



Joseph Harold Rossley

October 23, 1948 - September 15, 2018

Born in Lyons, New York

Resided in Marinette, Wisconsin

## Obituary

Joseph Harold "Dolphin Boy" Rossley, age 69, of Marinette, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, September 15, 2018, in Appleton, Wisconsin of an apparent heart attack. He was born October 23, 1948 in Lyons, New York to Edward and Joan Rossley. He was a graduate of Douglas High School in Douglas, S.D.

Joe served his country for 26 years with distinguished Military Service in the United States Army. He retired Sept. 30, 1990 as a Master Sergeant. Joe joined the Army in 1966 at the age of 18 and served in the Vietnam War and at duty stations in Okinawa, Japan; Hawaii; El Paso, Texas; Burglengenfeld, Regensburg and Barbing, Germany; and Fort Hood, Texas. He was awarded the Army's Meritorious Service Medal, Army's Commendation Medal (7 awards) and many unit service awards. Later, after moving to Marinette, he worked as a Public Service Officer and 911 Dispatch Operator for local public safety units with Meritorious Civil Service to the City of Marinette Police Department from January 21, 1991 to retirement on October 16, 2013.

Joe's hobbies included bowling, golf, baseball, Miami Dolphins football and assisting with Youth Sports fundraisers. He was a devoted Life Member of Marinette Elks Lodge 1313 for the past 27 years.

He was married to Elisabeth Karoline Rossley, celebrating 44 years of life together this year. Joe is survived by his wife, Elisabeth Rossley of Marinette; his father, Edward F. Rossley, Sr. of Bovina Center, New York; a daughter, Gabriele Bishop and son-in-law, John Bishop of Virginia Beach, Va.; grandchildren, Mathew and Katherine Bishop, also of Virginia Beach; and siblings, Honora Trimbell of Bovina Center, N.Y., Cindy Hill of Hattiesburg, Miss., Edward T. Rossley and Roberta Rossley Burgin, both of Bovina Center, N.Y. He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Rossley.

An Elks Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at Hansen-Onion-Martell funeral home in Marinette. A Military Honors ceremony will conclude the service. A Celebration of Life reception will follow at the Marinette Elks Club, 430 Bridge St. in Marinette.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Elks charities are suggested.