

In Remembrance of Jon David Hughes
February 19, 1968 – May 2, 2018

A good-natured soul who sought to bring goodness to others, Jon David Hughes was born a son of Manistee on February 19, 1968, to James and Marla (Marx) Hughes.



In his early years, he could be found playing guitar for the Guardian Angels children's choir, and as he grew into a teenager he transferred his stringing techniques to fishing lines of all varieties. After graduating from MHS in 1986, he attended West Shore Community College, Muskegon Community College, and Lansing Community College, acquired both Paramedic and Firefighter state licenses and provided over 20 years of volunteer service at the Filer Township fire department. Many a tragedy was safely diminished by Jon putting his life at risk for us.

He enjoyed collecting and tinkering with nostalgia and technologies, and often combined the two by teaching himself how to build and restore stand-up video arcade games while also working at the Little River Casino as a technician. His eyes danced with wonder if you asked him "What's next?"—his voice would quicken as he sifted through his cornucopia of possibilities, including Haunted Ship decorating, starting a Metal Detector rental business, and renovating his basement into a 1980's retro arcade.

There was one "project" that kept his constant attention - Kayla Christine Hughes. Whenever you talked to Jon, it was only moments later that he would start with "Kayla is...", "I am taking Kayla to..." or "I'd like to get Kayla...". As intense as Jon's gaze was for collecting 70's and 80's vintage items or attending a classic rock band concert, it paled compared to his intensity when speaking of Kayla.

At the almost-weekly Sunday family dinner gatherings of the Hughes family (Grammie and Grandpa were just a few minutes away), Jon was the one who started a conversation with "Do you remember when..." A life too short, but one that made memories. Jon is survived by his father Jim, his daughter Kayla, five niece and nephews, and his sister Karin and his brother-in-law Brian.

Rest in Peace, Brother Jon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee with the Rev. Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. Burial of Jon's cremated remains will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Manistee immediately following Mass.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

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