



Dale F. Bladzik, age 78 of Manistee, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Friday morning, March 13, 2020.

He was born on July 19, 1941 in Manistee, Michigan, son of the late Joseph & Sallie (Bartoszek) Bladzik. He attended Saint Joseph School and was a graduate of Manistee High School Class of 1959. He received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces following a motor vehicle accident. He married Linda Lou Markham on June 13, 1964 at Saint Joseph Church in Manistee. She preceded him in death on February 10, 2013.

Dale had been employed as a truck driver by Century Boat Company in Manistee. An avid deer hunter, he also loved mushroom hunting and enjoyed playing cards. Most of all he loved his sports, whether it be playing, listening on the radio, watching on TV, or in person. He especially was a diehard Michigan sports fan. He loved the Michigan Wolverines, Detroit Tigers, and Detroit Lions. He may have had a few choice words for them but always remained loyal. His most precious time was spent with his kids and grandkids. If you happened to drop in during the Detroit Lions season you would find him having a beer and enjoying the game with granddaughter Chelsea.

Survivors include his four children: Sallie (Peter) Miller, Melissa (John) Gutowski, Jennifer Bladzik & Thomas (Debbie) Bladzik; grandchildren: Nicole (Jordan) Ness, Chelsea Miller, Joshua Gutowski, Jared Miller, Nolan Miller, Jordyn Lear, Payton Bladzik, Matthew Gutowski, Blake Bladzik, Cameron Lear, Madeline Bladzik, Catryna Lear, Alexys Lear, and Pierce Bladzik; great grandchildren: Mason Miller & Millie Ness, siblings: Jean Schrader, Joe (Dee Dee) Bladzik & Harriet (Kenny) Sielski; In-Laws: James & Martha Markham, Kay Markham, Calvin Dummer & Sharon Sandberg; numerous nieces & nephews; and special friend Geraldine Leffew.

He was also preceded in death by brothers: Dave (Marion) Bladzik, Dennis (Lillian) Bladzik & Roger Bladzik, sister Ruth (Edward) Niemierowicz; in-laws: Tom & Esther Markham; brothers-in-law: Roger "Pete" Schrader, William Markham & Steve Sandberg; sister-in-law Laura Dummer; and numerous nieces & nephews.

Memorial Services will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee with Father Zeljko Guberovic officiating. Interment will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10:00 AM until time of service.

Please visit Dale's personal page of memories at www.oakgrovefh.com. Arrangements by Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center in Manistee.

"See Ya Around"