



## Robert Lee "Bob" Franklin

July 12, 1949 - September 21, 2013

Robert Lee "Bob" Franklin of Harrietta unexpectedly passed away Saturday, September 21, 2013. He was 64 years of age and born on July 12, 1949. He was born in Detroit to Thomas Jefferson & Florence Marie (James) Franklin. They preceded him in death.

Bob graduated from Thurston High School in Redford Township. He then extended his knowledge to Trade School, where he studied iron working for two years. He was an Iron Worker the Local #25 then worked for Wexford County as Senior Maintenance.

He lived in Harrietta for 20 years and he was active in the community. He was a part of the Blueberry Festival and arranged for the music entertainment. He loved singing and performing: he was back up vocals, lead vocals, played harmonica and banjo. He opened for artists such as: The Who, Stevie Wonder, Linda Ronstadt, Three Dog Night, The Reflections, and many more.

He married the former Donna D. Way On December 31, 1993. She survives him along with their daughter, Cheyenne Franklin of Harrietta; brothers: Bill (Karen) Franklin and Tom (Marsha) Franklin all of Clare; sisters: Margaret (Gene) Michael of Livonia, Judy (Wayne) James of Westland, Betty Robison of Georgia, and Barb (Bruce) Dingwall of Clare; many nieces and nephews; and his best friend, Kenny (Stasi) Merritt of Harrietta.

Memorial services will be held at Twelve O'clock p.m. Friday, September 27, 2013 at the Harrietta Methodist Church with Pastor Beverly Williams officiating. A luncheon will follow at the Harrietta Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the Franklin Family or Hospice of Michigan. An online guest book is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *RIP my friend. Prayers to the family. Bob worked with us at Perkins Engines Inc. We enjoyed many weekend snowmobiling, dirt biking and dune buggy riding. He bought property near us in Rose City, MI. Great man!*

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**Dick Brown** - October 10, 2013 at 01:04 PM

JB

“ *Bob, We surely have missed your friendship in the last few years, and now that Mike has passed on to, I know you are both 2 awesome Angels together in Heaven.*

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**Judy Borgstrom** - October 01, 2013 at 09:30 PM

MS

“ *Bob worked at Wexford during my tenure as administrator. Because both of us were familiar with Detroit (Motown) music, we would have some very interesting conversations. He played with lots of different bands if I recall, and it was a joy to talk to him about those bands, musicians and the "music". Bob was just a great person and cared deeply for his family. It was a blessing to have known him. about We would*

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**Mike Sutter** - September 26, 2013 at 11:48 AM

RS

“ *My condolences go out to Bob's family. I remember going over to his family's house in Redford, on Inkster Rd. to listen to and play music together. Rest in Peace, Bob.*

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**Rob Szymanski** - September 25, 2013 at 07:10 PM

MC

“ *Many good memories of Bob from school and have kept current on him through friends. Currently knew he was very proud of his daughter and her talents...the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. My sympathy to his family and friends. Bob, you can sing with the angels now.*

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**Michele - High school classmate** - September 25, 2013 at 05:55 PM

TC

“ *Bob, you will be missed! No one can replace you! I enjoyed our visits when you came to our office to help! You would be the first person we would call if needed anything! Thank you!*

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**The Girls from Community Corrections** - September 25, 2013 at 04:08 PM

BD

“ *So very sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bruce, Joey and Tress DeRuiter** - September 25, 2013 at 02:53 PM

VM

“ *My condolences to Donna and Chey. Bob will be missed. He was one of the good guys. He's in a better place.*

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**Vera Miller** - September 25, 2013 at 01:06 PM

AF

“ *My condolences to Bob's family. He was a good man; always had a smile and kind word. He will truly be missed by many.*

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**Alicia Fewless** - September 25, 2013 at 08:20 AM

TS

“ *Loved the old rock n roll stories! You will be missed. Rock on!*

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**Tom Sanscrainte** - September 24, 2013 at 07:39 PM

KQ

“ *I cannot believe Bob has passed, but I will always remember him fondly. My deepest sympathies to Donna and Cheyenne.*

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**Kolleen Quinn** - September 24, 2013 at 02:23 PM

TD

“ *We are all so very sorry to hear about Bob. He was a great guy. Please accept our sincere sympathies, Bob Scarbrough, Shari Bednarick, Mike Green, Bruce Finnerty and Scott Waddell.*

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**The building dept.** - September 24, 2013 at 11:59 AM

TM

“ *Donna and Cheyenne, I'm shocked and saddened at your loss. Bob was one of a kind, and we'll all miss him.*

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**Tom Mannor** - September 24, 2013 at 10:18 AM

CS

“ *Bob and I worked together at Wexford County, and we had many conversations about music and singing. My first thought when I heard this news was that he is singing in Heaven, now. May God watch over you, Donna and Cheyenne, and heal your broken hearts.*

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**Cynthia (Cya) Stambaugh** - September 24, 2013 at 10:17 AM

KH

“ Donna, I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Bob was a great person with an amazing talent for singing. He will be greatly missed...

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**Kristin Holley** - September 24, 2013 at 07:46 AM

LW

“ My condolences to Bob's family. I hadn't been in touch with Bob for many years, but played keyboard in his band many moons ago, out of high school. He was a passionate vocalist back then and we enjoyed playing music together.

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**Leo Watkins** - September 23, 2013 at 06:39 PM

JP

“ I worked with Bob at WexFord County and remained his friend. Spoke with him last week, not knowing it would be the last time. My wife Pam and I have said a prayer for his wife and daughter in their time of grief. Will miss our conversations and friendship.

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**Jeff Peless** - September 23, 2013 at 06:23 PM

LW

“ he was the best brother in-law in the world he will be missed !!!!!!!

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**lisa way** - September 23, 2013 at 06:19 PM

PF

“ We've always enjoyed seeing you and watching you sing. We know you'll be watching over your loved ones and shining over Cheyenne. I guess God just needed another member in his choir.

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**Patrick and Sharisse Jaszcz, Steven, Jennifer and families** - September 23, 2013 at 05:59 PM

PF

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**Patrick and Sharisse Jaszcz, Steven, Jennifer and families** - September 23, 2013 at 05:56 PM

JG

“ Bob, your time was cut short on this earth. I have many, many outrageously fond memories of the two of us from our youth, and I'll always treasure them. I will miss you, my friend. My desire to rekindle our friendship was ultimately fruitless at your untimely passing. Our prayers go out for Donna, Cheyenne, and other family members and friends. Rest in Peace, Bob.

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**John and Penny Goff** - September 23, 2013 at 05:25 PM

KR

“ Sing on Brother.

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**Ken Victor ex-English Ryder** - September 23, 2013 at 05:23 PM

KM

“ You were the best friend, no one will ever be like you. You can never be replaced and will always be missed. We will do what we can for Donna and Chey for you. Love you, Bob. Wish you were here instead of flying with the angels.

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**Ken and Stasi Merritt** - September 23, 2013 at 02:57 PM