



## Donald Lincoln Ball

February 12, 1932 - March 17, 2014

TECUMSEH - Donald Lincoln Ball, age 82 of Adrian, passed away Monday, March 17, 2014, at Tecumseh Place in the presence of his treasured family and under the gentle care of Hospice of Lenawee.

Born on February 12, 1932, in Detroit, Michigan, Don was the son of the late Samuel and Beatrice (Jenkins) Ball. He received both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan. Don proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean Conflict.

Donald married Bettye June Roberts on June 27, 1956 in Black Mountain, North Carolina, and they celebrated 54 years together before her death in 2010.

Don moved his family to Adrian in 1969 to work for Addison Products as their treasurer. He then worked for Blissfield Manufacturing as vice president, treasurer until his retirement in 1995. He was a faithful member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where he served as elder, financial secretary, and Sunday school teacher. For many years Don volunteered as a troop leader and wood badge trainer for Troop 659 of the Boy Scouts of America and as a project parent for 4-H. He also delivered meals on wheels and was a life-member of the DAV. He was an avid University of Michigan and Detroit Tiger fan. Most precious to Don was his family.

Don is survived by his daughters: Cynthia Reynolds, Michele (Jamie Bloemendaal) Ball, and Janice` Gossman, all of Adrian; and Nancy (Steve) Karpo of Tipton; favorite daughter-in-law, Tamara Ball of Blissfield; nine

grandchildren: Brooke, Robert, Jocelyn, Kellie, Sammy, Alex, Parker, Seth and Emma; 13 great grandchildren: Bree, Mercades, Tatelynn, Skylee, Logan, Caleb, Mason, Rylee, Mia, Eva, Simon, Trace and Jillian; and a sister, Joanne Rouls of Warren.

In addition to his wife Bettye, he was preceded in death by his son, Samuel and son-in-law, Dale Gossman.

Visitation will take place from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014, at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) followed by a memorial service to celebrate the life of Don with Rev. Linda Farley officiating and military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church or Hospice of Lenawee. Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home where online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
2667 Bent Oak Highway  
Adrian, MI 49221

## Service

MAR 29. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lincoln Ball*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dear Ones:*

*We are saddened to lose Don from our midst, and happy to know he is now with the Savior he loved and imitated. We can imagine Bettye and Sam welcoming him with open arms. Don was a kind, knowledgeable, and wonderful man, always ready to help anyone do anything. When I think of him I think of his big, happy smile and upbeat personality. I think of spending the night with him and Bettye in a motel room on a trip, and waking up in the morning to the sound of Don dancing around the room singing "If You're Happy and You Know it, Clap Your Hands!" I think of him singing his version of "If I Were a Rich Man." I think of him giving some money to a fellow who showed up at church one morning needing money to buy milk for his baby - no questions asked. I think of the great love he had for his family - and for mankind. We will miss him - may he rest in peace, smiling.*

*He will live on in you "kids' and your "kids" and in the hearts of all of us prreileged to be counted as friends. He made a wonderful contribution to life and is now being rewarded. God bless him and bless all of you, his special loved ones. Stan and Marilyn Cook.*

Stan and Marilyn Cook - March 29, 2014 at 11:59 AM



“ *You are all in our prayers.... Love & hugs! Kim, Mark, James, Blair LaCross*

kim lacross - March 24, 2014 at 09:47 PM

PF

“ To the Ball family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Don was a very good man and I was lucky to have worked with him for many years. He was a special part of both the Farver and the Blissfield Mfg. Co. family. He will be missed and I am sure there is a special place in heaven for him. May he rest in peace. God bless Don all of you.

Our love and prayers,

Pat Farver

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**Pat Farver** - March 22, 2014 at 02:52 PM

RR

“ To Don's family,

We are going to miss Don in many ways but we will always have our memories. He was a great man and he lives on in the lives he touched. He was a special Boy Scout Master who lived the scout laws and was an example to hundreds of young boys and adult leaders. We thank God for his life and for being able to share it. May he rest in peace.

His friend in scouting,

Ron Reeves

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**Ron Reeves** - March 20, 2014 at 04:14 PM

BC

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I have known Don most of my life and he will be missed by many!

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**Barbara Charlton** - March 20, 2014 at 03:12 PM

LM

“ *Ball Family,*

*I was so sad to hear of Don's passing. He was such an admirable and kind man. Thinking of and praying for you all during this difficult time.*

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**Lisa Owen Moore** - March 20, 2014 at 02:55 PM

PW

“ You guys have had so many sad and stressful things happen the past few years. I pray your lives will be better. Try to remember the happy times! I know I had trouble with that in my life but in time it does get better, honest.

Love, Pat Wolfe

You know how I feel about you all - so sorry. I have memories galore since LaVon and I, plus Scott and Pam, when they were at home did so many things with your family. I remember, for instance, the very first time our family ever went camping. I bought NEW clothes for the kids - big mistake since we were in your Mom's home state where the dirt turns red when it rains - as it did very frequently! Lesson learned, I tell ya! We certainly have a lot of camping stories to remember. Your Dad was pretty much always doing the cooking on the campstove. The trip up north where your folks' station wagon was full of teenagers since no way were you guys going to sleep in 'that' cabin. Your folks and Sam and LaVon & I and our kids had to sleep there. I for one certainly didn't want to do that, either!

Since I have a very small family your family seemed to part of my "family" and we did so many things together - camping, holidays, and don't forget all 3 of you girls baby sat Scott and Pam for us.

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Pat Wolfe - March 20, 2014 at 02:51 PM

SM

“ I am sorry to hear the loss of Mr.Ball. My thoughts and prayers are with Jan and family.

Scott A. Marvin. Adrian,MI

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**Scott A. Marvin** - March 20, 2014 at 02:43 PM

MR

“ Mr. Ball, as I'll always remember Don being my Boy Scout Master many years ago, positively affected more lives than we'll ever know. A gentle man and always a class act. He exemplified leadership by example.

Thank you, Mr. Ball, for helping shape our lives and making us better young men. And thank you to the Ball Family for sharing your father with us over all these years.

God Bless, Matt Reeves

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**Matthew S. Reeves** - March 20, 2014 at 12:19 PM

DS

“ To Don's family ...we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending you our thought's and prayers to help you through the days ahead. It was with great honor that you allowed the staff at Daybreak to assist your family with your caregiving needs.( Even though Don was an avid Tigers fan we cared deeply about him) .  
Daybreak staff and friend .

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**Daybreak Adult Day Services** - March 19, 2014 at 08:58 PM

CG

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Grandpa Don's passing. But he is dancing in Heaven with Bettye, and sharing stories with Sam again. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy lives on in you!  
*Carolyn and Tony Gonzalez & Family*

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**Carolyn Gonzalez** - March 19, 2014 at 06:03 PM

JB

“ To all of the Ball family - I am so sorry for the loss of your wonderful, gentle, and loving father and grandfather. You all, including your dad, have always made me feel like part of your family. The love that he had for all of you and for your mom was obvious. He was such a wonderful example of how Christ wants us to be in this world!

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**Judy Buckenmyer** - March 19, 2014 at 02:25 PM

SP

“ I remember summer. time at Don and Bettys riding the bus down from Kaskaska going to a Tiger baseball game he will be missed

*Sherry Jenkins Parker*

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**Sherry jenkins Parker** - March 19, 2014 at 12:14 PM