



## Robin R. Bedell

June 30, 1950 - January 29, 2021

Robin R. Bedell, 70, of Bay Mills, Michigan passed away on January 29, 2021 at War Memorial Hospital with his loving wife Kelly by his side.

Robin was born on June 30, 1950 to Henry J. Bedell and Bernice A. (Teeple) Bedell in Detroit, Michigan.

He was the 4th child of twelve children. During the summer of 1957, his father would bring him to the U.P. for a taste of the “rez life.” Robin would remark the contrast in living standards at that time and how that shock scared away some of his siblings. But not Robin. Soon, Robin could be found among the group of young boys and girls as they found joy in the lakes, woods and hills of the area, cementing his love for the community.

As a young man, Robin found direction, achievement, honor and pride through his service in the US Army in 1968, as a member of the 82d Airborne Division. He became a Green Beret and a member of the Special Forces until his honorable discharge as a Sergeant First Class in 1988. He served in many locations throughout the world, including a Secret Service detail for the President. Robin accumulated many honors and recognition during his time in the Army, including the Vietnam Service Medal Ribbon, Meritorious Service Medal Ribbon, Joint Service Commendation Medal ribbon, among others. Robin received and mastered training in military communications and led several missions to set up critical communications for the military.

During his service, Robin met and married his first wife, Prapai Lamsamooth in Thailand in 1972 and they had three children; Duane, Jeanne and Sarah.

All of them were born in different locations around the world.

It was around 1993 that Robin found his way back home when he moved to Bay Mills, Michigan; finding work initially as a systems analyst for Kewadin Casinos, then with Bay Mills in 1995 as its Information Systems Manager. Eventually, he became the Network Manager for the Bay Mills Community College in 2002 until his death.

Robin was a staunch advocate for education, as evidenced by his numerous degrees, including a Master of Network and Communications Management degree from Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Electronic Systems Technologies from Southern Illinois University and 7 Associate's Degrees in various disciplines. He always found time to encourage others to seek and realize their potential through education and skill development and, up until his death, he represented the educational needs of the community as the Brimley School Board President; conducting meetings while in the hospital.

On September 30, 1999, Robin married his wife, Kelly (LeBlanc) Bedell of Bay Mills and they had three children. Marvine, Holly and Arthur. There, they would make a home and life together among their extended families, finding great joy in raising their family, world travel, representing traditional teachings and values and the general pursuit of a good life supported by love and respect.

Robin had an adventurous spirit and a deep passion for life. He never took a sip from opportunity, he became soaking wet with it. He found humor in most everything and he was always willing to tell a good story whether asked or not. He enjoyed golf, riding his motorcycle, boating, skydiving, gambling and traveling. He especially liked "getting his steps in" and competing with his wife Kelly in an effort to stay physically fit. Robin relished all family occasions. He and his wife were great hosts to any visitor that came through the door and he was always willing to add his hand to any project or need within the community.

Robin is survived by his wife, Kelly and his children, Duane (Judy) Bedell,

Jeanne (Crystal) Sandin, Sarah (Josh) Homminga, Marvine Bedell, Holly Bedell (Jonny Carlisle) and Arthur Bedell all of Bay Mills. Siblings, Donald, Doug, Jeanne, Lydia, Lester, Sparks and Holly and grandchildren, Robin, Cody, Xavier, Paris, Jeanne Ann, Nonah, Tyler, Serenity and great-grandchildren, Kalana and Duane. Numerous nephews and nieces, cousins and cherished friends will all miss his smile and laugh.

He is predeceased by his parents and siblings, Vicki, Henry, Vernon and Debra.

Services will be on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at the Clark Funeral Cremation Burial Services at 113 Maple Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Flow-through visitation will begin at 9:00am until 12:00pm, with a private traditional pipe ceremony to follow.

A Spring time burial on the Mission Hill in Bay Mills will be later announced.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Hill Cemetery

Bay Mills, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home  
113 Maple St  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity sent a virtual gift in memory of Robin R. Bedell*



Serenity - November 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM



“ *He was a very great grandpa to me and all my cousins. He will be missed very much throughout the community and with his family. I am his granddaughter, Serenity and I was only 7 when he died but I have many memories with him. Thank you anyone who sent anything for him. We are very pleased*

Serenity - November 06, 2024 at 10:20 AM



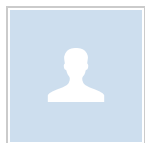
“ *Robin R. Bedell*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Robin R. Bedell*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Robin R. Bedell*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM

JM

“ I have just learned of Robin's passing. Robin had no problem helping others in need, he was always ready to give himself. Robin helped me through the toughest time of my life. I often reflect on our adventures and Hollidays together in Central Europe. Robin was one of those people that made this world a better place.

My condolences go out to Robin's family.

JOHN MOSEMAN

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JOHN MOSEMAN - February 22, 2021 at 02:49 PM

JB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Robin's passing. I worked with him at Kewadin and BayMills Casinos and we became friends. Robin was always interesting and fun to be around. May he Rest In Peace. Sincerely, Jan

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Jan Bourque - February 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM

MY

“ Bedell Family, we're keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers as you celebrate the wonderful life of your husband, father, grandfather, uncle while he makes his journey to the spirit world. We remember your loved one with honor, respect & smiles as we think about his sense of humor. He would always ask me, "How are those cows?" long after I left the farm; he could always make me chuckle! This smart, brave, kind man definitely knew the healing of humor!

May your memories help you hold each other close & help you through this difficult time,  
Monica, Wilmer & Raven

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Monica Young - February 04, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ *Caring Condolences Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Robin R. Bedell.*



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February 03, 2021 at 05:28 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy to the Bedell family. As a colleague on the EUPISD Board Robin was a true advocate for education. May his memory be a blessing.*

*Kate TerHaar*

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**Kate TerHaar** - February 03, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Robin was one in a million. When I think of him it brings a smile to the day. His incredible kindness and sense of humor will never be forgotten.*

*My love to his beautiful family.*

*Jackie (Fisher) Thomas*

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**Jackie Thomas** - February 03, 2021 at 10:02 AM

BR

“ On behalf of the Brimley Area Schools, the Board of Education, Administration, Faculty, Staff and our students, we would like to send our deepest sympathy to the Bedell family at the passing of our friend, Board President and mentor. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Brian Reattoir  
Superintendent of Schools  
Brimley Area Schools*

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**Brian Reattoir** - February 03, 2021 at 08:23 AM

CC

“ *Jeanne, my sincere sympathy to you, Kelly, and your family during this difficult time. I pray that you have wonderful memories to replace your grief with time.*

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**Chris Chartrand** - February 02, 2021 at 08:33 PM

JM

“ *Robin was always friendly and outgoing. He greeted everyone with a smile. I respected his work ethic and his commitment to making everyone around him feel happy and comfortable. He will be greatly missed at BMCC.  
I am so very sorry for you loss. Your whole family is in my prayers as you navigate through your grief during this difficult time.*

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**Jan Miller** - February 02, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robin R. Bedell.



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February 02, 2021 at 12:23 PM