

**Leon R. Sherman**, age 57 of Manistee, Michigan went to the Lord on Sunday morning, March 11, 2012 at his home. He was born on January 22, 1955 in Fremont, Michigan and was the son of the late Raymond and Mildred Irene (Biteley) Sherman. Leon lovingly shared the last twenty two years of his life with his soul mate Alice (Gutowski) Snyder. He was employed as a union painter, but was a legend as a fisherman. He worked on various charter fishing boats in Manistee and in his teens and twenties did water chartering on the Big Manistee River for special customers, friends and family.

He is survived by his soul mate, Alice (Gutowski) Snyder, his son Raymond Sherman and Raymond's son Colin Sherman, one daughter Jamie (Mat) Johnson and their son Neven, two sisters Opal Price and Jonana Sherman, three brothers Michael R. Sherman, Martin J. (Janette) Sherman, and Gerald D. Sherman, his aunt Louree Samenski, his cousin Lisa Favela and second cousin Joshua Favela, cousin Andrew Samenski and Karol, his second cousin David Cain Kissel.

Leon is also survived by the members of the Gutowski family, who were considered part of the Sherman family. Mama, Jean Gutowski, Elaine and Bob Morehouse, John Gutowski, David and Linda Gutowski, Mark and Cathy Gutowski, Robert Gutowski and Deb Ott, Patty Saugie and Jeannie and Chuck Carver and all of their families. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive him.

Leon was also preceded in death by his grandmother who raised him, Josephine Lamrock, his brother, Marvin Sherman and Deb Kissel who was raised in the same household, and by Alice's father, David Gutowski and several aunts and uncles.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Leon's life will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Rev. John McCracken officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday one hour prior to the celebration of life service.

The friends and people Leon touched were many and stretched the globe just as far. He will be missed by all and forgotten by none.

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