

James Raymond Skocelas, age 67 of Manistee, died Monday June 20, 2011 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born October 11, 1943 in Manistee the son of Raymond and Gertrude (Gregorski) Skocelas. Jim loved his family and the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

He is survived by his mother, Gertrude Skocelas of Manistee; son John Skocelas of Eastlake; daughters, Janice (Kirk) Davidson of Thompsonville, Jennifer Fox of Lansing; grandchildren, Justin Gorton, Morgan & Ryan Davidson; brother, Dan (Linda) Skocelas of Manistee; and 3 nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Skocelas; grandson, Tyler Fox; and wife, Georgian in 1999.

Cremation has taken place at Oak Grove Cemetery in Manistee. A Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Father Sylvestre Obwaka, celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass.

Memorial contributions in Jim's memory may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Cremation Center.