



## Bob Ball, Jr.

July 11, 1956 - May 27, 2016

Ball, Robert (Bob) Jr, age 59 of Plymouth, died May 27, 2016. Beloved husband of Laura.

Loving father of Andrea (Warren) Chou and Robert (Chloe) Ball III. Proud grandfather of James and Ryan. Dear brother of Sue (Daniel) LeCouteur, Tim, Tom, Dan, and Phil. Loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and loyal and generous friend to countless. Lived life to the fullest. Inspirational leader, avid Harley rider, lifelong Detroit sports fan, Patriot.

Funeral Service Wednesday 11 AM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth.

Visitation Tuesday 2-9 PM.

Memorial contributions to SU2C Stand up to Cancer, P.O. Box 843721, Los Angeles CA 90084-3721; or online <http://www.standup2cancer.org/>

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## Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bob Ball, Jr.*

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December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *To the Ball Family,  
Please know that Bob is remembered today and everyday so fondly. As you must know due to his travel and various stints here and there, Bob was the "go to guy" for every tough project at TSA. He was not only the smartest in the room, but he was also the most caring. How he maintained such a calm demeanor and kept his sense of humor in the most stressful situations, I will never know. I do know that he will be remembered for his greatness, and I hope that we can all be a bit more like Bob.*

*Sincerely,  
Rebekah Williams Lovorn*

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**Rebekah** - November 16, 2017 at 04:31 PM

SE

“ I met Mr. Ball only in November of last year.

*You could say we barely knew each other. But in the few occasions I got to hangout with him he made me feel like he had known me for years.*

*Being an out-of-towner at his son's wedding (and the date of his daughter-in-law's good friend), I somehow found myself at many of the intimate family moments of the weekend. We're talking 1) rehearsal dinner, 2) a pre-wedding lunch with groom, best man, brother of groom, nephews of groom and Mr. Ball, 3) the bus that transported the beautiful bride and groom and their families around Detroit with their photographers, and 4) even at the head table during the reception, sitting with the bride and groom's immediate family. Prior to that weekend I had met none of them.*

*You could say that someone in this position might feel out of place. But I didn't because at every single one of these familial moments Mr. Ball went out of his way to make me feel like I was part of the family. A joke here a joke there, yelling to me across the table, or across the bus..*

*The last time I saw him was in April. We were in Ann Arbor bowling for Rob's birthday and I was wearing my Chicago Blackhawks hat. Mr. Ball called me over, commented on the hat, made it pretty clear that he was a big Red Wings fan, and then asked me why I hadn't had the bowling alley folks turn on the Chicago game. I told him I thought better of torturing the Red Wing fans in the building by making them watch a Blackhawks playoff game, but he wouldn't have it. He insisted. He went to the bowling alley staff, retrieved a remote and then searched for the game - flipping through the directTV listings. Lord knows I appreciated it and I felt terrible when we finally realized the Chicago game was not being aired in Ann Arbor. All that work for nothing...*

*You could say with certainty that a Red Wing fan as big as this one*

*wouldn't then use his phone to stream the Blackhawks game for the remainder of the night and proceed to update the one and only Blackhawks fan in the building after every score... but you'd be wrong. He did just that.*

*Those were the few occasions I got to know Mr. Ball. He affected me in all of them.*

*It's certainly with a heavy heart that I send my regards to the Ball family and friends.*

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**sean** - June 15, 2016 at 01:19 AM



“ *if ya wanted a used car to buy...it would be one of my brother bob's cars. 72 plus layers of wax and purring like a kitty...funny story he flew up to det from Memphis to fly me down to buy his tarus and he said ya need to be ina suit...only one I had was a white don jhonson looking suit and he says...dude you wont make it thru the gates with out them stripping u down and dogs sniffing your bags. (we laugh)...I walk thru the gates barley adknowleged...look back...they got bob in a seat...has to remove shoes...they wand him and finally let him pass...they had no idea who he was and I said bob stick with me it will be faster....we laughed and he said...they were just doing their job.*

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**Daniel Ball Sr.** - June 14, 2016 at 10:46 PM

SF

“ *Shelly Smith Fed Ex Family lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



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**shelly smith fed ex family** - June 11, 2016 at 10:52 PM

TM

“ So sorry for your loss. Bob was always smiling and full of life. He will be missed by all. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Theresa Mara** - June 02, 2016 at 04:00 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Ball family. Mr. Ball also had several TSA families, he was funny and always made you feel like you were part of his team didn't matter what part. He always had a smile on his face and made you feel welcome. I had the privilege of meeting him at ICT, he was funny, and was a great leader for many. He will be missed by many of his TSA family. he was taken so young from us just hard to believe. God Bless his family and friends. Everyone should Always remember how precious life is and live life as Bob did!

