

Douglas Paul Sovey, Jr., 53, of Manistee died peacefully in his sleep from undiscovered heart condition at the family home in Green Valley, AZ on Thursday, November 14th, 2012.

He was born August 22, 1959 in Big Rapids, the son of Douglas and Rosie (Thompson) Sovey. He graduated from Ottawa Hills High School and Grand Rapids Community College. He worked at Mercedes Benz for ten years and as a cross country truck driver for twelve years.

Doug loved to travel and had visited every state but Hawaii. His goal was to travel to all of the National Parks, which he did. He loved to take photos of the beautiful scenery that he saw. He loved cooking and he especially loved to take care of his dog, "Foxy". Doug was also good at keeping in touch with his family and friends, no matter where his travels took him. He will be dearly missed by them all.

Doug is survived by his mother, Rosie Thompson-Sweigert of Manistee; his brother David (Debra) Sweigart II of Atlanta, GA; his sister, Amanda (Randy) Zandbergen of Grandville, MI; by his aunts, Carolyn (Mike) Blair of Delton, MI and Margaret Mary Mosher of Manistee; several nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, including, Mandi, Zachary & Ezekiel Zandbergen, Jason Arz and Julie Klerek and by numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Douglas P. Sovey, by his step father, David V. Sweigart, and by two infant brothers and an infant sister.

The Memorial Mass from the Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Friday morning, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church with Father John McCracken, celebrant. Final interment will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The family will be at the church to receive friends Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. until time of services.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be given in Doug's name for the Manistee Lions Club.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Johnson Funeral Home of Manistee. [www.johnson-funeral-home.com]