



Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson

July 3, 1951 - March 31, 2025

Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson, age 73, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 31, 2025, at Mariners Hospital in Florida.

Born on July 3, 1951, in Crystal Falls, Dobie was the son of the late Gilbert and Evelyn (Schober) Anderson. He was a lifelong member of this close-knit community, graduating from Crystal Falls Forest Park High School in 1969 before attending Northern Michigan University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1973. Throughout his school years, Dobie worked at McNeil's Mobil Service, holding a variety of roles that shaped his work ethic and dedication.

Dobie's life was built on service to others. He began his career in education at West Iron County Schools, teaching physical education and drivers education, and later went on to serve as the director of the Iron County Community Schools. Most notably, he spent the majority of his career at the Forest Park School District, where he was not only a beloved teacher and drivers ed instructor but also a respected athletic director. A true advocate for young people, Dobie poured his heart into coaching, sharing his love for athletics and the values of teamwork, discipline, and perseverance with countless students over the years. His passion for sports extended to his own participation as a skilled fast-pitch softball player and a member of the McNeil Oilers basketball team.

Family was everything to Dobie. He married Lori Schmidt on September 22, 1979, and together they shared a wonderful life filled with love, laughter, and adventure. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He always made time for those he cared about, whether it was for a fun outing or just a quiet moment together. He was the proudest grandfather, always ready to share a story, offer guidance, or simply enjoy a game or a quiet afternoon.

Outside of his professional and family life, Dobie found peace in nature. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, and spending time at the family camp on Deer Lake. His quiet strength and love of life were evident to all who knew him

Dobie is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lori; his children, Jolene (Jeff) Ofsdahl, Tim (Tahoney) Anderson, and Jeanna (Shane) Bandola; his grandchildren, Anna, Ally, Dax, Mack, Addie, and Joey; his brother, Al (Charlene) Anderson, and their children, Robb, Kurt, Brad, and their families; his sister, Barb (Mike) Peterson, and their sons, Erik, Patrick and his family; his father-in-law, William Schmidt; and many extended family members and friends who will miss him dearly.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, April 12, at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls with a funeral service to follow. A luncheon and celebration of life will be held at the VFW after the service.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Dobie's memory, honoring his legacy of love, service, and devotion to his family and community.

Condolences to the family of Dobie Anderson may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
506 Superior Ave
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

APR 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
506 Superior Ave
Crystal Falls, MI

Tribute Wall

SP

“ https://open.spotify.com/track/0GDwr8Kid5uP74BlgD04JT?si=4FL0_5XVTNis2sNJCnFf8A&context=spotify%3Asearch%3AJesus%2BLoves%2Byou

Steve Petersen - October 02, 2025 at 11:18 AM

SP

Coach Anderson knew the words to this song in 1986. The song came out November 3, 2023 !

Steve Petersen - October 02, 2025 at 11:19 AM

DH

“ So sorry to hear about Dobie. I enjoyed his summer golf and his fun and humor when I was in the U.P. during the month of June and July. He will be sadly missed. A wonderful example to everyone around him. Duey Hord

Duey Hord - April 13, 2025 at 07:05 AM

PF

“ Przeslakowski Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.



Przeslakowski Family - April 12, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.*



April 11, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ *Met Dobie back in the 1970's when we played fastpitch softball against each other. He was a tough pitcher and I enjoyed our games. I also had a few beers with him and we became friends. My condolences to his wife and family.*

*Russ Sargent
Murph's Bar Softball-1970's*

Russ Sargent - April 10, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Dobie for the first time at Tom Davis's Camp on Deer Lake outside of Amasa. My first impression was right: Dobie was a person who made a positive and lasting memories. We talked about family, education, da U.P., and life experiences. Our sincere condolences to family and friends. Keith and Patti Young, Rhinelander, WI*

keith and Patti Young - April 10, 2025 at 10:08 AM

DT

“ *Cousin Lori,
There are no words. Sending our love to you and yours. Prayers do help although I guess we all grieve differently. God's love and peace be with you.*

*Love you
Diana and Tom Tapelt*

Diana Tapelt - April 09, 2025 at 09:32 PM

JW

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. He and the family will be in my prayers*

Jeff Welcher

Jeff Welcher - April 09, 2025 at 11:06 AM

SS

“ *Roger and I are so very sorry for your families loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Sundae Skolasinski - April 08, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.*



April 08, 2025 at 04:12 PM

TT

“ Tom and Diana Tapelt purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.



