



## Gregory D. Ball

July 27, 1954 - August 21, 2011

Gregory D. Ball of Cadillac died Sunday, August 21, 2011 at his home. He was 57. He was born on July 27, 1954 in Cadillac to Donald K. & Grayce E. (Morrissey) Ball and they preceded him in death. Greg lived in the Cadillac area all his life and graduated from Cadillac High School in 1972.

Greg had been employed by Brooks Pipeline Company of Edmore for 31 years and retired in 2003. He was a member of the Operating Engineers #324 and most recently was the owner/operator of Pleasant Hill Excavating Company in Cadillac. Greg had a great sense of humor, loved to tell stories and didn't mind getting dirty. He loved bird hunting, deer hunting, dogs, spending time out doors with friends, camping, jeeping, and the love of his life Ella Mae.

On April 7, 1989 in Cadillac he married the former Julie R. (Foster) Marine and she survives him along with; son, Gabe Marine & Fiance Emilie McNutt; granddaughter, Ella Mae Marine; brother, Keith (Cindy) Ball; niece, Tracie (Matt) Smith all of Cadillac and nephew, Kurt (Becky) Ball of Newaygo; and many in-laws.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 PM Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Deacon James Siler officiating. Greg's final resting place will be Selma Township Cemetery in Wexford

County. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 & 6-8 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family request contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice or to the Leader Dog program. An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Julie, so sorry to hear of your loss, all of our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family at this time of sorrow. God Bless.

Portage Wire Systems - August 26, 2011 at 07:26 AM

SH

“ Julie, you and Greg both are such very special people. I can't count the times my face hurt so bad from laughing after spending time with you guys... love and my prayers are with you - Sara

Sara Parmenter Haskin - August 25, 2011 at 01:33 PM

CH

“ Time and space have distanced, but good Linda has always apprised. She's kept Greg's wild alit eyes and gregarious kindness alive. I'm so alost at yet another good person too soon passing, but memory preserves the vivacious sure man. Deepest regards to Greg's family and friends.

Crit Holland - August 25, 2011 at 11:37 AM

SN

“ So sorry for this loss. Will keep you all in prayers and thoughts.

Shellon North - August 25, 2011 at 08:06 AM

CP

“ Julie, So very sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Cindy (Foster) & Greg Pastotnik - August 24, 2011 at 10:48 PM

KB

“ *Julie, My sympathies to you  
and you Family, Kimberly*

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**Kimberly Weatherwax Brooks** - August 24, 2011 at 09:44 PM

JJ

“ *Greg was a wonderful man! He was the kind of guy that I might not  
see as often as I wanted to but when I did get the privilege to see  
Greg it was memorable. I always looked forward to his perspective  
on life, humor, energy and that smile. You will be missed by many!  
Happy Hunting Greg!*

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**John Johnson** - August 24, 2011 at 08:48 PM

DW

“ *Dear Julie, Gabe and family.. You are in our thoughts and prayers. I  
will always remember Greg with just that expression and a heart full  
of love. Anyone who called him a friend truly was lucky. God Bless.*

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**Debi & Glenn Wright** - August 24, 2011 at 07:53 PM

MH

“ *Greg, you were\lare a great guy and we shall all miss you big fella -  
Hodge'*

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**Mike Hodges** - August 24, 2011 at 07:21 PM

NF

“ *julie so very sorry to hear about greg, what a great friend and a  
honor to business with a man of his caliber, he always would bring a  
smile to your face, he will be greatly missed, god bless my friend.*

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**NICK FRANZONE** - August 24, 2011 at 04:00 PM

LF

“ *DIRT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME,NOT SEEING YOU DIG IT.  
GOD BLESS*

LUCCI FRANZONE - August 24, 2011 at 03:45 PM

MD

“ *See ya in heaven. when you find your mansion,reserve one for me  
close to you. Your old pal Mike D.*