*Tammy Cole*

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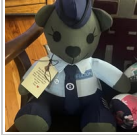
**Tammy Cole** - June 01, 2016 at 07:35 AM

DN

“ Please know that I have you in my thoughts and prayers. It was my personal and professional pleasure to know and work with Bob on special projects and common interests during my 11 years as TSA's CFO. His devotion to duty, respect and commitment to people, and leadership and friendship stand as an unmatched legacy. I'm sure he is among the Angels, Dave Nicholson.

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**dave nicholson** - June 01, 2016 at 07:26 AM



“ *Donna Fulton Bickel lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



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**Donna Fulton Bickel** - June 01, 2016 at 12:22 AM

DK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Ball family during this difficult time.*

*I am so very sad to hear of Mr. Ball's passing. He will be missed. I had the privilege of working with Mr. Ball on several special projects during my time at TSA. He was always kind and generous to me. He had the wonderful gift of helping people feel comfortable and important no matter where they worked. What an amazing leader. He was approachable and had a great sense of humor. I will always remember him fondly. Rest in Peace.*

*Denise Kozlauskos*

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**Denise Kozlauskos** - May 31, 2016 at 11:28 PM

CA

“ *My condolences to the Ball family. Bob was truly a great person inside and out. His smile and greatness are going to be missed by all His NW family. Thank You Bob*



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**carhy anderson** - May 31, 2016 at 09:58 PM

DA

“ *Condolences to the Ball family. What I remember most about Bob was his love for his wife, children and grandchildren. He always had the latest smart phone and video technology and the first thing he would do when I saw him was show me pictures of his grandchildren. He was so proud of them. Bob was the type of person who lit up the room when he entered. Everyone wanted to know and be friends with Bob and he was truly special to those of use that had the opportunity to work and become friends with him. He was our fearless leader and we are all greater because of him.*

*Danielle*

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**Danielle** - May 31, 2016 at 08:18 PM

ML

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Ball family. I had the pleasure of working Bob while at NWA. I will always remember him for his wonderful sense of humor and he genuinely cared about the employees. Bob touched so many lives and will be truly missed.*

*Mindy Lehr*

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**Mindy Lehr** - May 31, 2016 at 04:26 PM

SG

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Scott Gilbert** - May 31, 2016 at 01:56 PM

AC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Andy Coose** - May 31, 2016 at 01:20 PM

BS

“ There aren't enough words to describe what a great guy, leader, professional and friend, Bob was to everyone. I had the pleasure of knowing Bob in the TSA world for 10 years and as my Area Director for about 15 months. I can one thing for sure, that being in the Navy for 30 years, I worked with and have known some real fine leaders and Bob Ball ranks up there with the best of them. Bob was smart, positive, upbeat, highly respected, professional, a true leader, personable, a friend and fun to be with! When Bob spoke, everyone listened. Bob left us all with being better and taking a different look at life. Hey Man, we are going to miss you!!! Bill Switzer

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**Bill Switzer** - May 31, 2016 at 01:16 PM

JB

“ Jonny, and Matthew Mahon and Monica Baker purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**Jonny, and Matthew Mahon and Monica Baker** - May 31, 2016 at 01:05 PM

VA

“ *Dear Bob: You were a great mentor; the kind of mentor I could pull into my office and ask for ground truth and enlightenment. You never hesitated to give it, and it was always given with both seriousness and funny quips. You are a class act, and have earned well your first class seat up to heaven. I miss you already.*

*Vera Adams  
TSA*

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**Vera Adams** - May 31, 2016 at 12:59 PM

FO

“ *FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE - DETROIT FIELD OFFICE purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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**FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE - DETROIT FIELD OFFICE** - May 31, 2016 at 12:45 PM

