

**John M. Rozga** age 60 of Manistee, Michigan died Thursday morning, June 21, 2013 at his home after a long illness. He was born October 29, 1952 in Manistee, Michigan and is the son of Clara P. (Zuchowski) Rozga and the late Gordon J. Rozga. He attended Saint Joseph School and was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central High School with the class of 1970. John served as a sergeant in the United States Army during the Viet Nam War from October 26, 1972 until October 19, 1974. He married Linda Marie Preuss at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee on October 28, 1978. He was employed at the Morton Salt Company in Manistee for most of his life, since he was 18 years old (1970), except for the two years which he was drafted into the Army. He was a life member of the Manistee Clan Muzzle Loading Club where he was an instructor for the National Rifle Associations Hunter Safety Program, Training Classes, Junior Division Shooting Classes and the Concealed Weapons program. He was instrumental in founding the Ladies Pistol League for Manistee County. John was active with the City of Manistee Parks Commission, was a member of Rolling Thunder as well as a member of the National Rifle Association. He received the Charles E. Schoedel Award for Outstanding Service in 1997. John loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed teaching people about how to do them safely.

He is survived by his wife Linda M. Rozga of Manistee, two sons and a daughter in-law, John Rozga Jr and his children John Rozga III and Brooke Rozga all of Manistee, Jim and Cassandra Rozga and their children Sadie Rozga and Hunter Rozga all of Sheridan, MI, his mother Clara P. (Zuchowski) Rozga of Manistee, two sisters and a brother in-law, Dorothy Rozga of Thailand, Kathy and Roger Stone of Gardners, PA, six brothers and four sisters in-law, Ronald Rozga, Robert and Rochelle Rozga, Floyd and Vaughn and Joseph Rozga all of Manistee, David and Kathy Rozga of Mt. Pleasant, and Gordon Jr and Louann Rozga of Traverse City, his aunt Bernadine Jerumbo of Manistee. Numerous, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

The family will receive friends at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Tuesday evening, June 25, 2013 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Funeral services for John will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday at the Funeral Home with lay-minister Shirley Skiera officiating. According to John's wishes cremation will take place after the funeral services and final interment will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**