



Freese "Bud" Hopkins

July 12, 1951 - April 23, 2017

Freese "Bud" Buford Hopkins, Jr, 65, of Kalkaska, passed away unexpectedly on April 3, 2017. Bud was born on July 12, 1951 in Ypsilanti, MI to the late Freese Buford and Wilma Eleanor (Martin) Hopkins. Bud was an avid outdoorsmen and loved his life in northern Michigan. He most enjoyed time spent hunting, fishing and simply being in the woods, especially with his sons, extended family and many friends. Bud was an instant friend to all, known for his constant and irreverent humor, warmth and generosity. He was an incredibly proud father and grandfather, always sharing his family's photos and accomplishments. A man of faith, Bud was a member of the Peoples Church of Kalkaska. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Bud is survived by his children Freese (Mischa) Hopkins of Belleville, Deneen (Luke) Hopkins Carmichael of Wisconsin and Daniel (Kelli) Hopkins of Flatrock; his sisters Donna (Larry) Sperlbaum of Redford, Debbie (Gary) Oleson of Colorado, his brother Thomas Hopkins of Kalkaska; grandchildren Jordan, Braedan, Remy, Colin and Tobin; and the mothers of his children Debbie Hopkins and Vickie Finazzo. A service honoring and remembering Bud will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Gilbert Lodge, Twin Lakes Park, 6800 N Long Lake Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686. His children have requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Bud's memory to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Donations may be made online at michigan.gov/dnr or checks may be mailed to: State of Michigan, Parks & Recreation Department - Gift Account, Michigan

Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30451, Lansing, MI 48909-7951. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ Freese "Bud" Hopkins

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



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January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Walt Schwall - May 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Am so sorry to hear about this. Prayers to your family. I will sure miss you and the fun we had. RIP, my friend.

Margaret - April 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry bud. We had some good times at deer camp.

Al Jordan - April 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM