



## Kevin Balcom

December 20, 1963 - February 13, 2023

Kevin Balcom, 59, of Marquette, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on February 13, 2023 in St. Augustine, Florida.

Kevin was born December 20, 1963 in Cadillac, to Harley and Hilda (Easty) Balcom. He grew up in Cadillac with his fourteen brothers and sisters. Kevin married the love of his life and soulmate, Brenda Soles, July 31, 1993.

Because Kevin was born into such large, close knit family, the aspect of “family” became the cornerstone upon which he built his life. Kevin was incredibly proud of his five children and enjoyed spending time with his nine grandchildren.

Kevin served in the United States Air Force August, 1983 to December, 1989. During his service he was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and Air Force Good Conduct Medal. He continued as a Metals Processing Specialist with Lockheed Martin until 1992 when he moved back home to Cadillac.

Kevin was extremely artistic and had an amazing natural talent for building things. He started building furniture while just in high school. In addition to being a Metals Processing Specialist the other skills and licenses he obtained through the years were CNC Programmer, Welder, Master Plumber and Mechanical Contractor. Kevin utilized these skills in his jobs and as the owner of his own business, Balcom Plumbing & Heating. He also enjoyed helping his family whenever needed. Kevin was able to build or fix anything and everything imaginable. Kevin built and remodeled several family homes over

the years and rarely had to hire outside help. He was just that good at everything!

Kevin began working for MDOC in 2011 and worked at both Baraga Correctional Facility and Marquette Branch Prison.

Kevin was his authentic self with everyone he met and enjoyed life to the fullest. He enjoyed making others laugh and made himself laugh as well. Kevin made a lasting imprint on everyone he met. If you were lucky enough to see it, Kevin would often break out in a Tarzan call. Kevin was an early riser and would often sip his coffee at 4:00 AM while watching the Cocoa Beach Pier Cam and counting down the days until he could briefly escape the harsh winter and walk on the beach picking up shells and getting that Florida tan many of us can only dream of. He would cook breakfast for the family on Sunday mornings while blasting his music and playing air guitar. Kevin enjoyed being outdoors; whether it was hiking, ebiking, camping, fishing, hunting or just sitting on the porch by the fire pit.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Brenda Balcom along with children, Johnathon (Barb) Balcom, Greg (Autume) Balcom, Brittany (Eric) Sirriner, Andie Balcom and Kevin Balcom, Jr. He is also survived by 9 grandchildren: James Richardson, Jaxson Balcom, Reece Griffus, Avery and Kylie Balcom, Killian, Vada, Hazell and Arlo Sirriner. Kevin is survived by siblings: Sandy Mader, Mary (Gary) Bronkema, Jackie (Butch) Longstreet, Holly (Mike) Kubiak, Val Balcom, Barry (Marge) Balcom and Brett (Tammy) Balcom along with many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father and mother, Harley and Hilda Balcom along with siblings: Carl Balcom, Sharon Harper, Kathy Mottor, Sheila Greeley, Pam Balcom, Allen Balcom and Brian Balcom.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM, Friday, March 3, 2023 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Visitation will be Thursday, March 2, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home  
205 E. Cass St.  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
(231) 775-3411  
info@petersonfh.com  
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services  
205 East Cass Street  
Cadillac, MI 49601

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Balcom.* ”



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March 01, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ *Scott Slavin and Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kevin Balcom.* ”



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**Scott Slavin and Family** - March 01, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Balcom.* ”



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February 28, 2023 at 01:01 PM

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“ *Brenda...I am so so sorry for your loss! You two made a perfect couple. When you moved to the U.P. I was happy for you but sad on many levels. Our softball team was never the same without you on the team and Kevin always there to cheer us on. He was one of our most dependable subcontractors that we never had to worry about any of the jobs he was working on. We are in Florida for the winter but please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids!*

*All our love*

*Will and Sheila Vanderhoof*

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**Sheila Vanderhoof** - February 23, 2023 at 11:45 PM

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“ *Although I never had the privilege of getting to know Kevin. I knew Brenda years ago and can tell that Kevin was the love of her life. My heart hurts for you and your entire family, Brenda. I pray that God's comfort surrounds you in the tough days ahead and that you feel His peace, comfort and strength sustaining you. Love and hugs..*

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**Barb Leihgeber** - February 23, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Kevin Balcom.*



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February 23, 2023 at 03:55 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kevin. You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

TINA NARDI - February 23, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kevin Balcom.



February 22, 2023 at 12:30 PM

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“ Your BSC1 family. purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Kevin Balcom.



Your BSC1 family. - February 22, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Balcom.



February 22, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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“ Brenda, Kevin was definitely a one of a kind, great guy! Frank and I have so many fond and fun memories of time spent with the both of you and your family. I can also say, we were one of the lucky ones to experience his Tarzan call. Remember, he'd wait until we'd get home from your house at night and let the call rip lolol. We're sending our thoughts and prayers to you, your kids and grandchildren. Hugs to all!❤️

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**Barb & Frank Lawry** - February 21, 2023 at 07:27 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Kevin. We went to school together pretty much all the way through elementary to high school. He was one of the good guys! My heart goes out to Brenda and their children. Thinking of you during this difficult time.



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**Merri Mattison** - February 21, 2023 at 07:20 PM