



Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey

February 3, 1943 - July 26, 2019

Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey, age 76, of Drummond Island, Michigan, died July 26, 2019, in Flint, Michigan. He was born February 3, 1943, in Detroit, Michigan, to Marshall Avery Bailey and Naomi Artimese (Landreville) Bailey.

Sod grew up on Drummond Island and started flying at age 15. He graduated with the DeTour High School Class of 1961 and then worked downstate at Fisher Body for a few years. He married Jeri Lee Stillabower and they had two children, Michael Allen and Darlene Frances. They returned to the Upper Peninsula and Sod worked as a lineman for Cloverland Electric for several years and then as a professional pilot until his retirement in 2012. He married the love of his life, Jeannine Bailey on August 19, 1979, and they enjoyed boating every summer to the North Channel, snowmobiling, and spending time with the children and grandchildren. After they both retired, they traveled to Alaska, Sod's life-long dream.

Sod was a member of the Drummond Island Lutheran Church, Drummond Island Sportsman's Club, AOPA Pilots Association, and the Drummond Island Lions Club.

He loved flying, duck and deer hunting, boating, and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He raced in several I-500 Snowmobile Races.

Sod is survived by his children, Darlene Bailey of DeTour Village and Michael (Amy) Bailey of Drummond Island; grandchildren, Gary (Justine) Van Alstine, Josh (Kim) Van Alstine, Melissa (Kyle) Tominac, Michael Bailey, Jordan Bailey, and Matthew Tiefenbach; great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Marshall, Sawyer, Frances, Daisy, Gary III, and Lilly; sisters, Cornelia Miller of DeTour Village and Carol Yates of Drummond Island; and brother, James (Charlene) Bailey of Drummond Island.

Sod was preceded in death by his wife, Jeannine Bailey; parents; brothers-in-law, Terry Miller and Roy Yates; and sister-in-law, Jolene Hine.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 1, from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. and Friday, August 2, from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church. Funeral Services will be held Friday, August 2, at 12:00 Noon at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church.

Interment will be in Drummond Island Township Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor View Assisted Living, P.O. Box 124, DeTour Village, MI 49725 or Drummond Island Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 225, Drummond Island, MI 49726.

R. Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, Michigan is serving the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.rgalerfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church
29515 E. Channel Rd
Drummond Island, MI 49726

Visitation

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Drummond Island Lutheran Church
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Drummond Island, MI 49726

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *So sorry for the friends n family's loss sod was a great guy n he loved seeing boys n always said hey buckshot when seen them anywhere....ready easy lur dear friend*

Sheianne marsh - August 03, 2019 at 02:21 PM



“ *Mike and Darlene and Sod's family,*

Please accept my condolences. Sod was a friend I played football with in high school. I am sorry I have to miss his services, as I am not feeling up to par today. I will miss seeing him at high school sporting events. RIP friend.

*Dave Miller
DeTour Village*

David Miller - August 01, 2019 at 03:09 PM

CG

“ Thinking of Sod's family and Friends ~ We sure will miss our neighbor and friend.
"Sods Corner" just wont be the same without seeing him working out in the yard or in his garage. He was one of a kind and could always be counted upon no matter what the situation. Fly High Sod!
Love, Jesse & Charlotte

Charlotte Goudreau - August 01, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.



July 31, 2019 at 08:55 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.



July 31, 2019 at 03:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.



July 31, 2019 at 03:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.*



July 30, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ *Marshall Allen was our mother's "Pookalah". The name came about when he was a small child and she referred to him as a palooka (meaning a big bruiser) which he misunderstood. Of course, "pookalah" stuck for the rest of their long and loving relationship. Thankfully, that connection was transferred to the Fravala children. More than a 'first' cousin, he was a big brother to us and we will miss his smile, his voice, and his presence in our lives. But he, and the memories we share of him, will live on in our hearts. Every time a blue and white plane passes overhead, it will remind us that he is flying free now and flying, aside from his family, was the thing that made him the happiest. To paraphrase, "he has slipped the surly bonds of earth", and we would only wish him back for our sakes, not his. Farewell, dearest cousin.*

Joie Klickman - July 30, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Aunt Kay Fravala's Children purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.*



Aunt Kay Fravala's Children - July 30, 2019 at 04:30 PM

M&

“ Michael and Amy, Darlene, Christine and families ,



We are so sorry for your loss. May you find a touch of comfort in knowing how many lives Sod touched. I can't remember a time when he wasn't in our lives and willing to help in any way he could. Drummond has lost a true " Islander " We hope he is soaring high. May he be kept close in all your memories He was a truly remarkable person whom will be missed by many. We will keep you close in our thoughts and prayers. If we can help in any way please let us know. Thinking of you all
Mike & Diane

M&D - July 30, 2019 at 04:16 PM



“ so sorry for your loss, you are in our thoughts and prayers. chris, if there is anything you need. please don't hesitate to call. I will be praying for you.
the ault family
bob tammy and dolores

Tammy Ault - July 30, 2019 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ So Sorry for your loss, he will be missed by all.

sharon - July 30, 2019 at 12:13 PM

DC

“ *Drummond Island Club purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.*



Drummond Island Club - July 30, 2019 at 12:07 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Jon Cordray - July 30, 2019 at 11:54 AM

JC

This is how Sod drops in for a visit.

Jon Cordray - July 30, 2019 at 12:05 PM

JC

“ *We thank Sod for being a part of our lives these past few years. His good nature, patience, kindness and dependability left for us what we can call "his message" of what life needs to include. His passing leaves a void in our lives, but he will live on in our hearts and memories.*

The Jon and Melanie Cordray family

Jon Cordray - July 30, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.*



July 30, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Johnny Sr., Jr., Jason, & Hilary Fountain & Tom Munro purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Marshall "Sod" Allen Bailey.*



Johnny Sr., Jr., Jason, & Hilary Fountain & Tom Munro - July 30, 2019 at 07:30 AM