

Bruce Gordon Janowiak of Manistee, Michigan passed away peacefully at the age of 56 on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 following a long battle with heart disease at the Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Bruce was the son of the late Clarence (PeeWee) and Charlotte (Skocelas) Janowiak, born on September 5, 1961 in Manistee, Michigan. This is where he created his life raising his three surviving children, daughter Megan Sparks and son-in-law Kyle of Wyoming, MI, daughter Emily Janowiak and fiancé Andrew Sielski of Manistee, MI and Andrew Janowiak and daughter-in-law Lisa of Manistee, MI and his wife Patti. He also leaves behind his grandchildren that he took tremendous joy and pride in, Jaxon Sielski, Ava Sielski, Rilyn Austin and Jamisyn Janowiak all of Manistee, Michigan.

Bruce was one of seven brothers, although brother Jeffrey has preceded him in death, cherished are his brothers Dennis of Manistee, MI, Joseph of Holland, MI, Richard of Manistee, MI, Brian of Indianapolis, IN, and John and sister-in-law Kim of Saugatuck, MI who survive him.

Left behind are numerous nieces, nephews, Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends he held dear to him.

Bruce recently retired from the Oaks Correctional Facility where he was employed as a Correctional Officer. He was known to take pride in his Polish heritage, honing the craft of family recipes with his brothers. He found joy spending time with friends on the river, happiness attending family cookouts, excitement blowing off a few fireworks and contentment by the light of a good campfire.

Cremation has taken place and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 9, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee. Private family burial will take place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will be at the church one hour prior to Bruce's funeral Mass to receive friends.

In lieu of flowers and gifts please consider making a donation to the American Heart Association in honor of Bruce and his family. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and also at the church on Monday morning.

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