Mike and Sandy Deming - August 24, 2011 at 01:48 PM

GO

“ *A dear friend whose laugh will live forever.*

Goob - August 23, 2011 at 10:01 PM

AW

“ *A true Man who touched many lives and strenghtened those who  
were lucky enough to be a part of his life.*

awannah - August 23, 2011 at 09:00 PM

PM

“ *Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and  
prayers, and we sympathize greatly with your loss. Gregs'  
spirit will remain alive in the hearts of everyone who knew him.*

Penny Moomey (Roosa) & Bob Moomey - August 23, 2011 at 07:57 PM

RB

“ *Julie and Keith and Cindy, Roy and I are so sorry for your loss. We  
are very glad that we had the opportunity to spend some time with  
you and Greg this past Christmas. He always had such a good  
sense of humor and the man loved his ketchup!*

Roy and Mary Bennett - August 23, 2011 at 06:40 PM

RW

“ We are very sorry for your and the world's loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Ron and Anne Wohlford** - August 23, 2011 at 06:17 PM

ML

“ Julie & Family - so sorry for the of Greg. We always had a fun time whenever we were able to meet up! May all your memories of him comfort you and make you smile!

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**Marsha (Mooch Traviss) & Doug Lorenz** - August 23, 2011 at 05:31 PM

PM

“ Julie & Gabe,  
We are very sorry for your loss. Greg was a great guy and always good to laugh with. We'  
Il miss his never ending smile!

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**Pat & Al Mys** - August 23, 2011 at 04:23 PM

DB

“ Julie, my heartfelt sympathy to you and the family. I was blessed to have met Greg in 1972, when I moved here and instantly connected with his kind, caring persona. The best to all of you.”

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**Daniel Brooks** - August 23, 2011 at 04:15 PM

JJ

“ my thoughts and prayers are with you Julie

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**Jeff Johns** - August 23, 2011 at 02:23 PM

LZ

“ Greg Ball is one of the best men I will know in life. He knew the true meaning of " friend" and I was so blessed to be one of his many! No airs, no fluff, a take me as I am - tell it like it is kind of guy -- I adored him. I bonded for life with him in the 7th grade...and never once have doubted our true friendship. He was my " brother" - and I will forever miss him. Julie and Gabe, your struggle over the past months has been so tough. You and all the family have my heartfelt sympathy. I admire and respect you for sharing him and loving him. I wish you peace. I know Greg leaves a very big hole in your hearts. RIP my dear dear friend.

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**Linda (Bell) Ziska** - August 23, 2011 at 12:57 PM

CF

“ Julie, So sorry for your loss, I know how hard it has been for you. It has been a while since I saw you guys ,but Greg always made it fun. My prayers are with you.

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**Carol Fewless-Kogler** - August 23, 2011 at 11:49 AM

RA

“ Julie and Gabe my thoughts are with you. My friendship with Greg was short but he made it seem like a lifetime of Fun! I signed with my nickname because thats all he ever called me.

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**Radar** - August 23, 2011 at 11:09 AM

BM

“ I will always admire Greg. He is a great man and will forever in our memories and hearts. Miss u guys, love ya!

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**Brad Marine** - August 23, 2011 at 10:57 AM

PM

“ Julie...words are weak at a time like this. Sorry hardly covers it! Of course, you are in my prayers, and anyone that knew Greg was better off for it!

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**Penney (Kelley) McRae** - August 23, 2011 at 08:51 AM

JG

“ Julie -Sorry for what your having to deal with. My friend you are in my prayers .

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**jane griswold(hankins)** - August 23, 2011 at 08:40 AM

KG

“ Never met you but heard alot about you from a good friend Kathy Foster. Praying for the family to cope with the loss.

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**Kevin & Valorie Gregory** - August 23, 2011 at 08:28 AM

LB

“ So very sorry to hear about Greg. He was a great guy and will be greatly missed.

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**Larry & Vickie Butler** - August 23, 2011 at 08:16 AM