NB

“ *Life is about choices and relationships; and Bob Ball certainly made the most of both. His compassion, humor and drive made him an amazing individual who will be missed for many years to come. He made a difference everywhere he was! Knowing Bob, I am sure he has already started making changes up there!*

*Nancy M. Baggott  
DFSD, LAX*

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**Nancy M. Baggott** - May 31, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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May 31, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Keith Jeffries and Nancy Baggott, Team LAX purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**Keith Jeffries and Nancy Baggott, Team LAX** - May 31, 2016  
at 11:54 AM

CS

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at [ctksdk@yahoo.com](mailto:ctksdk@yahoo.com)  
Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

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**Carlos & Sandy** - May 31, 2016 at 11:22 AM

TV

“ Trina , Cole and Paige VanDooren purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**Trina , Cole and Paige VanDooren** - May 31, 2016 at 10:52 AM

JT

“ JOSE AND GLORIA ACOSTA, OFFICE OF INSPECTION TSA purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**JOSE AND GLORIA ACOSTA, OFFICE OF INSPECTION TSA**  
- May 31, 2016 at 10:47 AM

TF

“ TSA Wisconsin Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**TSA Wisconsin Family** - May 31, 2016 at 10:45 AM

KJ

“ Bob Ball was a mentor and friend. He had the ability to make people laugh when we needed it most. The positive impact he had on our organization and the people within cannot be measured. and He will be deeply missed. Rest in peace my friend.

*Keith Jeffries, FSD LAX*

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**Keith Jeffries** - May 31, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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May 31, 2016 at 10:25 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 31, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *In January 2016, Bob led a training session at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. One chilly evening overlooking the frozen pond, seven of us huddled around a campfire. I wondered who would retreat back inside the cabin first. Clearly we all had the same thought, except Bob. During a break in the laughter, there was quiet. Bob looked at us and said, "Isn't this great guys?" I was no longer cold.*

*Laura and family, my condolences. I was fortunate to know Bob, and admired how he enjoyed moments.*

*David W. Dailey, FSD Iowa*

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**David Dailey** - May 31, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 31, 2016 at 09:38 AM

DT

“ *Detroit Metropolitan Airport Public Affairs Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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**Detroit Metropolitan Airport Public Affairs Team** - May 31, 2016 at 09:36 AM

LD

“ *Laura and Rick Bott (nee Dawson) purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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**Laura and Rick Bott (nee Dawson)** - May 31, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CS

“ *I was lucky enough to meet Bob while working at DTW. Bob always had a smile on his face and a great attitude. He will be missed by many.*

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**Celeste Sieli** - May 31, 2016 at 09:11 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 31, 2016 at 08:50 AM

EM

“ To the Ball Family-- some of us were privileged to work with Bob at both NWA and TSA. He was a great person and perhaps this writing below describes how we all saw him. Our deepest sympathies from Bob's friends and colleagues in South Florida, Richard Pryor - former NWA/DTW and current TSA/FLL and Erin Moran, former NWA/DTW and TSA/MIA.

*Every Once in Awhile*

*By the Grace of God*

*A Star Falls From the Sky*

*The Star Lands Among Us*

*And he shines his light*

*Allowing us to see a little clearer*

*Love a little better*

*And laugh at life's small difficulties*

*Our Star was with us but a brief moment*

*But his light shown brightly*

*And lit up our lives*

*With a light that will never dim*

*Our star is gone from us now*

*He is back up in the sky*

*But his light will continue to shine on us forever*

*Lifting up our lives with a loving memory*

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**Erin Moran** - May 31, 2016 at 08:37 AM

