

Donald L. Howe Jr., age 55 of Manistee, Michigan died Friday night, May 7, 2010 at the Heartland Health Care Center in Whitehall, Michigan.

He was born December 24, 1954 in Manistee, Michigan son of the late Donald Sr. and Sally (Burden) Howe. He was a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central High School class of 1972. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served our country from August 31, 1973 until his discharge on June 2, 1981. He married Deanna O'Brien on February 4, 1978 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee. After his return from the Navy, he attended West Shore Community College and received his Associates Degree. Don was employed by the Manistee Housing Commission for ten years until his medical retirement. Don loved to hunt, fish and play his guitar.

Don is survived by his wife: Deanna S. Howe of Manistee, MI, two sons, Donald Louis Howe III and Jacob Howe both of Wheat Ridge, CO, two sisters & brothers-in-law, Stella & Jerry Bahkan of Ludington, MI and Shannon & Wayne Skaggs of Wilmington, OH, one brother & sister-in-law, Dennis & Debbie Howe of Manistee, MI and his mother-in-law, Mary O'Brien of Manistee, MI. Several nieces and nephews also survive him.

Don was preceded in death by his father-in-law John L. O'Brien.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial Mass will be celebrated Monday, May 17, 2010 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Shrine Church in Manistee with Reverend Joseph Muszkiewicz celebrant. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee.

The family will be at the church on Monday morning one hour prior to the Memorial Mass to receive friends.

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