

James Harry Gutowski, age 67 of Manistee, died Tuesday, January 1, 2019 following a fight with cancer.

He was born on September 28, 1951 in Manistee, the son of the late Leo & Germaine (Graczyk) Gutowski. He was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central Class of 1969. A veteran of the United States Navy, he served on the USS Ranger during the Vietnam War.

James was employed as an operator at Hardy/AKZO Salt Company in Manistee. He later was employed as a dealer at the Little River Casino. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and spending time on the Big Manistee River. He was a member of the VFW Bear Creek Post #6333.

Survivors include two sons: Tony (Christa) Gutowski of Manistee and Joe (Erin) Gutowski of Ludington; four grandchildren: Kierra, Alaina, Keaten, & Ava; three siblings: Janet Gutowski of Manistee, Wayne Gutowski of Florida, and Margaret (Phil) Hecksel of South Haven; as well as by nieces, nephews, & numerous friends,

A Celebration of Life will be announced in the spring.

Memorials in his name may be directed The Manistee Veterans Council – Veterans Transportation Fund c/o 415 Third Street, Manistee, MI 49660.

Please visit James's personal page of memories at [www.oakgrovefh.com](http://www.oakgrovefh.com).

Arrangements by the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.

*"Hi Jim Here. Not Really. I'm Out Enjoying the Great Outdoors"*