

Alan C. Thomas, age 76 of Manistee, a man of unwavering faith, died early Friday morning, March 17, 2017 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan.

He was born on March 26, 1940 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Casimer and Angeline (Thomas) Thomas. Alan was a graduate of Saint Joseph High School with the class of 1959. He married Regis A. Coe on July 11, 1964 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Onekama, Michigan. During his working career Alan was employed with the Kowalski Distributing Company and later until his retirement with the City of Manistee. He was a player and manager for the Manistee Saints Baseball Team, and was inducted into the Manistee Saints Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998. Alan also coached the Manistee Catholic Central Girls Basketball team for many years. He also served on the City of Manistee Parks Commission. Alan was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish and attended Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Manistee, where he served as an usher, lector and Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Divine Mercy Parish Men's Club, the Eagles Lodge and the Civic Club all of Manistee.

He is survived by his wife of almost 53 years, Regis A. Thomas of Manistee, MI, his daughter and son-in-law; Michelle and Mike Hudak of Ann Arbor, MI, four sons and two daughters-in-law; Chris and Amy Thomas of Allegan, MI, Lance Thomas, Casey Thomas and Jason and Missy Thomas all of Manistee, MI, eight grandchildren; Allie, Gannon, Morgan, Quinn, and Addyson Thomas, and Andrew, Kirsan and Nate Hudak, his sister; Ann Reed of Cascade, MI, and two nephews Phillip and Darin Reed.

Alan was preceded in death by his daughter, Mary Thomas, his mother and father, Angeline and Casimer Thomas and his brother Phillip Thomas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend Richard Schaeffer celebrant. Cremation will take place following the funeral Mass, with private family burial to take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee, at a later date.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 7:30 PM on Tuesday evening, March 21, 2017 at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee, where the family will receive friends on Tuesday evening, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. and on Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM until leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorials will be established in Alan's name for the Divine Mercy Men's Club and the Manistee Catholic Central Walter Fischer Tuition Assistance Fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. **The Herbert Funeral Home of Manistee is in charge of funeral arrangements.**