



Ronald M. Kaminski passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 1, 2018 surrounded by family. He will be remembered as a humble man who lived his life to help others. He took extreme pride in his relationships with family, friends and the Moose organization.

Ron was born on September 14, 1945 in Manistee, MI son of the late Stephen & Marjorie (Fortin) Kaminski. He was a proud member of the Manistee High School Class of 1964. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Army where he served as a Military Policeman. Upon returning home from the service, Ron met the love of his life, Lois (Christensen) Kaminski. The two wed on April 30, 1971 and raised their five children together. His family meant the world to him. At family gatherings, he was typically the first to arrive and last to leave. An avid sports fan, he loved watching local athletic events and traveling to games for the Detroit Tigers, Michigan Wolverines and GVSU Lakers. Being able to watch his kids and grandkids in their activities was particularly special to him. He was their #1 fan. Ron was employed by Morton Salt Company and retired after 38 years, 33 of which were in supervision. Achieving the status of Life Member after being involved for 50 years, Ron poured his heart and soul into the Moose organization at the local and state level. He served as the administrator, held numerous officer positions, and served on many committees at the Manistee Moose Lodge. Through the Moose, he was a proud supporter of Wertz Warriors benefitting the Special Olympics. He joined the Moose Legion of Service on December 7, 1969, was Moose Legion Secretary and is a past Moose Legion President. He received the Fellowship Degree of Honor on September 17, 1978. He was honored with the distinguished Pilgrim Degree of Merit on June 1, 1981 at the House of God at Mooseheart. Additional accolades within the Moose include Honorary Past State President and Michigan Moose Association Convention Sergeant at Arms. Ron was honored with the Moose International Lifetime Achievement Award on March 14, 2015. He sponsored 152 Loyal Order of Moose members and 45 Moose Legionnaires. He was very proud of the accomplishments he was able to achieve, but always credited the people he worked alongside and what meant the most to him was the purpose of the Moose, caring for others.

He was a member of the Divine Mercy Parish in Manistee, the American Legion Post #10 of Manistee and also a member of the AmVets Post # 120 of Mesick.

Each day he exemplified kindness, unselfishness and showed appreciation for all the wonderful things he had in life. He lived his faith.

He is survived by his children, Daryl (Yolanda) Galvas, Dawn (Mike) Sekuris, Ronald Kaminski, Michael (Fiancé Sarah O'Connor) Kaminski and Pamela (Gary) Niesen, his grandchildren, Taylor Briske, Haley Briske, Kylie Galvas, Matthew Galvas, Jared Galvas, Brody Kaminski,

Brayten Kaminski, Sarah (Jeremy) Logan, Alex (Stacey) Niesen, Ellyn Niesen and Natalie Niesen, five great grandchildren, his siblings Roger Kaminski, Steve (Eleanor) Kaminski, Jean Nowak, Donald Kaminski, Sue (Jim) Magmer, Paco Kaminski, Allan Kaminski and Debbie (Frank) Kawalec, his sister-in-law Jean Leatherman and brother-in-law Allen Christensen. Numerous extended family members also survive him.

Ron was preceded in death by his wife Lois (Christensen) Kaminski, parents Stephen & Marjorie (Fortin) Kaminski, siblings Philip Kaminski, Carol Kaminski and Linda Petersen, special aunt and uncle Bob & Lou Walter, father-in-law Larry Christensen, mother-in-law Eleanor Christensen, brother-in-law Thomas Nowak and numerous extended family members. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee at 11:00 AM with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The Loyal Order of Moose will conduct a Memorial Service at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee where an Evening Vigil Service will also be prayed at 8:00 PM. The family will receive friends on Friday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM. The family will also be present at the funeral home on Saturday from 10:00 am until processing to the church at 10:40 AM.

Memorial gifts honoring Ron can be considered for Mooseheart Child City and School. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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