



## Robert Michael Dahlen

January 11, 1980 - April 27, 2014

Robert “Bob” Michael Dahlen, age 34, of Hobart, IN. passed away on April 27, 2014. Bob is survived by his Mother – Debra Dahlen of Hobart, Father – Michael Dahlen of Gary; three brothers - Carl Kopsho of Ocala, FL., Michael “Sean” (Jennifer) Kopsho of Belleview, FL. and Nicholas Dahlen of Hobart; loving father of two sons – Tyler James Dahlen of Mississippi and Caleb Michael Dahlen of Demotte; Grandparents Ina and Thomas Majka and Ceila Dahlen of Crown Point; two aunts – Mary (George) Hairston of Lake Station, Pat (Larry) Breyfogle of AL; Uncles – Carl (Melody) Miller of Lake Station, Steven (Diane) Dahlen of Atlanta, GA, John (Jane) Dahlen of Buffalo Grove, IL., Christopher J. Dahlen of Prescott Valley, AZ; many nieces and nephews and numerous cousins residing in Indiana, Florida, Illinois, Michigan and Georgia.

Bob attended Hobart High School and lettered in soccer and he enjoyed playing volleyball and watching Chicago Bulls basketball. Bob worked for Pam Transport Trucking. He battled depression and anxiety for several years and will be missed and loved always by everyone.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Rev. David W. Kime officiating. Friends may visit with Bob’s family on Friday, May 2, 2014 from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home. Services will conclude at the funeral home. Donations may be made for Bob’s sons, Tyler and Caleb. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

CC

“ As my heart is aching I am flooded with uncountable, beautiful memories. One of my favorite memories is when we used to stay at my house as late as my mom allowed you there, then sneak over to your house and sleep on the ground behind the garage until your dad left for work, then your mom let us come in and sleep. All because we didn't want to be apart. I am so thankful for all the wonderful times that we did have together. Even though we saw some tough times together, a doubt never crossed my mind about your immense love for your boys. You were the most loving and affectionate father and that will never be forgotten.

The best memory of course is the day our beautiful Caleb came into this world. You gave me the greatest gift imaginable. We were so proud of how perfect he looked! I know that with each passing day ahead he will makes us proud and I will be sure to remind him that you are watching over him and are still just as proud as ever. Your memory will live on and be forever cherished by Caleb and I. May your soul be at peace and your heart full of ease.

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**Christina Curtis** - May 02, 2014 at 08:16 AM

KF

So lovely..

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**Kristy Fattore** - May 06, 2014 at 01:11 PM

JS

“ Bobby, I don't even know where to begin. We shared so many memories together. You moved in with me at the age of 16 and we were inseparable for 4 years. We dropped out of school together, went back to school together, graduated together, got you a drivers license, moved into our 1st apartment then moved out, worked at the video store together, then blockbuster music together, then made a beautiful baby boy together!! I will remember most your contagious laugh and your beautiful smile! We may have had our differences but the one common is our sweet baby boy Tyler. And for that I will be forever grateful. I will take care of our son and he will remember you, honor you, and love you forever!! I know how much you loved your sons and cherished the time you spent with them so please watch over these boys and guide them in the right direction. Rest in peace Bobby, you were loved and will be greatly missed but always remembered!!!

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**Jennifer Shawver-Williams** - May 01, 2014 at 11:49 PM

TA

“ Way too many memories to pick one, you were always a good friend and there anytime I needed to talk. Haven't seen you in many, many years but it doesn't change anything. I hope you watch over those boys and wrap you wings around them to keep them safe. You will always be loved and missed.

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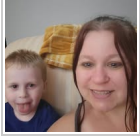
**Tasha** - April 30, 2014 at 08:26 PM

MV

“ So many memories I don't know where to begin. Your smile will be missed by many. But you left a little bit of your sunshine in everybody. Your sons will grow up to know what a great dad you were. You are their angel. ??

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**melissa velasquez** - April 30, 2014 at 07:26 PM



“ No words can express the deep sorrow we are all feeling. I was friends with you for so many years, and you sitting behind me in class in high school jamming your feet under the rack on my chair and telling me everyday how much you liked my alligator shoelaces. And you ended up making a beautiful baby boy with my sister , our sweet Caleb, which made you close as family. The many fun nights we would gather at my house with all our friends on new years and burn Christmas trees at midnight and you doing back flips in my living room. Lots of laughter shared. And I watched over the years how much your love poured out for Caleb and Tyler, and how much those boys love poured out for you. You were a wonderful loving father to them. I pray you have peace, and watch over these boys always as a guardian angel. My prayers to your mom, dad and brothers and family. Hoping that love and support will guide them all through. You will be missed Bobby, All our love..Heady, Dan, Logan and Gavin xoxox

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**Heather Curtis-Pettit** - April 30, 2014 at 07:18 PM

KF

“ So many great times playing mud and beach volleyball!!!! Even in your own back yard. My condolences to those affected by Bobby's departure. May the memories and his spirit shine on In our hearts forever!

