



Melvin L. Balk Jr.

May 8, 1950 - January 26, 2015

MELVIN L. BALK, JR., age 64 of Harbor Beach, passed away Monday, January 26, 2015 at McLaren Hospital Port Huron.

He was born on May 8, 1950 to Melvin Balk and the late Olive (Fournier) Balk. Melvin served in the US Army during Vietnam, from 1968-1971. He was a member of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Bible Study, and the American Legion Post 197. Melvin was a musician who enjoyed playing the guitar.

He is survived by his children: Emily Balk of Clare, Thomas Balk of Waco, TX, and Melanie Balk of Commerce Township, his father Melvin Balk of Harbor Beach, and siblings: Crystal Schipinski and her husband Daniel of Cass City, Martin Balk and his wife Deanna of Montana, Garry Balk and his wife Tammy of Romeo, Judith Balk of Minnesota, Cynthia Nowiski of Tennessee, Dianne Mazure and her husband Michael of Jenison, Paul Balk, Patricia Grifka and her husband Scott of Ubly, John Balk and his wife Cindy of Grand Rapids, and Matthew Balk of Blanca, FL.

He was preceded in death by his mother Olive Balk and his brother Richard Scott Balk.

Funeral mass for Melvin will be Friday, January 30, 2015 at 1 pm at the Our

Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. William Spencer officiating. Cremation will follow. Visitation for Melvin will be Thursday, from 3-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Friday will be at the church beginning at 12pm until time of services at 1 pm. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will take place Thursday at 7pm at the funeral home, followed by a Parish Vigil Service, at 7:30 pm at the funeral home.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Mass

JAN **30**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Our lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church
Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Tribute Wall



“ *Melvin L. Balk Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Mel Balk was many many men*



pete gietzen - January 30, 2015 at 11:25 PM



“ *I enjoy working with Mel while being a member of the Port Sanilac Jaycees he was always there to lend a hand whether working on a project or working the chicken bar-b-q or other fund raising events. Sorry to hear of his passing may God give comfort to his children and family.*

*Robert Cahoon
Grand Rapids MI*

Robert Cahoon - January 29, 2015 at 09:31 PM

PG

“ *Mel Balk was many many men.
Mel was adventuresome, some may say to a fault.
Mel was a hippy type, for those were the days.
Mel was a veteran, having had served his country on forgein sands.
Mel was a show man, always with a joke.
Mel was a family man, best he knew how.
Mel was spiritual, consulting with the stars.
Mel was a volunteer, always first to lend a hand.
Mel was a brother, to many.
Mel was a friend, to even more.
Mel touched all our lives, all for the better mostly
Mel will be missed, by family, friends and all those he knew
Mel Balk was many many men*

Mel, it was an honor being your brother-in-law. We shared good years while our young families grew up and often together. Life is short and precious, thank you for your time with us.

pete kate phil grace gietzen

pete gietzen - January 29, 2015 at 09:00 PM



Melanie
Balk

Thank you so much Uncle Pete for your beautiful post.

Melanie Balk - January 29, 2015 at 09:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of
Melvin L. Balk Jr..*



January 29, 2015 at 10:02 AM

MM

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Mark McVay - January 29, 2015 at 09:36 AM

MM

Post Vietnam Early 1970's

Mark McVay - January 29, 2015 at 09:41 AM

SL

So sorry to hear of Mel's passing. He was a great friend to my brother Mike. May you both Rest in Peace!!!

Susan Loftus - January 29, 2015 at 12:23 PM

RD

Mel and I became close friends at St Marys grade school. We spent countless hours together walking around the school. Unfortunately, my father, a career military man was transferred from Selfridge AFB and we lost contact.

Mel was a true friend. Had sleepovers on several occasions and he made an "outsider " feel welcome. So sorry to hear of his passing. A fellow Vietnam vet and friend....Bob Daley

Robert Daley - April 02, 2015 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Mark McVay - January 29, 2015 at 09:26 AM

SL

What great photo's Mark!!!

Susan Loftus - January 29, 2015 at 12:20 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Balk Jr..*



January 29, 2015 at 08:50 AM

HE

“ *Holiday Inn Express purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin L. Balk Jr..*



Holiday Inn Express - January 28, 2015 at 10:39 PM

GM

“ *I believe we first met at the OLLH prayer group. He was the leader who attempted to keep everyone together, regardless of the issues. Mel tried very hard to please all of the diverse personalities. May all of us from the prayer group remember our humble leader in pray.*

*With Heartfelt Sympathy,
Gary Malchow*

Gary Malchow - January 28, 2015 at 10:26 PM

JM

“ I met Mel through the Jaycee organization. At that time he was president of the Port Sanilac Jaycees. The Jaycees was a "young man's organization" at that time and Mel was presiding over a group that was way beyond the age limit. Still, he was trying to improve his community with the resources available. Mel was a good Jaycee and a great friend.

Jack Moore,
formerly of Bad Axe

Jack Moore - January 28, 2015 at 09:27 AM

BD

“ The last time I saw Mel, we enjoyed a nice hike on North Manitou Island, with his son Tom and friends. May he rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him.

Sincerely,
Brian Derowski

Brian Derowski - January 28, 2015 at 08:03 AM

AO

I didn't have the privilege of knowing Mel. I was in a Bible class with his two sisters. The Balk family will be in my prayers. Angela Otterbein Bad Axe.

angela Otterbein - January 29, 2015 at 07:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Melvin L. Balk Jr..



January 27, 2015 at 06:13 PM