

Raymond S. “Big Ray” Janowiak Jr. age 60, of Manistee, died Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Spectrum- Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan with his family by his side.

Ray was born on January 1, 1955 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Raymond “Pops” and Marie (Kuczynski) Janowiak. He was a 1974 graduate of Manistee High School, where he shined as a star football player. Ray enjoyed hunting and fishing with his father, spending time with his great-grandchildren, traveling with the love of his life, shooting pool, and bowling. During his life time Ray was employed as a bartender and varies local bars in the Manistee area and recently as a part-time driver for the Manistee Cab Company. He was a member of the Manistee Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1128 and the Men’s Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars- Walsh Post #4499 of Manistee.

Ray is survived by his sisters; Arlene “Kay” Edens, Diane (Dan) Monnet, Cheryl Janowiak (Bill Farnsworth) and Debbie Janowiak, his stepchildren; Rita and Mike Boss; grandchildren; Steven Boss and Douglas Edens; great grandchildren; Taylor, Trevor, Aiden, and Damon. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many, many friends also survive him.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life; Sue Boss; his father and mother Raymond and Marie (Kuczynski) Janowiak, his stepchildren, Karen, Freddie and Bobby Boss, and his brothers in-law; Vern “Barney” Edens and Robert Myers.

Memorial services will be held Tuesday evening, February 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend Chet Collins officiating, followed by the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1128 Memorial Service. Ray’s family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday evening, one hour prior to the memorial services. Following the memorial services a luncheon for family and friends will be hosted at the Painted Lady Saloon in Manistee.

Ray was a beloved family man and friend. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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