



Walter "Slip" Ball

February 16, 1932 - June 26, 2014

Walter "Slip" Ball, Jr., 82, of Crystal Falls, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at Dickinson County Memorial Hospital in Iron Mountain.

Slip was born February 16, 1932 in Caspian, son of the late Walter and Pauline (Angeli) Ball. He graduated from Alpha High School in 1950 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Slip served his country for two years as a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division 18th Airborne Corps and had 31 jumps. He married Janice Chervo on September 10, 1960 at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls and their true love for each other brought them over 53 wonderful years of marriage. Slip was employed at Michigan Bell Telephone Co. as an engineer for over 30 years, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Guardian Angels Church where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. He was also a member of the Louis Bowman American Legion Post 87, the Tufts-Rondon Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2891, the East Side Veterans Council, the Crystal Falls Men's Golf Club and Bowling Leagues, the "Culture Club" and the Crystal Falls Lions Club where he was recognized as a prestigious Melvin Jones Fellow for his many years of active and dedicated service. Slip was a board member of the Alpha Historical Society, founder of the annual family Feezik Festival and volunteered many hours for the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Crystal Falls. He loved polka music and was a member of the band, "The North Poles". He was an avid outdoorsman and

enjoyed fishing, duck, rabbit and deer hunting and going to the Ball family Camp Yaho. He also enjoyed playing softball for the Infield Bar, basketball and hockey, some of which he continued to play well into his 50's. He was a little league umpire for many years as well as a big FP Trojan fan, supporting all of his daughter's and grandchildren's sporting events. He faithfully followed the Red Wings, Packers and Tigers. Slip loved dancing with his wife and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He did not take anything for granted and often said, "Thank you God for everything."

He is survived by his loving wife and "partner", Janice; three daughters, Sandra (Paul) Kleckner of Greenbackville, VA, Suzanne (Terry "Choddie") Alexa and Julie (David) Graff, both of Crystal Falls; five grandchildren, Alyssa Hubbard, Nicholas Bogan, Fred Hubbard, Jr., Gina Graff and Lee Graff; three brothers, Robert (Dee) Ball of Alpha, James (Kathy) Ball of Crystal Falls and Larry (Peggy) Ball of Dover, Delaware; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert "Puffer" Ball and Clifford "Chick" Ball and a sister, Judy Ball.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Nash Funeral Home in Crystal Falls. A Pass-in-Review by area veterans will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday at the funeral home. The funeral mass will be at 11:00am on Thursday at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Crystal Falls. Fr. Jeffrey Kurtz will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Crystal Falls. The Eastside Veterans Council will accord full military honors at the cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Nick Bogan, Fred Hubbard, Jr., Lee Graff, Jim Waligursky, Larry Arcand and Mike Stankewicz.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations in his memory be

made to St. Vincent DePaul in Crystal Falls.

Condolences can be expressed to the family of Walter "Slip" Ball online at <http://www.nashfuneralhome.net/>.

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Nash Funeral Home
104 N. Third St.
Crystal Falls

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Ray : Dorothy West lit a candle in memory of Walter "Slip" Ball



Ray : Dorothy West - July 03, 2014 at 06:36 PM

KK

“ Jan & Girls,

My thoughts are with you all durning this time. When I heard of Slips passing the first thing that came to my mind was how he would always greet me with his "Howdy Neighbour"! Hang tight to all your wonderful, fun loving memorizes you have of him to help get you through your grief. Love ya all , Kathy Stockero Kinville

Kathy Kinville - July 03, 2014 at 07:37 AM

JS

“ Jan, San, Suz and Jules, you know I love you all. Many great memories with all of you. My heart is heavy for your loss and my love is unending.

Jayne Baker Schmidt

jayne schmidt - July 02, 2014 at 04:19 PM

JN

“ *Jan & family,
Saddened to hear of Slip's passing. So many wonderful times and memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. A true gentleman, Slip's kindness and friendship will always be cherished. I am sure the betting line odds in heaven have increased and that Slip and his buddy Duck are having a good laugh in Heaven. God Bless my friend & rest in peace.
Joe & Michelle Nash*

Joe Nash - June 30, 2014 at 09:10 PM

BM

“ *Jan, Sandy, Susie and Julie. So sorry to hear of Slip's passing. Wanted to let you know that my family's thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Brad Martin*

brad martin - June 30, 2014 at 12:29 PM

RO

SO SORRY TO HEAR OF SLIPS PASSING PLEASE KNOW THAT OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND THE GIRLS, RON OSTREGA FAMILY

RON OSTREGA - July 16, 2014 at 11:12 AM