



Victor W. Swiderski

March 20, 2014

Victor W. Swiderski, 62 of St. Ignace passed away early Wednesday, March 20 at Hospice of the Straits in Cheboygan after a long battle with multiple sclerosis. He was born July 19, 1951 in Detroit to Victor A and Marie (Spaczynski) Swiderski. He graduated from St. Anthony School in Detroit in 1969. He loved farming which precipitated his move to his parents farm in Leonard, Michigan, where he hayed, cared for their sheep, chickens, geese, and turkeys. He attended Oakland University and received a degree in Personnel Management and Psychology. He also graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Agribusiness Management and Animal Husbandry. He worked for Converse Reality in Oxford, Michigan for three years as a sales associate. He also was the superintendent at Hemlock Farmers Coop in Saginaw. In 1980 he moved to Alpena, where he founded and managed the Gamble Hardware Store and John Deere Dealership. He retired in 2001, and moved to St. Ignace and married Mary Lynn LaJoice (Pemble) in December of 2002.

Mr. Swiderski was a member of Ste. Anne's Catholic Church in Alpena, where he served on the church council for 8 years. He also was a member of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in St. Ignace. Vic was a former member, President, and Treasurer of the Alpena Lions Club; and a member of Michigan Grain and Agribusiness Dealers Association. He was very active in the multiple sclerosis group in Alpena.

Vic was a passionate antique dealer for 12 years, out of the antique mall in

Traverse City; then conducting his business through Ebay from his home in St. Ignace. He loved collecting toy trains, constructing a train room in his Alpena home and a train garden in the backyard in St. Ignace.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lynn; one daughter, Katie (Swiderski) Stafford and her husband Tom of Howell; a step son Jesse Pemble, St. Ignace; two step daughters, Anna and Ellie Pemble of Denver, Colorado; and two granddaughters, Alexia Pemble and Electra Hyslop of St. Ignace; his father and mother in law, Jerome and Barbara LaJoice, St. Ignace; and 5 brothers in law and families; Stephen and Sue LaJoice of East Jordan; Mark and Shirley LaJoice of Jacksonville, Florida; Jerome and Gale LaJoice of Pembine, Wisc.; Mathew and Loni LaJoice, St. Ignace; and Timothy LaJoice, St. Ignace. Also a sister Gerry Swiderski, South Lyon; and a niece Regina (Patrick) Groleau, South Lyon.

Vic was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Boleslaw and Regina Spaczynski and Victor B. Swiderski of Monroe and a brother in law, Don Cesarz, South Lyon.

Friends may call at Dodson Funeral Home on Monday, March 24 from 4 to 7 pm with parish prayers at 7 with Fr. Pawel Mecwel and Deacon Tom McClelland and Fr. Norbert Landreville officiating. Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, March 25 at 11 am at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Also a service will be on Wednesday, March 26 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Alpena at 12 noon. Burial will be on Thursday, March 27 at St. Joseph Cemetery in Monroe.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Michigan Multiple Sclerosis Society or the Hospice of the Straits with envelopes available from Dodson Funeral Home, St. Ignace who assisted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Victor W. Swiderski*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Victor W. Swiderski*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Victor W. Swiderski*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Mary, my heart is with you at this time. I know you will miss him and I know you loved him very much. There is nothing I can say that will make the hurt and sorrow go away. I will say to remember the good times and the joy you shared. This is from one who has walked this path as well. I pray you take the time to heal yourself, do not be afraid to cry and be angry. However, do not fear reaching for friends and family for help. Wishing I was closer. Sandy Thornton*

sandra (goudreau) thornton - March 24, 2014 at 08:02 PM



“ *Leaving behind a wife, family and friends that love him and will ever morn him, also leaving the pain and suffering of this earth for a better place. RIP*

Tom and Patsy Reck - March 23, 2014 at 05:55 PM

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“ *My Uncle Vic was a great man. I am happy he is in a better place now, not suffering anymore. Love and Prayers go out to my Aunt Mary, My uncles Daughter, and also the family and friends. Gunna Miss you Uncle Vic, love you. See you some day.*

Connor LaJoyce - March 21, 2014 at 05:47 PM