



## Jimmy Kenneth Ball

September 4, 1952 - December 30, 2021

Jimmy K Ball, 69, of White Lake, Michigan and Lehigh Acres, Florida, passed away on December 30, 2021 of sudden cardiac arrest while working in his Florida garage with a friend. Born in Detroit, Michigan he was the son of the late Kenneth and Gabrielle (LeDuc) Ball, who instilled in him the values of hard work and frugality. His childhood summers spent helping on an Imlay City farm were very special to him.

Jim graduated in 1971 from Utica High School, participating in wrestling and football, celebrating several victories. He went on to play football at Ferris State University, but was soon drafted . Serving in the US Army as a “chemical, biological, nuclear warfare specialist,” he was proud to be a veteran. Jim spent his career as a residential and commercial carpenter at Pontiac Ceiling and Partitions. He excelled at several types of commercial construction, repairs, adjustments and making the customer happy. His handiwork is seen in many buildings throughout the Metro Detroit area. Jim was skilled in a variety of trades and could fix most anything. He hated hiring anything out that he could figure out or do himself.

Jim enjoyed wood working, gardening, hunting, horseback riding, and being on the lake or at the pool. He was proud of his daughters and talked often of their accomplishments. He relished being a Grandpa and loved spending time with his grandsons, and making them a fleet of special wooden toys. Jim loved creating wood-working projects, often without blueprints, and was always excited to teach his craft to others. He savored meeting people, telling

his stories, and even made strangers into friends. He loved to tease and make people laugh. Jim was a member of the Waterford Church of Christ (Michigan) and Gulf Coast Church of Christ(Florida). Jim is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Arlene (Reid) Ball, of White Lake and Lehigh Acres; beloved daughters Jenni (Jon) Galiotto of Nashville, TN and Teresa (Mike) Siekierzynski of Henderson, MI, along with cherished grandsons Jacob Siekierzynski and Dax Galiotto. Jim is survived by sisters Donna (Jim) Schuler and Carol (Carl) Linke. He also leaves behind a multitude of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Sindy Gradowski, grandparents, and many aunts and uncles. Arrangements are being handled by Gendron Funeral Home of Fort Myers, FL. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held Thursday, July 7, 2022, noon, at Waterford Church of Christ, 4991 Williams Lake Rd, Waterford, MI followed by a military memorial at Great Lakes National Cemetary, 4200 Belford Rd Holly MI 48442 at 3pm, line up at 2:45. Until then, the family would love to hear your Jim Ball stories and sayings or share pictures. They can also be posted on Jim's page at [www.gendronfuneralhome.com](http://www.gendronfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jim's name to the Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48328. Jim spent many hours at the Waterford Senior Center wood shop along with their other community outreach programs.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jimmy Kenneth Ball*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Jimmy Kenneth Ball*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Arlene and family, I'm so sorry for the sudden passing of Jim. He always had a warm smile the times I saw him at Martell. Prayers for peace and comfort during this season of mourning. God bless you and yours.*

*Lauri & Curt Bussell*

**Lauri Bussell** - January 17, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Arlene and Family, as you know I did not have the pleasure of meeting Jim. However, knowing you and your kind soul he could not be any different. I know you loved him to your fullest. I am here if you need anything. Sigma Sisterly Love Barbara Montgomery* 💜

**bmont1960@gmail.com** - January 16, 2022 at 02:37 AM

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“ Arlene, Rick and I were so sorry to hear about Jim's sudden passing. In the past, we were always praying for Jim to become a Christian. When he put his Lord on in baptism, it was a very happy day for all of us. We know we shall meet him again and that gives us great comfort. He always seemed so quiet and reserved. I never knew about his military service. Sounds like he had a very important job. We will keep you and the entire family in our prayers. Love you all, Tina Furness

