



William Joseph Palmer

October 6, 1952 - April 17, 2023

William Joseph Palmer, age 70, died on April 17, 2023, in the comfort of his own home in Barbeau, Michigan. He was born in Jackson, Michigan on October 6, 1952, to Everett Otto and Carol Helen (Fisher) Palmer.

Bill grew up in Jackson with his 3 siblings and graduated from East Jackson in 1970. He served with the U.S. Marines from 1972 until 1975 and was stationed at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, California. After his time in the service, he attended college at both Michigan State University and Jackson Community College while working at the local area golf courses.

Since he was a kid being in the Upper Peninsula visiting the EMOZ his dream was to live in the UP, and he finally made his dream a reality when he moved here in 1997 over the next several years he tore down several little cabins to ultimately build his own cabin with his bare hands. His daughter Beth and his grandson Donny will see to it that all his unfinished plans come to pass there at the Whip and the memory of B.P. will always be there!

He was the groundskeeper at The Oaks in Kincheloe for 26 years until his retirement. He was an active board member at The Oaks for 26 years. He took great pride in his work and everyone that knew him knew that he went above and beyond in anything he put his hands to! He put everything into that golf course doing whatever was necessary for it to be top of the line!

Bill loved dog sledding, fishing, hunting, mushroom hunting, tree jobs and of course golfing! He most recently had been looking forward to fishing again. A lot of his time could be found being spent with his grandson/main man Donny! He cherished him and they were in his own words "two peas in a pod"! His absolute best friend. When asking Bill how he was doing you could always count on this response" I'm fair to Michigan"! You are loved by many and will be greatly missed B.P.

Bill is survived by his significant other Susan Myotte. His daughters; Beth Marie Palmer- B.P. Jessica Sue Brueggeman, April Lynn Brueggeman, and Tiffany Dawn "Frog" Maleport/Zackary James Maleport(son-in-law); son, Jason Joe Delambarde; and grandchildren Donevan, Kierstin, Skyler, Kiarie, James, Clint, and Curt, Colton and Carter sister Sandra Faye Palmer-Lewis; and brothers, Everett Vernon Palmer.

Bill was preceded in death by Otto Daniel Palmer (brother), Carol Helen Palmer (mother), Everett Otto Palmer (father)

There will be a celebration of life service at Soo Christian Fellowship on May 11th at 4 PM. Pastor Scout Hester will be officiating. Come share stories that you have of B.P.

Galer Funeral Homes of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family.
Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 11. 4:00 PM (ET)

Soo Christian Fellowship
2920 Ashmun St.,
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Palmer*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Joseph Palmer*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Fantastic man. Was my boss for several summers at the golf course. Haven't seen him in over 10 years but still think of him often. Incredibly warm-hearted and always a joy to be around. Still quote many of his sayings to this day.*

Jason Povey - April 29, 2023 at 11:50 PM



“ *Billy Joe will be missed. We had a great time when i visited you at the golf course. I'll always remember how you treated me after not seeing each other for more than 20 years. It was just like we had seen each other the day before. I'll miss you cuz. May you rest in peace.*

Mollie Brooks - April 29, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Bill, Things will never be the same at EMOZ again. We shared so many good memories with you, an you will always be missed! We wish peace for you an your family. Love, Bill & Kathy Miles*

Bill & Kathy Miles - April 29, 2023 at 05:59 PM

JB

“ There really aren't words to describe the impact some people have in this world, on the lives of others. This world just lost one of those gems. A simple man who put so much good into others, into the world. He was a kind man. A patient man. A loving man. A sentimental man. He was a hero. He was a mentor to many through the years. He was my real life hero. He brought my family from nothing, gave us a new life in a new place; a chance to turn it all around. Although I was already 15 when he came into my life, we had a special connection via the love my Mother and him always shared...long before any of us kids were born. He was the Father I never had, but always dreamed of. He was proof to me that God knows exactly what He's doing because I couldn't have hand picked a better Dad than B.P. was to me for the last 28 years. He was a top tier Grandpa too. Just ask my son...he'll tell you the sun rises and sets in Grandpa. We have all been touched by this man's life and his death has undeniably changed a piece of each of us forever. Much love and respect Dad. Thank you, thank you so much for being such a huge part of my life. Here just isn't home without you. I'm going to make proud and chase those dreams you always encouraged me to. I'll be thinking of you when we're up in Alaska, wishing you were with us...I know damn well you always wanted to see Alaska; so im gounq to go see ot for you. I hate goodbyes and I really wasn't prepared for this one...so I'll just leave this at UNTIL NEXT TIME, when we meet in the clouds and all our tears are washed away. Sweet dreams, rest now that the suffering of this life has lost its hold on you. A piece of you will live on in us forever. 💔

Jessica Brueggeman - April 28, 2023 at 11:49 PM

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That was very heartwarming Jessica, your expressions of his character define him well. The time from Bill's diagnosis to his passing was very short, (shocking & devastating) for those of us who love him, although for him it was a blessing to have no more pain, to shorten his suffering, Bill never liked goodbyes, especially on phone call, I think he did that with everyone. I asked him why he wouldn't say goodbye, he said: to say goodbye seems so final, like it's the end & we'd never talk again. I'm pretty sure he has left a lasting impression on everyone that knew him. Rest in Peace

Nola Palmer - April 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM