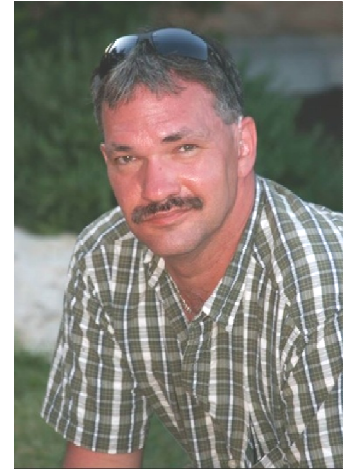


Kenneth J. Baranek, age 48, of Branch, Michigan, formerly of Manistee, died unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, January 5, 2014.

He was born on April 25 1965 in Manistee, Michigan son of William & Audrey (Jabrocki) Baranek. He was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central High School Class of 1983. He served in the United States Air Force for ten years. He was currently employed at the Haworth Ludington Components Company. Ken enjoyed hunting, fishing and sports of all kinds.



He is survived by one daughter & son-in-law: Nichole & Duane Hobart of Grand Rapids, MI, two sons & one daughter-in-law: Joshua & Jessie Baranek of the U.S. Air Force stationed in Bussa Japan, and Jacob Baranek of Manistee, MI, his parents, William & Audrey (Jabrocki) Baranek of Manistee, MI, two sisters & brothers-in-law: Ann & Randall Patterson of Byron Center, MI and Kristi & Scott Mikolajczak of Manistee, MI, three brothers & sisters-in-law: Joseph & Deb Baranek of Byron Center, MI, Marty & Rachel Baranek of Jonestown, TX and William Jr. & Lori Baranek of South Lyon, MI. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him.

Mass from The Order of Christian Funerals will be celebrated Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Manistee with Reverend John McCracken celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

Relatives and friends will pray the Evening Vigil Service at 8:00 PM at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee on Friday evening, January 10, 2014, where the family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM, and on Saturday morning from 10:00 AM until the time of leaving for the church at 10:40 AM.

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