



## Billy Jack Obeshaw

July 26, 1979 - January 23, 2026

Billy Jack Obeshaw, age 46, of Rudyard, Michigan, died on Friday, January 23, 2026, at his home. He was born on July 26, 1979, in St. Ignace, Michigan, to Duane “Dude” Joseph and Debra Jean (Belonga) Obeshaw.

Bill grew up in St. Ignace and attended St. Ignace Area Schools. From a young age, he was known for his strong work ethic, beginning his career as a dishwasher and cook before finding his calling in construction. In his twenties, Bill became a heavy equipment operator, a role he dedicated himself to for the next twenty years. He worked with pride for Belonga Excavating, Drummond Island Dolomite, and most recently, Matheny Excavating.

Bill had a deep love for the outdoors and felt most at peace surrounded by nature. He enjoyed ice fishing, hunting, camping, boating, and riding four-wheelers and snowmobiles. When he wasn't outside, he could often be found relaxing with his favorite old westerns, Gold Rush and Moonshiners.

Bill is survived by his fiancé, Shannon Rose; his daughters, Bridgette (Lucas) Mahanna of North Dakota, Tiffany Obeshaw of St. Ignace, and Kayleigh McCall of St. Ignace; grandchildren, Mason and Lexxi Mahanna; brothers, Duane “Chris” Obeshaw of St. Ignace and Ray Prevost of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and sisters, Renee LaPonsie of Rudyard, Amber York of Maryland and Polly (Bryan) Davis of Ohio. He is also survived by several nieces,

nephews, aunts, uncles and a few close friends that were as good as family.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Duane "Dude" and Debra.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the summer of 2026.

Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *To all of Bill's family,  
So sorry for your loss May your be comforted  
knowing Bill is no longer suffering and is  
reunited with his parents  
HUGS Mike & Diane*



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