



## Robert Theodore Kaltenbach

May 25, 1940 - November 18, 2014

Robert "Bob" Theodore Kaltenbach, 74, of Traverse City, passed away on November 18, 2014. Bob was born on May 25, 1940 to his parents the late Fridolin and Ella (Kadlec) Kaltenbach in Traverse City.

Bob attended St. Francis school and later moved to Washington State where he lived and graduated from Chelan High School. He married Nancy Baggs on Nov. 25, 1961 and together they had five children.

He worked for over 30 years at Burwood Products then Chess Construction before retiring in 2002. Bob was devoted to his family and loved family gatherings and teasing and poking everyone with his tape measure. He was avid mushroom and deer hunter and loved to follow his Lions, Tigers and Red Wings teams.

Bob is survived by his sisters, Pauline (Don) Schopieray, Bertha (Jim) Harvey; brother, Virgil (Betty) Kaltenbach; daughter, Letitia Ann (Tom) Durga; son, Jeff Kaltenbach, Mike Kaltenbach; daughter, Michelle (John) Wright; son, Scott Kaltenbach; grandchildren, Nathan Ghering, Justin Ghering, Jesse Inman, Jared Kaltenbach, ShyAnne Kaltenbach, Tiffany Seguin, Mitch Kaltenbach, Dakota Norris, Richard Gardner, Sierra Kaltenbach and many great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The family would like to especially thank Nicole Koewers for the special love and care she provided for Bob.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 at 11:00a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Traverse City, with visitation held one hour prior. Burial will be held after the service at the Oakwood Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Bob's name may be directed to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Kindly share your thoughts and memories with Bob's family by way of his online guest book at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

Arrangements for the family have been entrusted to Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery

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## Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery

1720 Hannah Street  
Traverse City, MI, 49686

# Events

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**NOV** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US,  
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**NOV** **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ To all of Robert's family,  
May our loving God wrap His arms of comfort around all of you. Rob and his sons use to come into the J&S when I was a waitress there, I had already known his brother Fred and Steve from coming in and Fred working on the railroad w/my brothers, along w/Steve. It's amazing how one gets to know someone. Who would have ever guess I would later work at Burwoods where I got to see and chat w/Rob again? He was such a nice guy, quiet, but always an hello when I would run into him at a grocery store, etc. Just know my thoughts are with all of you and that I'm reflecting on all those nice times I remember with your Dad, and Uncles....May your memories of your Dad help bring some smiles in the days ahead. RIP Robert.

**Darlene Miller** - November 27, 2014 at 11:24 AM

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“ Bonnielee Inman-Stevens lit a candle in memory of Robert Theodore Kaltenbach



**Bonnielee Inman-Stevens** - November 22, 2014 at 06:13 PM

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“ Michelle, John and Family,  
So sorry to learn of your father's passing. We hope you find comfort in the many special memories you have shared with your Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
John Lannin, Pam Weber

**Pamela Weber** - November 22, 2014 at 09:11 AM

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“ Kharissa lit a candle in memory of Robert Theodore Kaltenbach



Kharissa - November 22, 2014 at 05:12 AM

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“ Glad to have meet such a wonderful man. Will miss our chats about the tigers, lions & redwings. Will miss ya, but won't forget ya, you'll always have a special place in my heart. RIP. Prayers to the Kaltenbach family.

Kharissa - November 22, 2014 at 05:12 AM

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“ Bonnie Kinder lit a candle in memory of Robert Theodore Kaltenbach



Bonnie Kinder - November 21, 2014 at 01:51 PM

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“ There are so many memories I have of Robert. One very special memory I have is when I was pregnant with Jared. Jeff had a beeper, and I went into having labor pains. You said I looked pale, and I told you I think I am in labor. You was putting your Busch beer in the fridge and I went out to the garden was weeding the tomatoes. You hollered at me to get in the house...lol...and asked how do you call a beeper...lol..I was calmed but you was sweating :) The proud look you had on your face when you held Jared Robert.

Another time was when Jesse Frank was 4 yrs. old and he snuck into the back of your brown Ford Truck into the topper, you was going to have dinner with your long time friend Ed. and Jesse popped his head into the cab and asked where ya was going to eat grandpa!! Scared the "jibbies" out of you..lol..

All the family gatherings, the St. Ignance Car shows, fixing breakfast for all you that went hunting on opening day of deer season. getting lost mushroom hunting with Jennifer, and I believe one time with Leshia and Perry had to come find us. So many good memories to share. Camping and you was always in charge of the fire. The trip to Mackinac Island and you riding a bike around the Island :) canoeing down the Boardman, playing softball at our little family picnics, snowmobiling at the farm and hanging out in the warming shack (chicken coop) You telling Nathan how to drive the tractor when we would go on hay rides at the farm. the endless times cutting wood for the winter :) so many memories.

You loved your family and you was always bugging us all with that darn tape measure. Playing euchre and being your partner was a hoot. I could have never asked for a better father-n-law, grandfather to my 3 children. You loved your family heritage and was a very proud man, you gave us all hell when we needed it, and

loved in the same breath.

You will be missed by so many, but we know you are in a much better place with no pain, no more medicine. you are celebrating a new life with your family up in Heaven, and making a home for the rest down here to join you one day.

Bonnie Inman-Stevens

**Bonnielee Inman-Stevens** - November 20, 2014 at 09:14 PM

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**Karen Ramsey** - November 20, 2014 at 08:35 PM



“ R.I.P Robert, you were a very very good man. I want to thank you and the family for all the wonderful times we have had together. I was fortunate to have a special relationship with you, I was fortunate to be part of the family, I love you Robert and will miss making you them goodies, particularly banana bread and the comparing notes on mushroom hunting.

I remember back 15 years ago when Sierra May was an infant, we would load her up and go to your Hoosier Valley spot to find mushrooms. What a committed family man you were, loved not only your blood but everyone else.

Being "sensible".. lol.. and that good ole "tape measure".. lol

Floating down the river, you and my mom, what a hoot that was. Good thing we had beer... lol

Karen Ramsey - Sierra May Kaltenbach mother..

**Karen Ramsey** - November 20, 2014 at 08:44 PM

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“ I have fond childhood memories of Uncle Robert poking me with his tape measurer. May he find peace.

Alynn Lutz - Granddaughter of Bertha (Kaltenbach) Harvey

**Alynn Lutz** - November 20, 2014 at 02:46 PM