

**Edward P. O'Brien** age 49, of Manistee, Michigan, died Sunday, January 2, 2011 in Manistee surrounded by his family.

He was born on March 18, 1961 in Vincennes, Indiana son of Mary J. (Popa) and the late John L. O'Brien Jr. Ed was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1979. He attended Michigan Technological University on a full ride football scholarship. In 1983 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology. He was employed with River Rock Dental Laboratories of Traverse City, MI. Ed loved being outdoors especially to fish and hunt. He was also an avid cyclist.

He is survived by his mother: Mary J. O'Brien of Manistee, MI, two sisters & one brother-in-law: Kathy & Mark Schott of Brethren, MI and Deanna Howe of Manistee, MI, four brothers & two sisters-in-law: John O'Brien, George O'Brien, Ron & Cheryl O'Brien and David & Rena O'Brien all of Manistee, MI. Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

Ed was preceded in death by his father John L. O'Brien Jr., his grandparents and two brothers-in-law Donald Howe and Ralph Kuna Jr.

A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken Celebrant. Final interment will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday morning one hour prior to the Memorial Mass.

Memorials have been established in Ed's name for West Michigan Blood & Cancer Center and Manistee Relay for Life. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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