

Joseph Robert Fischer, age 55 of Dublin, Michigan, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at the Grand Traverse Pavilions, where he has been a resident of since March of 2012, surrounded by his family.

He was born on May 21, 1963 in Manistee, Michigan and is the son of Rose Marie (Fortelka) Fischer and the late Walter J. Fischer. Joe was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central High School with the Class of 1981. Joe married Patrice Michele Kosnik on August 2, 1986 in Warren, Michigan.

Patrice preceded Joe in death on August 26, 2004. He was employed as a butcher at the Dublin General Store and at various establishments in the Detroit area. Joe was well known for creating and processing his signature smokehouse recipes. For half of his life Joe fought the limitations of his diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis.

Joe is survived by his mother Rose Marie Fischer of Dublin; eleven brothers and sisters-in-law: Thomas and Maureen Fischer of Wellston; Timothy and Kathy Fischer of Dublin; Michael and Rogene Fischer of Manistee; Gregory and Bonnie Fischer of Dublin; James and Kathy Fischer of Interlochen; Paul Fischer of Dublin; Peter and Kathy Fischer of Dublin; David and Elizabeth Fischer of Birmingham; Mark and Teresa Fischer of Dublin; Christopher and Christine Fischer of Ann Arbor; and Andrew and Daniela Fischer of Traverse City; three sisters and a brother-in-law: Mary Fischer of Dexter; Susan deManigold of Williamsburg; and Lisa Marie and Jay Roth of Traverse City. 42 nieces and nephews, and 59 great nieces and nephews also survive him.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife Patrice, his father Walter, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Patrick and Carol Ann Kosnik.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Saint Bernard Catholic Church in Irons, with Reverend Dennis O'Donnell celebrant. Burial will follow at the Fernwood Cemetery in Dublin.

Relatives and friends will pray the rosary on Monday evening, July 23, 2018 at 8 p.m. at Saint Bernard Catholic Church in Irons. The family will receive friends at the church on Monday from 2-4 p.m. and Monday evening from 7-9 p.m.

Memorials will be established in Joe's name for Manistee Catholic Central Foundation, for Little Mary's Hospitality House, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Envelopes will be available at the church on Monday and Tuesday.

A funeral luncheon will take place at the church basement hall for family and friends following the committal service at the cemetery.

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