



Matthew J. Baller

February 5, 1964 - September 1, 2012

Matthew J. Baller of Cadillac passed away unexpectedly, Saturday September 1, 2012, at his home surrounded by his family. He was 48.

He was born February 5, 1964 in Rogers City, Michigan to Kenneth N. and Janet I. (Hein) Baller, Sr.

Matthew graduated from Cadillac High School in 1982. He was formerly employed at Four Winns for 14 years and later at FIAMM. He was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to hunt and fish and spend time at the cabin, also known as "Them Boys Place". He was an exceptional handyman and craftsman and enjoyed projects around the house. He truly loved riding his 1967 Harley Davidson that he inherited from his father.

On September 11, 1982, in Cadillac he married his loving wife Sherri A. Kohler. He is survived by her along with their loving children: Eric (Trina) Baller of Temecula, California, Jennifer Baller (Zach Smith) of Traverse City and Kristine (Brandon) Hanbury of Cadillac; one grandson, Logan Hanbury; a brother, Fred (Teresa) Baller of Manton and two sisters, Melissa Murphy of Cadillac and Becky (Bill) Rice of Tustin; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Kenneth N. Baller, Jr. in 2001.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday September 6, 2012 at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with Deacon James Siler officiating. Friends may meet the family from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the Funeral Home. Burial will be at Clam Lake Township Cemetery in Wexford County. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

HN

“ *I was shocked to hear Matt passed away, our love is here for all of you, he will be missed, no words can tell our sympathy for all of you We love you, every day in our thoughts*

Henk and Ellen, the Netherlands - September 17, 2012 at 09:01 AM

MH

“ *I'm so sorry and my deepest sympathy to Sherri and family. I haven't seen any of you in several years but still have a lot of wonderful memories of Matt and his family from all of the family reunions and various family functions in the past.*

Matthew A. Heffner - September 08, 2012 at 05:19 PM

JO

“ *It's days like today that we wish we could be home with family! Just know that we are thinking and praying for you all and we are here for a shoulder to cry on....even if it has to be through the phone! 757-660-5853 Love you!*

Jack, Heather, and Ellianna Olney - September 06, 2012 at 02:41 PM

JV

“ *I am so very sorry that Mat passed so suddenly. My deepest sympathies to Matt's family. Although I only met him recently, I came to admire and respect him as a good man whose words spole meaning into my life. I am certain he will be sorely missed. I regret that I did not get to the visitation and services. Please accept my sincere feelings of sympathy for your family and friends.*

Jack VanderHenst - September 06, 2012 at 12:33 PM

BL

“ We were saddened by your sudden loss and our hearts are with you in this time of sorrow. Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of Matt. He will be greatly missed.

The caterpillar dies so the butterfly could be born. And, yet, the caterpillar lives in the butterfly and they are but one. So, when I die, it will be that I have been transformed from the caterpillar of earth to the butterfly of the universe.

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John Harricharan"

Bridget & Brian Leppard - September 06, 2012 at 10:10 AM

EM

“ Thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. Remember you are not alone.

Ella Middleton - September 05, 2012 at 03:30 PM

KH

“ My heart goes out to family and friends of this wonderful man. We all know how special he was and how fortunate we are to have shared his life. Matt will be missed.

Karl Hankins - September 05, 2012 at 02:09 PM

JT

“ Our Prayers go out to all of you at this time of loss. May all the wonderful memories of Matt keep you strong.

Julie Tripp-LaPan - September 05, 2012 at 01:10 PM

KV

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers, Sherri.
Sending love from afar, Kim

Kim VandeBogert - September 05, 2012 at 10:51 AM

JK

“ God, give us the grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

For Matt and the family with our love.

Jeff and Geralyn Kohler - September 05, 2012 at 07:57 AM

GK

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family have know Matt for few years as his mechanic his laugh and sense of humor will be missed

Gordie king - September 05, 2012 at 01:38 AM

CM

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, prayers go out to the family.

Claude Morey - September 04, 2012 at 10:40 PM

TW

“ *Sherri, may God be with you and the family in this dark time. Matt will truly be missed, he was a great guy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as you heal.*

Tiffany and Tom Walter - September 04, 2012 at 10:29 PM

SB

“ *Dear Sherri,
I was so sorry to hear about your husband. Please accept our sincere condolences.
With deepest sympathy,
Shari & Gary Bednarick*

Shari & Gary Bednarick - September 04, 2012 at 10:26 PM

LM

“ *Sherrie and family I was so very sorry and shocked to see that Matt had passed away. I will miss seeing in around town and talking to him. He was truly a wonderful person.*

Laura Meeuwes - September 04, 2012 at 08:46 PM

CK

“ *We love you so much. Matt will be greatly missed and all the memories we have of him. We are praying for peace for you all.*

Ciindy and John Kumpelis - September 04, 2012 at 08:40 PM

BW

“ *We will miss your voice, your smile, and your kind ways. Every Tuesday night we will be thinking of you and may God Bless your Loving family who you talked about so often with great pride. God be with you our good friend Matt.*

Bill and Sandy Whichello - September 04, 2012 at 04:52 PM

SB

“ *My thoughts and heartfelt prayers to Sherri and her family. No words can express the sympathy I feel for them.*

Sandy Bolton - September 04, 2012 at 12:44 PM

TS

“ *Sherri - our hearts go out to you to let you know how sorry we are for your loss. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Terry and Penny Shepherd - September 04, 2012 at 12:42 PM

GI

“ *Condolences and sympathy to Sherri and children. I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers.*

G.S.Heffner II - September 04, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DT

“ *May God bless all those who knew and loved Matt. It is never easy to loose a loved one and there are never enough words to be spoken or written about someone. Matt will be remembered as a warm, friendly, and one of the nicest guys anyone could meet. My heart aches for the Baller & Kohler families along with all those whom will miss him.*

David Tripp - Denton, TX - September 04, 2012 at 08:06 AM

SR

“ *Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sherri and the entire Baller family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Matt you will be missed!*

Scott and Jacque Runyon - September 03, 2012 at 09:57 PM

CW

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My deepest sympathy to Sherri and the family. Matt will be missed by so many whose lives he touched. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Connie Weeks - September 03, 2012 at 05:59 PM

DB

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My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sherri and the family at this time of tragedy. In the dozen or so years I have known Matt, I grew to appreciate his care and concern for others as have many other persons in the community. Knowing Matt was to have been blessed.

Daniel Brooks - September 03, 2012 at 04:32 PM