistee, MI, Eileen and Ronald Bacheller and Phyllis and Russell Havlatka all of Gaylord, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday, May 3, 2010 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary’s of Mt. Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. A meal will be served at the St. Mary’s Parish Center for those in attendance, immediately following Jim’s memorial mass. Burial of Jim’s cremated remains will take place at a later date.

Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Parkinson’s Foundation in memory of Jim. Envelopes will be available at the church on Monday morning.

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