

Thomas F. Pfeifle, Jr., 56, passed away, surrounded by his family, after a short battle against cancer, on Sept. 23, 2012 at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey.

Tom was born Aug. 22, 1956, in Kalamazoo, to Thomas and Sonja (Axtell) Pfeifle.

Tom graduated from West Bloomfield Hills High School and was self-employed by the time he was 19 years old. Over the years Tom owned the Radio Shack store in Bad Axe, the Bay Window Restaurant and the Bay Party Store in Caseville. Other holdings included the Bad Axe, Caro and Caseville theatres, the Boyne City Motel and the Fieldcrest Inn in Boyne City. Tom also was partners in the Hess Lake RV and Mobile Home Park in Newaygo, and the Weathervane Terrace Inn & Suites in Charlevoix, for the last 17 years. In addition Tom also has been in several real estate ventures over the past 38 years. He was respected and appreciated by employees and business partners throughout Michigan for his unwavering loyalty, leadership, integrity, finesse and dedication. He was regarded as a passionate leader.

Tom enjoyed upland hunting with his chocolate labs, fine red wine, watching football, traveling and music but Tom was the happiest when surrounded by family. He was an active member of Holy Childhood of Jesus Church in Harbor Springs.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years Jean (Baird) and they have worked together every day at Tom's business for 30 years. Tom and Jean have 3 daughters, Jennifer Bailey, Kate Pfeifle and Nicole Pfeifle and a son-in-law, Jeffery Bailey; also his father, Thomas Pfeifle, Sr. of Grosse Pointe; brothers, John, his wife, Teresa and their daughters, Tess and Grace of Wilmington, Del. and Dan, his wife, Liz and their sons, Lex and Max of Reston, Va.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sonja, and his sister Penney.

Cremation was performed through the Charles G. Parks Funeral Home of Petoskey.

Visitations will be from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at Holy Childhood of Jesus in Harbor Springs. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012 following visitations.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hiland Cottage, One Hiland Dr., Petoskey, MI 49770 or the American Cancer Society.