



Bobby Dean McDanel

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Bobby Dean "Muskrat" McDanel, age 58, of Moravia, passed away Monday, August 7, 2023 at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville.

Bobby was born on August 1, 1965 in Centerville, Iowa, the son of Robert Wayne McDanel and Patricia "Patty" Ann (Clark) McDanel. He graduated from Moravia High School with the Class of 1984. In 1986, Bobby was united in marriage to Penny Robinson, and to this union, a son, Christopher Blake McDanel was born.

Following graduation, Bobby accepted a position at Rubbermaid in Centerville, where he worked for over 20 years. When the foundry closed, he began working for Lee Container. He was currently still employed, and his work family will miss him dearly.

Bobby enjoyed being a volunteer firefighter for the Moravia Fire & Rescue in his younger days. He also was the Treasurer and the Lay Speaker of the Light Of Life Church in Moravia. In his free time, he was fond of hunting, especially coyote, coon, deer and bear hunting, as well as fishing.

Bobby also had a special love for music, and was an avid follower of Jake McVey and Houston Fry. Left to honor Bobby's memory are his wife of over 37 years, Penny McDanel; his son, Christopher Blake McDanel; his sister, Debra (Roy) Fry; his mother-in-law, Marlyn Copeland; his father-in-law, Billy Robinson; a brother-in-law, Russell Robinson; two sisters-in-law, Billie Robinson (Rick Eckles) and Dustie (Kevin) Argenta; as well as several extended family including nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Patty McDanel. Funeral services will be held at 10:00AM, Friday, August 11, 2023 at the Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia with Pastor Dennis Doud and Pastor Terry Chapman officiating. Cremation will follow the service.



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Visitation will take place Thursday, August 10, 2023 at Thomas Funeral Home in Moravia, opening at 3:00PM, with the family greeting friends from 5-7PM. Memorials in honor of Bobby may be written to either the Light of Life Church or the Moravia Fire Department, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Bobby McDanel family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page, www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



Tribute Wall

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PB

Pamela Bookout posted:

I used to babysit Bobby & his sister ,so sorry for your loss . Now I'm living in Omaha ,Nebraska .

November 10 at 7:00 PM

DC

Danay Clemens posted:

Bobby was a great friend and colleague always found a way to make us laugh even on down days, he was also very helpful and always very kind he was and will always truly be the best friend ever until we meet again.

August 10 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Chris: We're so sorry for your loss. We're all here for you.

August 10 at 7:00 PM

PS

Paul Swarts posted:

So sorry for your loss

August 8 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

KC

Kevin Cox posted:

So sorry for your loss, Penny. I have many fun memories of you and Bob! You are in my thoughts.

August 8 at 7:00 PM



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Jerry Yadon posted:

Sorry to hear this, Bobby was such a nice guy, prayers for the family!

August 8 at 7:00 PM



Colton Beals posted:

In Loving Memory of Bob McDanel Words cannot express the depth of sorrow we feel for the loss of our dear cousin and friend, Bob McDanel. His presence brought light and laughter into our lives, and his memory will forever be cherished. Bob's kindness, generosity, and unwavering friendship touched the hearts of all who knew him. His warm smile and compassionate nature will be greatly missed. We are grateful for the moments we shared together, filled with laughter, love, and meaningful conversations. As we gather here to bid our final farewell, let us remember the joy Bob brought into our lives. May his spirit live on in our hearts, guiding and inspiring us to live with the same kindness and love that he exemplified. During this difficult time, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and loved ones. May you find comfort in the support of friends and family, and may cherished memories of Bob bring you solace and strength in the days ahead. Rest in peace, dear Bob. You will be forever missed but never forgotten. With heartfelt condolences, Beals Family and Everyone at M & W Welding

August 7 at 7:00 PM



Helen Helleur posted:

So sorry to see this. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

August 7 at 7:00 PM



Patty Huisman Smith lit a candle in honor of Bobby.



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Patty Huisman Smith lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

He married my best friend from high school. Praying Penny and Chris will find peace..I remember the NOVA from back in the day -pretty sweet!! He is God's child now! Until we see each other again



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SM

Shirley Morlan lit a candle in honor of Bobby.



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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Dear Penny & Christopher, We are so sorry to learn of Bobby's passing. It was such a shock to read about this and I just saw and visited with him maybe 3 week ago. Since working with him at Rubbermaid we have had a long friendship. He was such a great person to be around. Please accept our sincere condolences and prayers, and may your loving memories grant you peace. Dennis



August 7 at 7:00 PM

JT

Jessica Montegna-Terry lit a candle in honor of Bobby.

Our deepest sympathies to Penny and family. I worked with Bob thru Rubbermaid and kept in touch thru the years. He always had a smile and laugh that would light up the room. Rest easy my friend. Jessica M Terry



August 7 at 7:00 PM

BW

Beals Family & Everyone At M&W Welding posted:

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

RB

Robert D Broshar posted:

Condolences to the family

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KC

Kerry Lynette Moore-Conger posted:

Thinking of you and your family.

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TR

Tammy Robinson posted:

Penny Robinson McDanel , holding you all in my heart and prayers.

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PC

Penny Cooksey posted:

My memory of Bob. is when Bob got a pie in the face for relay. He told it very well.he like to joke a all with all of us at work. He was loved by many and so many of us is going to miss him very much. Now let's all pray for his family.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

JW

John Whicker posted:

So sorry to hear this... we ran around together a little bit when we were little... my mom dated his uncle. I remember fishing with him at the Spillway quite a bit back then! My sincere condolences to the family.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

VS

Vicky Strickler posted:

Keeping Penny Robinson McDanel, Chris & the rest of the family in my thoughts & prayers.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

KA

Kathy Ayres posted:

Condolences and prayers for family and friends 🙏

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ST

Sandy Thomas posted:

Sorry for the families loss 🙏

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JB

Jeremy Breckenridge posted:

My deepest deepest condolences and sympathy! Such a SPECIAL SPECIAL MAN. This world needs many more just like him. I loved him except I never got around to telling him! If there's someone you feel that way about, you better tell them and not put it off any longer!

August 7 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers to the family and friends

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NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

So sorry for your loss...prayers for families.

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CF

Coltrain Family posted:

Penny and family, Bobby was a friend and a great neighbor to the Coltrain family ! Bobby and your family did so much for our family and we will be forever grateful! He is forever in our gratitude and memory!

August 7 at 7:00 PM

VO

Vaness Oden posted:

Prayers of comfort and strength for Penny, Chris, and family during this sad time. Bob was a special person with such a passion for life, the outdoors, and the Lord! I worked with Bob over the years and forged a good friendship. He will be sorely missed! May you feel God's peace and comfort. Vaness Oden

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GP

Gayle Pickens posted:

Bobby, you always made us laugh. You kept the team working together like family. I remember the stories of the crazy things you done. I was so impressed about the way you talked about Penny and Chris all the time. Rest easy my friend in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

JB

Julie Boughner posted:

Prayers

August 7 at 7:00 PM

NW

Nichole Ponsetto Wells posted:

So sorry for the families loss

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bobby by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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