



Robert Daniel Cornell

December 9, 1957 - April 16, 2026

Robert Daniel Cornell, age 68, was born December 9, 1957 at Mercy Hospital of Cadillac, in Wexford County. He moved on from this life at home, on April 16, 2026 with his loving wife Virginia by his side.

Bob Cornell and Virginia Pree were married November 15, 1990, and enjoyed nearly 36 years together.

Many remember Bob from Relay for Life as a survivor and coordinator for many years. He was also on the 75-76 Cadillac Boys Forever Basketball Team, and this team has been committed to each other and has kept contact for the last 51 years through reunions and luncheons. He was one to always share a smile, his kindness, and was always there for anyone who needed him. Bob was always quick with his wit whenever someone needed a laugh. He was family oriented and would do all he could to attend and support his grandchildren in any events they had. He will be dearly missed.

He is preceded in death by his father Richard Eugene Cornell and mother Janette Colleen Cornell. Also by his father-in law Fred Pree Sr. and mother-in-law Edith Pree.

Bob is survived by his wife Virginia Cornell (Pree), and by his siblings Diane Gladu of Cadillac, Randy (Anita) Cornell of Tustin , Leo Cornell of Cadillac,

and Colleen (Tom) VanDeVelde of Wesley Chapel Fl. And children Christopher Cornell, Megan (William) Johnson, Joshua Bump, Timothy (Nikki) Cornell, Alicia (Tommy) Cornell. Also by sister-in-law Elizabeth (Jerry) Hartson of Manton, and brothers-in-law Fred Pree of Lake City, George Pree of Warren, Jim (Nell) Pree of Cadillac, and Tom Pree of Lake City and 9 beautiful grandchildren.

The family is beyond words and so grateful for the help, tenderness, and loving support that Hospice of Michigan has provided along the way. We could never give a big enough thank you to them.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac. Visitation will be Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services
205 East Cass Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
info@petersonfh.com

Funeral Service

APR **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ *Condolences to his family.*

Amy Kerzich - April 23 at 09:50 PM

MK

“ *I'm so sorry to hear that Bob has passed. He showed so much kindness to everyone he knew. His smile and cheerful personality will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Cornell family and especially to my friends Megan, Chris, and Tim. Rest in peace Bob.*

Monica Kelley

Monica Kelley - April 20 at 03:08 PM

JB

“ *Many fond memories of Bob from high school especially playing basketball with him. He was truly a gentle person. God speed Bob.*

Joe Barrand - April 20 at 02:43 PM

RM

“ *Bob was a great guy, a very giving member of the community. I enjoyed working with him on Relay for Life. Rest in peace Bob, your servant's heart had a lasting affect on many.*

Robin Mosher - April 19 at 12:33 PM

ES

“ *Bob will forever be remembered as one of my favorite coworkers. He was always quick witted and funny - and could brighten any bad day! He loved Virginia and his children with all of his heart and I know they will miss him terribly. I am glad I was able to call him my friend. ❤️*



Erica Szegda - April 18 at 01:07 PM

JS

“ *To my wonderful friend and God blessed me by allowing him to be my cousin. This includes the whole Cornell family! Their are so many precious childhood memories of growing up together. Watching basketball games, score keeping during Bob's practice games, fishing, overnights as kids. We Love you and will miss you very much Bob! Love and prayers for the Cornell family from Jim, Ellen Sanscrainte and family!*

James Sanscrainte - April 17 at 06:28 PM