

Michael E. Mayes, 55, of Port Austin, died peacefully at home on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, after courageously battling pancreatic cancer.

He was born March 15, 1957, in Bad Axe, son of the late Harold and Betty Mayes. Mike married Laura Frydlewicz in 1985. Mike was raised in Port Austin and attended Port Austin High School. He went on to graduate cum laude from Michigan State University in 1977 with a business degree. He returned home to Port Austin in 1981 to join the family grocery store business. In 1984, when his father retired, he took over the family business, Mayes IGA.

Mike was a devoted father to his two sons, Adam (25) and Eric (23). He coached their Little League and Babe Ruth teams.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf and all sports. He especially loved spending time with his friends at the Port Austin Conservation Club, where he served as Vice President and at Bird Creek Golf Course, where he was an active member. Mike also served on the Port Austin State Bank Board of Directors.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; his two sons, Adam and Eric; His brothers, James Mayes and William (Karen) Mayes; his sisters, Janet (George) Eidson and Laurie Mayes; and several nieces and nephews, Scott (Mary Jo) Mayes, Kim (Larry) Asher-Stalbaum, Nicole (Kris) Jettner, Mark Mayes, Lori (Mark) Wurn, John (Nicole) Farquhar, Chad Eidson, and Joshua Eidson. He is also survived by his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Larry and Linda Reinke and their son, Zachary.

Mike was preceded in death by his in-laws, Walter and Alice Frydlewicz and his sister-in-law, Bonnie Mayes.

Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, 2012, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Port Austin. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday at the Knoblock Funeral Home in Kinde.

Please make memorials to the Port Austin Library, Port Austin Historical Society or the American Cancer Society.