



John William "Bill or Red" Gramlich, age 77 of Manistee, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday April 28, 2014 at his home.

He was born February 14, 1937 in Connellsville, PA the son of the late John W. and Mary Ellen (Richter) Gramlich. He retired from New Haven Community Schools after 30 years of custodial work. John was a lifelong stock car race (ARCA) enthusiast. As far back as the 1960's, he was working at the old Mt. Clemens Race Track. He was most recently active with the Fitzpatrick Racing Team of Memphis, MI. Big John enjoyed cars, music, parades and people; people were no strangers to him for long.

He is survived by his brother, Ronald L. Gramlich of Sterling Heights; sisters Nancy (Edward) Bielat of Manistee and Mary Ann (Dennis) Day of Clinton Twp.; four nephews, two nieces and one great-nephew. He was also preceded in death by his nephew, Jacob C. Day.

A Funeral Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014 at St Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine in Manistee with Father John McCracken, celebrant. Visitation will take place on Sunday, May 4th from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Oak Grove Funeral Home in Manistee and from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at the church on Monday. Burial will be in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Macomb, Michigan.

Please visit John's personal book of memories page at www.oakgrovefh.com to share a photo or story with his family.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.