



**Lawrence Phillip Fortier**, loving husband, brother, father and grandpa, age 70 of Manistee, went to be with the Lord and Savior, Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

He was born on August 15, 1942 in Spokane Washington, to Hank and Grace (Currin) Fortier. On June 25, 1966 he married Nancy L. Zawacki at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee and God blessed them with 46 years of marriage.

Upon graduating from Manistee High School in 1961 he entered the United States Navy serving four years. Later, he was a police officer in Alma, Michigan for seven years. He served in the Army National Guard for 27 years where he was crew chief on helicopters in a unit out of Grand Ledge, MI. In 1994, he was called to serve in Haiti in Operation (Restore) Uphold Freedom. He loved God and his country with all his heart.

He worked in the trucking industry for many years and was most recently the manager at the Manistee Family Dollar Store before happily retiring in 2001.

Larry was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church and took great joy in serving the Lord as local VFW Chapter #4499 Chaplain, was also the District Chaplain for all the VFW's in the area. He especially loved his visits to the Medical Care Facility in Manistee. He was involved in the Manistee County Victims Services Unit, Love Inc. and served on the VFW Ritual Team.

Larry was a loving husband, brother, father and grandpa. He loved doing his volunteer work, taking trips with his wife, but most of all spending time with his family. He especially cherished the time spent with his family during the holidays and taking the traditional Easter holiday photo of the family. He will be greatly missed by his family and will always be remembered as our brave soldier.

Larry is survived by his wife Nancy, his daughters, Chris (Scott) Kleinsorge, Sue (Shayne) Scott all of Cadillac, and son Larry (Joann) Fortier of Gaylord, seven grandchildren, Alec, Noah, Nicole, Karli, Brooke, Trevor and Ana. He is also survived by his brother, William Fortier of Pine River, MN and his sister, Rondi Seiy of Lynchburg, VA.

He was preceded in death by his parents and father & mother-in-law, Henry & Helen Zawacki.

Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian funerals will be celebrated on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Internment will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee where graveside military services will be conducted by the members of the VFW Ritual Squad # 4499 also of Manistee. The family will be at the church on Monday, one hour prior to Larry's Memorial Mass to receive friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manistee Cancer Center in his name. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

The family would like to especially thank Dr. Ryan Sullivan, Dr. Carol Peterson and Dr. Klaus Kutschke for their exceptional care and kindness during Larry's illness. The family would also like to thank all the nurses at West Shore Medical Center and the Manistee Cancer Center for their kindness, love and support.

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