ST

“ Great leader, mentor and friend. I met Bob when he became the VP for Northwest in Detroit. Bob was a true leader. Bob trusted and expected us to do what we were hired to do and he had our backs at all times. I remember after the 1999 snowstorm, I was told that Bob wanted to know what I was going to do about "all those bags". I thought 1500 bags was manageable. Turned out to be approx 7500 bags that needed to be delivered to their owners. After Two weeks of 18 hour days, and Bob giving me blank signed checks and saying "do what you need to do", 100+ employees, managers from other cities, finding delivery services, more snow, feeding the employees, the bags were finally returned to their owners. Returning bags to customers was only part of the reason I worked so hard. Bob was the main reason. I wanted to get the work done for Bob who took the brunt of the media and others, yet kept us protected in a cargo facility so we could get the job done. I did not want to let him down. If you knew Bob, you can appreciate the meaning of his gift for our work....,he gave me and three others tickets to a Red Wings game! You have to love a guy who gives up tickets to his beloved Red Wings! We worked through many good and not so good times during our days at NWA and he became my mentor many years later at TSA and we remained friends. Of course we talked mostly about motorcycles during our weekly mentor phone calls! I have been truly blessed to have known Bob. Many memories flood my mind. ALL good memories and many funny. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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Sophia ( Hardee) Tallant - May 31, 2016 at 08:34 AM

WF

“ With lots of love, Mike Tavigian and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**With lots of love, Mike Tavigian and family** - May 31, 2016 at 08:26 AM

JE

“ To The Ball family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy. I will always remember Mr. Ball's up-beat personality, kindness and that special glowing smile which was contagious with anyone he came in contact with.  
*Rest in peace Bob Ball.*  
*Jeanne Edwards*

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**Jeanne Edwards** - May 31, 2016 at 08:18 AM

CL

“ What an amazing guy... Bob's been my boss twice in my career- while with NW at LGA when he, Robert and I attended a New York Rangers game together and now with TSA. On the absolute worst days at work, I could always count on the phone ringing late in the day and hear, "Hey Man..." I'd vent, he'd reel me back in and we'd ALWAYS share a laugh- regardless- always shared a laugh and I always felt better after talking to Bob. To Laura and family...you know better than all of us what a special guy he is. We'll all miss him so terribly.

*Cliff Van Leuven*

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**Cliff Van Leuven** - May 31, 2016 at 07:08 AM

GF

“ Bob & I met as young teenagers doing paper routes, played baseball, attended the same high school and worked at FedEx together. I had the opportunity to have lunch with him a few weeks ago where we relived our careers, family & times together,

*His legacy will stay with us as we struggle to move on, a truly genuine man well respected by many. God bless the Ball family and friends during these difficult times.*

*Gary Faughn*

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**Gary Faughn** - May 31, 2016 at 04:57 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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May 30, 2016 at 11:44 PM

CO

“ Our thoughts are with the family as they go through the next few weeks. Please know he was always a pleasure to work with.  
*Regards, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)  
Quarantine Station at Detroit Metro*

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**CDC Public Health Officers** - May 30, 2016 at 11:34 PM

FA

“ From, Mike Scott, Gil Almaraz, John Sides and TSA at AUS purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**From, Mike Scott, Gil Almaraz, John Sides and TSA at AUS -**  
May 30, 2016 at 09:25 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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May 30, 2016 at 09:00 PM

LS

“ Bob Ball, I had the fortunate brief pleasure of meeting Bob at work, I transferred to another agency a few years after and shortly after I transferred I ran into Bob at SAMs club, I didn't think he would easily recognize me but he did, and I'll never forget what he said to me " wow, off on a Sunday already?", I laughed and we chatted for a bit, the next time and last time I saw him was at a former co-workers retirement party a couple of years ago, he seemed always so full of life and friendly, always in a good mood, rest in peace Bob Ball.

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**Luis Sanchez -** May 30, 2016 at 07:45 PM

JS

“ Not sure if I had ever met Bob, I worked in GRR from 1969 thru 2009.

NC RC NW DL.....

THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE FAMILY AT THIS TIME OF LOSS.

*James A. Stover*

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**James A. Stover** - May 30, 2016 at 07:36 PM

JS

“ James A. Stover lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



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**James A. Stover** - May 30, 2016 at 07:33 PM

RB

“ Roxanne & Anthony Ball lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



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**Roxanne & Anthony Ball** - May 30, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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May 30, 2016 at 06:04 PM

AP

“ Aunt Marlene, Uncle Kent, Ginger, Kevin, Kelly, & Pam purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



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**Aunt Marlene, Uncle Kent, Ginger, Kevin, Kelly, & Pam** - May 30, 2016 at 05:47 PM

LT

“ It's my last week working in Milwaukee before transferring to Arkansas, and I'm holding my final staff meeting with my team. My cell phone rings and it's my boss calling me from his Detroit area code, Bob Ball. I step out into the hallway to take the call and he asks if I was busy, and I told him it was just a staff meeting and how could I help him? He said disregard since I was busy and we would talk later. I stepped back into the meeting and we went on with the meeting for a couple minutes when I noticed someone sitting in the back of the room...it was Bob! Everyone laughed so hard when I finally noticed. He had quietly come in to Milwaukee for my farewell luncheon that day...typical of his leadership style. Humor and sincerity are only two of his many attributes. A moment I will never forget. Great boss...great friend...a great man. I miss him tremendously...



