



Andrew Lee Bearss, 43, of Boyne City, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his loving family on July 21, 2024, after courageously fighting Glioblastoma for the last two years of his life.

Andrew was born on August 2, 1980, the son of Norm and Alice (Bauman) Bearss. He was “lucky number 13” out of 15 brothers and sisters. He attended Boyne Falls High School and graduated in 1999.

On May 28, 2011, he married the love of his life, Stacy Amesbury, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. They made their home in Boyne City and welcomed the birth of their two beautiful children, Brady and Braylee.

Andrew had a few different jobs throughout his life, including Magnum Hospitality, opening the Red Masa restaurant in Traverse City, and a stint at Honeywell, but predominantly he worked at John Cross Fisheries. He was well known for his incredible work ethic; some saying he did the job of three men all by himself.

When Andrew wasn't at work, he could be found at home playing boardgames with his daughter, watching the Detroit Lions, or squeezing in the occasional golf game. He loved hunting season and looked forward to going out every year with his son and his brothers. If Andrew had it his way, he would be shooting off fireworks every night after dark (another passion he shared with his son and brothers). He had so much love for his family. His children were his pride and joy and he had a special bond with his brothers.

He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Boyne Falls and was active in the Knights of Columbus. He liked calling BINGO with his friend Nick Matelski at the K of C.

Andrew is survived by his wife Stacy; their children, Brady and Braylee Bearss; his siblings, Tom (Mary) Bearss, Carol (Eric) Schilling, Ed Bearss, Joseph Bearss, Father James Bearss, Roger (Heather) Bearss, Patricia (Mike) Thompson, Karen (Chip) Sanders, Joan (Jamie) Shepherd, Doug Bearss, Debbie (Billy) Church, Mark Bearss, Sharon Bearss, and Daniel Bearss; brother-in-law Ryan (Abby) Amesbury; mother and father-in-law Dennis and Janie Amesbury; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; and nephew Samuel Myers.

There will be a visitation at St. Matthew Catholic Church (1303 Boyne Ave, Boyne City, MI 49712) on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, July 25, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. followed immediately by a Memorial Mass officiated by Father James Bearss.

Friends and family wishing to make a charitable donation are asked to give to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) in his memory.

Arrangements are in the care of Stackus Funeral Home, Boyne City.