Tom and Diana Tapelt - April 07, 2025 at 09:58 PM

BG

“ Bob Gale purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.



Bob Gale - April 06, 2025 at 09:45 PM

CF

“ Carolyn Berson and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.



Carolyn Berson and family - April 06, 2025 at 11:53 AM

VH

“ I am so sad to hear of your loss, Lori, Tim, Jolene, and Jeanna, along with your entire family. Dobie was so well regarded by all of the FP staff. I remember his kindness, sense of humor, but most of all, how proud he was of his family. May you find comfort in happy memories and find strength in your faith. Sincerely, Jack & Verl Hudson

verl hudson - April 05, 2025 at 06:30 PM

BF

Lori. And family. My deepest sympathy to you all. Dobie will be missed by many. May you all find comfort at this time hold fast to all your memories. Sincerely Betty fabbri

Betty fabbri - April 06, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dwaine "Dobie" Anderson.*



April 05, 2025 at 04:25 PM

SM

“ *So very sorry to hear of Dobie's passing; my sincere condolences to all of the family. He leaves such a legacy of service and community.*

Sara Moore - April 05, 2025 at 12:05 PM

DP

“ *Such a good guy. Will miss seeing Jim at the retreats
My condolences to his family.*

Dennis Passmore - April 05, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DP

"him" not Jim.

Dennis Passmore - April 05, 2025 at 11:16 AM

RA

“ *Dobie was a special cousin to Doug and I as well as our children. Whenever we came to Crystal Falls, Deer Lake, Breslin or Ford Field he made us feel so welcomed. He leaves a memorable legacy.*



Ruth Ann Anderson - April 04, 2025 at 10:10 PM

JC

“ *Tim, our condolences to you and your Family. There are no words for your loss. Your Dad sounded like a wonderful man. In time his memories will bring back your laughter.*

Jim & Laurie Cwerenz - April 04, 2025 at 08:54 PM

TC

“ *When we moved to crystal falls in 1999 Dobie helped me get involved in reffing basketball. Taught all of our kids and worked with my wife sherie. His daughter Gina was a close friend in school! Will Missouri my friend!*

Thomas Courchaine - April 04, 2025 at 05:34 PM

SH

“ *Eric and I will always remember the warmth and kindness of Dobie. He and Lori welcomed us into their home with open arms, making us feel like family. We sat around their bar playing dice, laughing, and sharing stories—a simple yet unforgettable day. His kindness, generosity, and spirit will be missed. Our deepest sympathies.*

Eric and Shalon

Shalon - April 04, 2025 at 04:25 PM

MC

Lori and Family, I was shocked to hear about Dobie and you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have fond memories of Oiler basketball and Auto-Dine softball.

For the last few decades, I've been looking forward to spending a few moments at Deer Lake with Dobie for a reality dust up..... irreplaceable.

He will be missed.

Mike Casanova

Mike Casanova - April 10, 2025 at 03:08 PM

DE

“ *When I was a teenager, my dad (Malcolm) sent me on the Mobil fuel oil truck with Dobie through Iron River, Ralph, Alfred and other hot spots. I learned a lot about how to interact with people when they wanted to spend a few minutes chatting with Dobie, and how to get the job done with integrity and care. My dad greatly respected and loved Dobe.*

Diane (McNeil) Emo - April 04, 2025 at 03:50 PM

TS

My deepest sympathies to Lori and her family..

Teri Stebbins-Barlow - April 05, 2025 at 12:20 AM

TS

Such a huge loss for his family and the community.

Teri Stebbins-Barlow - April 05, 2025 at 12:23 AM

JH

He was my driver's ed and always a great person I lived near him and I'm sorry for your loss.

Jeremy Hamilton - April 05, 2025 at 02:15 AM

BA

Our deepest sympathies, Dobie was a very good man no matter the situation he was always cool and fair. I myself thought very highly of him God Bless him and your family.

Brian and Cheryl Adams

Brian Adams - April 05, 2025 at 11:14 AM



Deepest sympathies to the Anderson family. Dobie was the little brother of my friend Al. So sorry for your loss. Kathy Morton Marconi

Kathryn Marconi - May 02, 2025 at 06:37 PM