Tina Furness - January 14, 2022 at 10:40 AM

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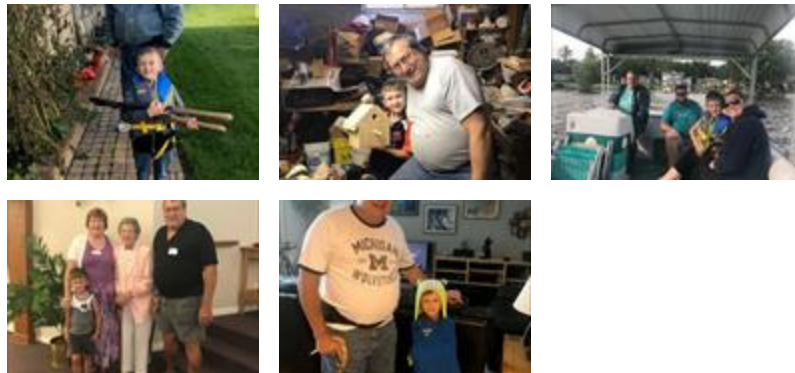
“ Such a talented wood worker & ready to take on stained glass. May he rest in peace and may you be comforted by memories!



sheryl Block - January 13, 2022 at 04:48 PM



“ 23 files added to the album Memories Album



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - January 12, 2022 at 01:04 PM

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“ Jim just loved life despite his injuries, pain and sickness.

Arlene Ball - January 12, 2022 at 12:24 PM

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“ Jim was such a unique man! His woodworking skills were the best I have ever seen from anyone in his generation. Tony and Jim always talked about working together to teach Tony some basic skills. You never think about time until it is gone! Jim fixed a couple of wood items for us. One day he surprised me with a beautiful frame box that holds gifts and cards. Each of my daughters used it for their graduation, two of them for their weddings and people have borrowed it constantly. Even this past June, our nephew used it at his Graduation Open House! I think of Jim every time I see it. Now it will be my forever memory of such a talented guy! And now I know why the girls are so smart! Jim's Army job sounds very impressive. I always knew that they got brains from Arlene, but now I suspect they got some from their Dad too! Maybe Jen isn't a science nerd, maybe she is just super smart like her little sister!  
You all are in my thoughts and prayers, I love you, Wanda Vandermeer

Wanda Vandermeer - January 10, 2022 at 09:47 PM

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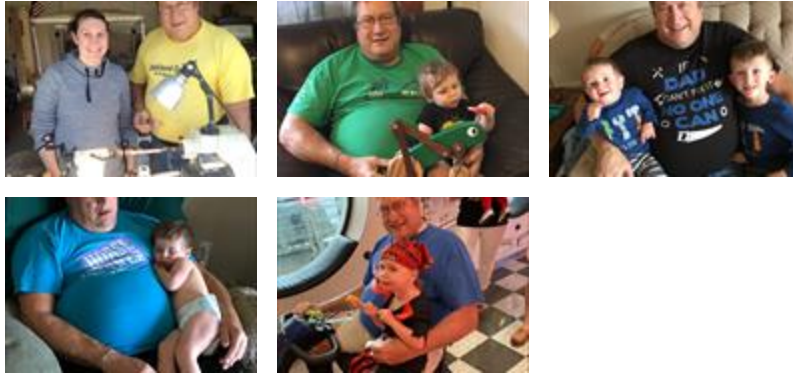
“ This is Jim's wife. Please add your memories and Photos. We are comforted by your stories of Jim and your words. Thank you.



Arlene Ball - January 10, 2022 at 04:48 PM

JG

“ 15 files added to the tribute wall



Jenni Galiotto - January 09, 2022 at 11:20 AM

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*I am so very,very sorry, I was truly shocked to get the news. This neighborhood will never be the same without him! Often in the summer these past two years I would look out the window in my office upstairs and see you and Jim with your grandson on the pontoon boat, or working in the yard, or fishing off the dock, and it always made me smile. I remember years ago when he was the intrepid ice fisherman, and I even remember once when the catch was bountiful being the happy recipient of a ziplock full of frozen Blue Gills! I know he will be deeply missed and I hope you find comfort in all your happy memories.*

Laurie Dutch - January 17, 2022 at 10:26 AM