

Robert William Bernatche, age 59 of Manistee, died Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at West Shore Medical Center.

Bob lived and died with dignity while enduring the complications of Scleroderma.

He was born December 24, 1954 in Manistee the son of Arlene (Janowiak). Bob graduated from Manistee High School in the Class of 1973. He married Susan Lynne Bajtka on September 16, 1978 at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine in Manistee; she preceded him in death on February 20, 2009.

He was self-employed as a Master Craftsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Bob is survived by his son, Travis (Tarah) Bernatche of Paw Paw; mother, Arlene Russell of Manistee; sisters, Susan (Robert) Guenthardt of Manistee, Carole (Edward) Lindeman of Jenison; brother, Steven Bernatche of Manistee; father-in-law, David Bajtka of Manistee; sisters-in-law, Lori, Missy, Debbi, Helen and their families; and cousins, Bob (Janice) Schuelke, Mark (Linda) Schuelke, Kathryn Kenny and their families.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his aunt, Darlene Schuelke, and mother-in-law, Nancy Bajtka.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at Oak Grove Funeral Home in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions in Bob's name may be directed to the Penny Park Project through the Manistee County Community Foundation. Please visit his personal book of memories page at www.oakgrovefh.com to leave a message or share a story with the family.

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.