

Gary A. Pieczynski, age 57, of Manistee, Michigan died Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

He was born on October 18, 1954 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Chester & Arlene (Sonnenberg) Pieczynski. Reflective of his strong faith in God, Gary had a great love for family and was a dedicated father who cherished his two sons. While battling cancer himself, Gary was a great inspiration to others who were battling similar illnesses and all of those that he came in contact with at the Blood & Cancer Clinic. He enjoyed woodworking and creating crafts and art pieces mainly with driftwood, loved to fish and just be out on the lake. He was a great Michigan Wolverines and Detroit Lions Football fan.

Gary is survived by his sons: Kurtis and Nathan Pieczynski both of Manistee, MI, five sisters & one brother-in-law: Diane Pieczynski, Debra Kott and Beth Pieczynski all of Manistee, MI, Karen & Larry Dozeman of Mears, MI and Cheryl Brandis also of Manistee, MI, three brothers & two sisters-in-law: Dennis & Joanne Pieczynski, Daryl Pieczynski and Darin & Missy Pieczynski all of Manistee, MI. Many Aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Chester & Arlene Pieczynski, a brother Kevin Pieczynski, a sister Nadine Madison, his nephew Brian Madison, an infant nephew Darin Pieczynski and a brother-in-law, Gary Madison.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, with Rev. John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where friends may begin calling at the funeral home, on Friday evening after 6:00 PM. The family will be at the funeral home on Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 PM to receive friends.

The family will also meet at the funeral home on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. to receive friends up until time of procession to the church for the funeral mass.

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