



## William "Jerry" Bal

January 15, 1948 - August 19, 2008

WILLIAM "JERRY" BAL FAITHORN- William "Jerry" Bal age 60 of Faithorn, went to be with his Savior Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at Dickinson Co. Memorial Hospital, Iron Mountain, MI. He was born on January 15, 1948 in Calumet, the son of Mary Ann (Butakis) and the late William Joseph Bal. Jerry graduated from Calumet High School in 1967, and served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Era. He married Rita Gustafson on October 27, 1973 at St. Mary's Church in Norway. Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, going fishing and walking outdoors. He was a very devoted husband, father and avid Green Bay Packer Fan. He was a sawyer for over 20 years for Twin Pine Lumber and even ran his own sawmill for a while, the last eight years he worked a Grede Foundry in the Utility department. Jerry is survived by his wife Rita; son Scott (Nicole) Bal of Faithorn; grandchildren Jordan Scott, Nolan Scott, Julia Ann Jeannette and Braedan Scott Bal; mother Mary Ann Bal; brother Dennis (Kathy) Bal of Iron Mountain; sister Kathy (Tony) Grahek of Greenleaf, WI; brother-in-law Russel Gustafson of Faithorn; sisters-in-law Trisha (Joe) Hanna of Norway, Sandra (Clarence) Kregelka of Norway, Mary Gustafson of Norway and Bonnie Bal of Allegany, NY; several Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his father William and brother Michael Bal. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 21 from 4-8 p.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. Parish Prayers will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Prayers will be held on Friday, August 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Miner-Ortman Funeral Home. The Mass of

Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Barbara's Church in Vulcan, with Fr. James Roetzer, presiding. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Aunt Rita and Family..and I truly sorry for the lose of Uncle Jerry. My hopes and prayers are with you and the family through this time, and I am always here for you if you ever need me. All of my love is with you.

Joshua Michael Bal - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ scott im sorry to here about your loss our prayers are with you

the chaffee family ( t-bone) - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ WE are very sorry for your loss for you and your family

Robert Gregg - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“ Oh, Rita, We are so sorry! We just found out tonight, so we missed Jerry's visitation. We will be thinking of you tomorrow and in the weeks to come. What a blessing his grandchildren were to him - and how precious his time with them was! Take care.

Ed & Mary Ann Zahn - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Rita, Scott and Family. I am so sorry I couldn't be there during this most difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers!! When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May you take comfort in the loving memories you have of Uncle Jerry. I miss you all tremendously and Love you all very much!!!!

Nicole Friend - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Rita and family, our sympathy goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless.

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**Trudeau family** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Offering you my deepest sympathy on your loss of husband and father. Also to thank Mary Ann, Williams mother for all she has done in the past. I remember fondly of stopping with my parents John and Viola Bray at her house in Calumet many a time unannounced, she would prepare a chicken the old fashion way and treat all of us like family, even spending a night there.. Thank you for the wonderful memories. Sincerely, Bruce Bray

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**Bruce Bray** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Rita and family, So sorry I can't be with you at this time since I am in the hospital in Minneapolis. You are in my prayers and thoughts. I will see you what I get home. God bless you, love,  
Bethel

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**Bethel Carlson** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ May God give you the strenght and faith to get through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Pat & Debby Sullivan** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WJ

“ *Scott, Nicole & family,  
Our heartfelt sympathies go out to your family during this difficult  
time. You are in our thoughts & prayers. Ward & LeeAnn*

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**Ward & LeeAnn Johnson** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BY

“ *Rita and Family, I'm so sorry I can't be there. Are prayers our with  
you at this time.  
Love and miss you all very much  
Love Bonnie, Nicole, Joshua, Nicholas*

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**Bonnie Bal of Allegany, New York** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ *May you find strength in the Lord.  
Many Blessing for you and your family.. God Bless and may the  
Holy Spirit be with all of you ...  
Prayers and Hugs.  
Love Maureen*

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**Maureen Zanoni** - January 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM