

Robert "Bobby" Dale Ball

September 6, 1967 - August 3, 2025

Robert "Boomer, Bobby, Bob" Dale Ball, 57, lifelong resident of Kalkaska, passed away on August 3, 2025 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on September 6, 1967 in Kalkaska to the late Roger and Bonnie "Fry" ball. Their only son, he was smack dab in the middle of four sisters. Bobby is known as a "jack of all trades and master of none" although he mastered the gift of gab and storytelling, inherited from his Dad. He worked a variety of jobs, from the restaurant industry, oil fields, construction, maintenance, and unlicensed electrician. Bobby worked for his in-laws for over two decades at Wash Tyme Laudromat as their machine and dry cleaner tech. He learned masonry at the age of 11 and helped with the stones laid at Carol's Cafe' now known as Trout Town. Many years of hefting 50 pound bags of cement as an adolescent caused spine damage which led him to medically retire at a young age.

With retirement, Bobby found volunteering for the community as a way to stay busy and it became very close to his heart especially doing anything where he could help out kiddos. He was a longtime volunteer at the Springfield Twp. Park and Recreation Area. He served on their governing body for several years. A few of the other events and groups to benefit from his help were the Kalkaska County Fair, Kalkaska Unified Ministries for Christ Community Dinner and VBS programs, Kalkaska Commission on Aging, Kalkaska 4-H, and many others. He even helped out at June's Kalkaska Showdown Drag Races.

Bobby is survived by his partner Heidi (Woodcock) Helberg of 36 years; their son, Christopher Helberg; sisters, Deb Ball-Odeh, Teresa Ball both of Kalkaska, Tammy Ball and Tara Marie Ball, both of Belleville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Kim and Don Fisher of TN; nephews, Michael Cleggett, partner Brianne and children, James, Kyler, and Rylan; James Boyce and his children, Winnie, Coleson and Elijah; Quentin, Jacob and Chene Moran; and Spencer Hamilton; his favorite niece, Victoria Wehrmeister, her husband Nick, and their children Dominic and Alyssa; and another favorite niece, Cheyenne (Kody) Beyette, their children Genevieve, Remington, Charlotte, Asher, Stevie, Claire, Dylan, Adalynn and Carson; uncles Dennis and Douglas (Sharon) Fry; and several cousins.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law Peggy and Skip Woodcock; grandparents, Grover and Gladys (Wheeler) Ball, Irving and Doris (Besaw) Fry; aunts, Barb Crider, Jeanette Cooper, Ruby Ball and Thelma Ball; uncles Bill Elking, Ralph Crider, Buck Cooper, Stanley Ball and Duane Ball.

Memorial donations may be made to the Unmet Need Fund of the Kalkaska Commission of Aging, PO Box 28, Kalkaska, MI 49646 or to the Community Meals fund at the Kalkaska Unified Ministries for Christ, 2525 Beebe Rd., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Tribute Wall



“ Heidi, Christopher And Deb. I'm so sorry to hear about Bobby. He certainly was a likeable character!!!! He will be so greatly missed. My thoughts are with you and all who truly knew Bob 🥰. RIP my friend.

Julie Lenz - August 06, 2025 at 06:30 PM



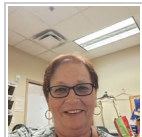
“ Great guy, worked with him at Springfield Rec on numerous projects, always has an input (right or wrong) always harassed us when playing dances at COA. Definitely a asset to the Community!! Will be dearly missed. RIP my Friend 🙏🏻🕊️

Jeff White - August 05, 2025 at 07:01 PM



“ I am so sorry for yur loss.... Lavina Sieting Mack

Lavina Mack - August 05, 2025 at 12:28 PM



“ I remember Bobby as being spunky and happy. Real nice person. R.I.P. and delight in the comfort of Jesus!

Julie Stevens - August 05, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Deb, sorry to hear of your loss! May he rest in peace!

Cindy Ingalls - August 04, 2025 at 07:37 PM

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Sorry to all of his family and friends. May Bobby rest in peace. I love you brother and tell Ruth I said hello and I miss her!!! Tons of love ❤️

Gina Hickman - August 05, 2025 at 05:56 AM