



Ronald C. "Red" Bauman, 81 years of age, passed away peacefully at Paul Oliver Hospital, Long Term Care in Frankfort, MI on January 17, 2018.

Ron was born to Gordon & Ella Mae Bauman on September 20, 1936. He graduated from Manistee High School in 1954. In 1956 he married the love of his life Donna Kowalski at St. Joseph Church in Manistee. Upon graduation from Michigan State University in 1958 as a Mechanical Engineer, Ronald pursued his Professional Engineering career at Allis Chalmers, Milwaukee, WI, Stearns Roger, Denver, CO, Westinghouse Corp., PA, Commonwealth Associates and Consumers Energy in Jackson, MI. His engineering work involved primary design and licensing of Nuclear Power Plants. He retired from Consumers Energy in 1991, but continued as a consultant for a period of time.

Retirement gave Ronald time to pursue civic and cultural activities in Manistee. These activities included: The Ramsdell Restoration Board, originator of development of the Manistee Art Institute, Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club, Lake Michigan Federation beach cleanup every September involving schools, girl & boy scouts, and volunteers, Manistee Catholic Central "We Believe Campaign" in 2005; Manistee Planning Commission and Shoreline Showcase beach concerts.

Ron had a very creative mind which evolved into various art pieces. Classes at Les Scruggs outdoor "studio" helped Ron create some outstanding wood sculptures. That was about a fourth of the types of art work he would create, always trying new medium from encaustic wax, colored pencil and lapidary stone abstractions. Wood was his favorite as he would let "the wood" speak to him, always deeply appreciating the uniqueness of it.

He is survived by his wife Donna of 61 years, sons & three daughters-in-law, Mark & Marlene of San Pedro, CA, Wayne & Shawn of Delton, MI and Dale & Jamie (Jewell) of Maple City, MI, grandchildren, Brett & Brooke and Hanna, brother & sister-in-law, Gerald & Barbara Bauman of North Oakes, MN, brother-in-law & sister-in-law, Dan & Nancy Kowalski of Manistee, MI, niece Carrie Madsen and nephew Tim Kowalski.

Services will be held on January 27, 2018 at the Herbert Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Father Zeljko Guberovic, Pastor of St. Joseph Church and Reverend Mark O'Brien of Hospice will conduct the services. The family will be at the funeral home one hour prior to his funeral service to receive friends. If desired, contributions may be made to Love Inc., Salvation Army or Hospice of MI. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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