

Louis Edward Fortin, age 73 of Manistee, Michigan, died Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital.

He was born on January 20, 1944 in Manistee, Michigan and was the son of the late Joseph and Edith (Picardat) Fortin. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from January 25, 1968 until February 6, 1969. He received the Purple Heart for his injuries that he received during the war, which left him blind and disabled the rest of his life. His hobbies included his antique cars and in the past his wood-working business. He was a member of the American Legion Post #10 and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Walsh Post #4499 both of Manistee.

He is survived by his son; Allen Fortin, his grandson, David Fortin, three great grandchildren, Damian, Isaiah and Colton Fortin and their mother, Ashley Fortin all of Manistee, four brothers and two sisters in-law; Kenneth and Ann Fortin of Manistee, Robert Fortin (Ida Wheeler) both of Edmore, MI, James Fortin (Delores McMurty) both of Houghton Lake, MI, and Joseph Fortin of Grand Rapids, MI, five sisters and three brothers in-law; Nancy Kuczynski of Manistee, Mary Jo and Chris Rasmussen of Stanton, MI, Jean and John Soltes of Manistee, Rose Davis of Grand Rapids, Julie and Jon Brecheisen of Lebanon, TN., his aunt Mary Picardat, of Manistee, His best friend and family; Ken Wood and his family and his friend Kim Owens. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, William and Jerome Fortin, his sister Marjorie Kaminski and by two brother's in-law; Robert Kuczynski and James Ledford.

According to Louis's wishes cremation has taken place and Memorial Services will take place on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 12:00 Noon at the Herbert Funeral Home in Manistee with Reverend Zeljko Guberovic officiating. Following the memorial service, the members of the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad will present military honors. Final interment will take place in the spring of 2018 at Mount Carmel Cemetery also in Manistee. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday morning one hour prior to the memorial service at 12:00 Noon.

Those wishing to remember Louis are asked to consider a donation in his memory to the American Legion Post #10, or the VFW Walsh Post #4499 or to the Manistee County United Veterans Council Ritual Squad. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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