Sincerely,  
Kristy Fattore

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**Kristy Fattore** - April 30, 2014 at 03:58 PM

MS

“ I have so many memories of you over the years. For some reason I keep thinking about you helping Desirae and Caleb load their marshmallow guns and letting them shoot you at the campsite. You were such a sweet, good guy I just can't believe you're gone. You will definitely be missed by us all  
Bobby.

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**Melanie Scott** - April 30, 2014 at 03:43 PM

“ In Memory of My Much Loved Grandson

*What I remember about Bobby...*

*The tiny being who's head fit in the palm of my hand.*

*The little tousled-haired boy who cried himself to sleep for his dad, when Gram was sitting with him.*

*The boy who would ask Gram to stroke his nose and would close his eyes with pleasure.*

*The little boy, a soccer ace, who back-flipped with every goal he made. He was small but he was mighty.*

*The youngster speeding down our steep drive way on his bike, going head over heels down the embankment, landing on his feet and yelling "I'm OK!"*

*The nearly teenager who yearned to fly in an airplane and who sat mesmerized looking out the window .*

*The young man who dropped out of high school then graduated with top grades from night school.*

*The young father-to-be who stroked his cheek with a soft, nappy baby blanket and sighed ... murmuring how soft and good it felt.*

*The young father who delighted in his sons and was glad to have them at a young age to grow up together ... when did that dream fade away, Bobby? God only knows what you were thinking and how you were hurting. You will live now only in our hearts but you will never be forgotten I love you forever, Bobby.*

*Gramma Dahlen*

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**Ceil Dahlen** - April 30, 2014 at 02:57 PM

KF

*Beautiful...*

**Kristy Fattore** - April 30, 2014 at 04:00 PM



*I cried reading this Aunt Ceil. You couldn't of put it any better. Such a shock! I keep thinking of the holidays and school and even after we graduated. I miss those times and I'm glad we stayed close the way we did.*

**Carrie Ann** - April 30, 2014 at 06:02 PM

RC

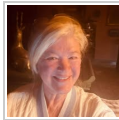
*This is so beautiful. I truly know how much he loved his sons.*

**Robin Curtis** - April 30, 2014 at 06:54 PM

PB

*I'm so sorry for your loss Aunt Ceil. Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. Love you!  
Pam*

**Pam Bochman** - May 01, 2014 at 09:04 AM



*Ceil I'm so very sorry for the loss --- sending hugs.*

**Kimy Kennedy** - May 06, 2014 at 08:14 PM

CD

“ *My dearest little boy ... Why couldn't love have saved you because you were so certainly loved. I will hold you in my heart to my last breath. My everlasting love and prayers. Gramma Dahlen*

**Ceil Dahlen** - April 30, 2014 at 02:47 PM



Heather  
M Omo

“ *I remember Bobby and my brother Paul being attached at the hip through high school and even after high school. Every where Bobby went my brother was with. If it was not for him I would have never met Jen and Trisha. Rest in Paradise you will be truly missed.*  
*Heather Omo*

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**Heather M Omo** - April 30, 2014 at 01:30 PM

TG

“ *My dear Ceil....I was so sorry to read about the loss of your grandson. I'm sure your heart must be breaking. Love to you.....Trena*

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**Trena Garrison** - April 30, 2014 at 10:12 AM

KC

“ *Kelly Crisp lit a candle in memory of Robert Michael Dahlen*



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**Kelly Crisp** - April 30, 2014 at 08:01 AM

MG

“ As the last couple days have passed, more and more memories have flooded back. I spent so much time with you in our twenties and had a lot of good times. You and Paul were the only "boys" that were allowed to stay the night at my house by my mom because "It was Bobby and Paul" : ) The memory my mom would like to share and how she always remembered you was how much you loved those boys of yours : ) I want Tyler to know that is what my own mother remembers most about Bobby is how he always had Tyler with him everywhere he went when he was a baby. Then Caleb came along : ) Caleb, your dad and mom used to truck all the way to Ft Wayne about every 2 weeks, with Tyler too sometimes just to visit me until I moved back to Hobart. He loved you boys so much. Bobby, you will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Thank you so much for all the memories. Thank you so much for all the laughs. Thank you so much for being my friend. Rest In Peace.

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**Mary Georgopoulos** - April 30, 2014 at 07:36 AM



“ It was the very last day of 2nd grade and i had no idea that you were standing in my drive way until i saw you peek your head out from the trees on my front lawn and i ran so fast that my lungs were burning and i remember you swooped me up into your arms and gave me a huge hug and told me you loved me and that you had missed me and i will never forget that i just wish that i got a chance to hug you one last time.. I love you dad and i always will i hope your free of your pain and happy now and again i love you. <3  
~Tyler James Dahlen

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**Tyler Dahlen** - April 29, 2014 at 11:12 PM