

**Thomas H. Nowak**, age 68 of Manistee, Michigan died Sunday August 5, 2012 at his home in Manistee.

He was born on May 10, 1944 in Manistee, MI son of the late Harry & Sophia (Graczyk) Nowak. Tom was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1962. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War from August 2, 1962 until August 21, 1966. After returning from the Navy he attended Muskegon School of Business. Tom married Jean M. Kaminski on November 16, 1968 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. He was employed with the Martin Marietta Company retiring in 2007. His favorite hobbies included doing things for other people and tending to his lawn. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling and was an avid motorcycle rider. He was a member of the American Legion Post #10 and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1128 both of Manistee. Tom's greatest joy was his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Jean M. Nowak of Manistee, MI, two daughters & one son-in-law, Debbie Nowak and Kimberly & Chris Golden all of Bentonville, AK, one grandson, Josh Golden of Bentonville, AK, one brother and sister in-law; Joseph & Debbie Nowak of Eastlake, MI, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his brother William Nowak on August 25, 1974.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12, 2012 at The Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken officiating. Immediately following funeral services, members of American Legion Post #10 Ritual Squad will present military honors. Members of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1128 of Manistee will conduct memorial services at 1:30 p.m. The family will be at the Funeral Home at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, 2012 to receive friends.

A memorial has been established in Tom's name to the American Cancer Society Hope Lodge. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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