

Robert Hans Andersen, age 69 of Manistee, passed away unexpectedly on Friday evening, May 6, 2022.

Bob was born on January 26, 1953, in Manistee, he was the son of the late Nels "Swede" and Mary (Zwiefka) Andersen. He was a graduate of Manistee High School class of 1971. Bob married his high school sweetheart Linda (Lijewski) Andersen on September 22, 1972 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was a member of Divine Mercy Parish of Manistee (St. Joseph Catholic Church). He was employed with Morton Salt Company for 44 years, most of which was spent in the maintenance department, retiring in 2014.

Bob is survived by his wife of almost 50 years Linda Andersen; daughter Melissa Andersen and fiancé Rod-Ric Bjorkquist of Interlochen; sisters and brothers-in-law: Connie and Donald Johnson, Sharon and Art Minster, Mary Ann and Art Nickleson all of Manistee, Suzanne Remeika of Merritt Island, Florida; brother-in-law Frank Balcer of Manistee; sister-in-law Dori Andersen of Muskegon; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Daniel and Valerie Lijewski of Pittsburgh, PA, Gary and Cherrie Lijewski of Waterford, MI, Jeffrey and Elizabeth Lijewski of Parker, CO. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Maren Balcer, his brother Donald Andersen, his brother-in-law Edward Remeika, and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ray and Joan Lijewski.

During high school Bob excelled in football and track. He was an avid University of Michigan sports fan, having season tickets for football 28 years and only missing a couple games in all those years. He followed the Wolverines to numerous bowl games. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, camping, traveling to all 50 states including many national parks. He loved spending time with family and many friends.

According to Bob's wishes cremation has taken place, and Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 12:00 Noon, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee, with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic celebrant. The family will receive friends at the church on Wednesday morning, from 10:30 AM until the time of the funeral mass.

In lieu of flowers those wishing to remember Bob, are asked to consider a donation to the Chippewa 350 Club or Homeward Bound. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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