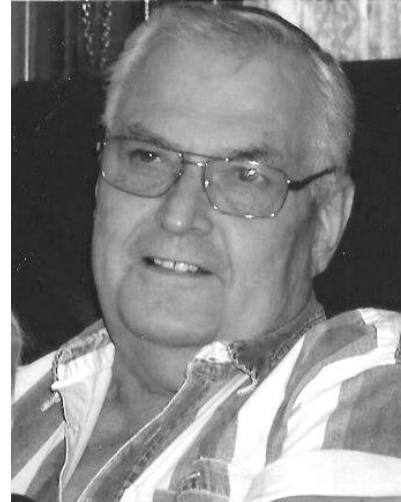


Bernard "Bernie" Gorley, age 71, of Manistee, Michigan died peacefully at his home early Wednesday morning, January 29, 2014. He was born March 9, 1942 in Manistee, son of the late Benedict & Marian (Ball) Gorley.

Bernie was employed as an operating engineer with Dan Parr & Son Inc. and later with Packaging Corporation of America until his retirement. He was a proud member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 AFL-CIO of Michigan, International Brotherhood of Teamsters 527, and of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1765 of Manistee. He was also a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee.



Bernie loved to fish, especially in and around Manistee, which he proudly referred to as "God's Country." He was also known for his vast knowledge of cars, his love for his dogs, and his sincere generosity. He never hesitated to help a friend or loved one in need.

Left to treasure and cherish his memory are his children, Debra Pranger of Jenison, MI, Rene (Mark) Nelson of Byron Center, MI, Jeffery Gorley of Austin, TX, Christopher Gorley of Grand Rapids, MI and Kimberly Gorley of Manistee, MI; 3 grandchildren, Shannon Pranger, Greg Coblentz and Ryan Nelson; 3 great-grandchildren, Cody Shoultz, Cooper Shoultz and Ryleigh Coblentz; his sister-in-law, Joyce Gorley of Bear Lake, MI. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Thomas Gorley and his nephew Michael Gorley.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 8, 2014 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. A luncheon and time of fellowship will be held at the Manistee Eagle's Lodge following burial. The family will be at the church one hour prior to Bernard's funeral Mass to receive friends.

A memorial has been established in Bernie's name for the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter of Manistee. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and will be available at the church on Saturday.

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