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**Louis Traverzo** - May 30, 2016 at 01:07 PM

SP

“ Bob was one of a kind, I was very lucky to have such a special working relationship with him, even after he left NWA we stayed friends and I would visit him at his TSA office, he always had an open door and beautiful smile for you...He was the kind of person that made you smile just seeing him....You will be truly missed Bob but you have your final job now in heaven where you are needed...RIP 🙏



Sharon Perkins - May 30, 2016 at 12:55 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



May 30, 2016 at 12:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



May 30, 2016 at 12:19 PM

TF

“ The Witalec Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



The Witalec Family - May 30, 2016 at 12:16 PM

BK

“ *Bad things are not supposed to happen to good people. You will be miss !!!! Barb Kashishian*

Barb Kashishian - May 30, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



May 30, 2016 at 10:50 AM

RO

“ *Wonderful person to have worked with him as a CSA at Metro Airport...Befir I knew he was our new manager.. He came up to the counter to ask a question and than I ask him.. You look so familiar!!! Are you an actor.. Someone on a soap opera.. He just grinned and said .No.. Smile and walked away.. Than I mentioned him to another Sgt. And they laughed to inform me that he was our new Manager!!!.. After that we often told the sort to others and laughed about it all the time.. You will be missed💔😞😞😞😞😞*

Rose(Portillo)Dowdy - May 30, 2016 at 09:44 AM

CE

“ *We send our deepest sympathies to Laura and all the family. Bob became a legend long before I worked for him in Detroit. He was the friend and leader we would all like to be....strong, savvy, decisive, appreciative, and a prankster too. He was so proud of his "people in Detroit." It won't be the same without Bob, but then .... the legend continues.*

Cynthia Elliot - May 30, 2016 at 08:35 AM

AM

“ Like so many of us I haven't quite realized how as a team we will move forward without his contributions of thoughtfulness, humor, music, and creativity. He was always focused completely and participating.

He was a man of service and I thank his family for unselfishly sharing him too, to carry out his mission, whenever needed. He always pridefully talked about his family and was so obviously in love.

I will miss the partnership, leadership, and humorous good sense. He will always be an example of how to lead from the heart. RIP Bob

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**Art Meinke** - May 30, 2016 at 08:13 AM

DB

“ I worked as a Northwest Airlines customer service agent and above wing instructor and had the honor of working with Bob. People always say they will always remember what they were doing during the events on 9/11. I will always remember that moment because I was training a class with Bob when it was beginning. As the VP of DTW, he was a true leader, even with his phone going off constantly with information after the first few minutes of something happening, he kept us informed in class knowing many were from NY and Washington DC areas. Bob was always my support when we needed answers to questions about new technology or new policies. He always had the answers and if by rare chance he didn't? He made sure to get back to you immediately with the answer. I have few managers that had full support of their subordinates and was admired as much as Bob Ball. He was just as admired at the TSA, that speaks volumes of his leadership. We will miss you Bob more than you would ever know. You were the best and I'm thankful for the years I had the opportunity to work with you. My deepest condolences to Bob's family. My prayers and thoughts are with you through this most difficult time. Heaven has one more angel.



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Debbie Brophy - May 30, 2016 at 07:54 AM

CF

“ Bob Ball was a trusted colleague, an inspirational leader and a good friend. My tenure at TSA was enhanced through the friendships I made... especially Bob's. He was bright, connected with people and understood the value of working hard and having fun. To his family my deepest condolences. May loving memories sustain you during this most difficult time. Carol Fernandez

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Carol Fernandez - May 30, 2016 at 07:35 AM

BK

“ Was a shock yesterday and still is when hearing about the passing of this great man.

*Not only did I work with Bob during the Northwest Airlines days but after retirement I had the opportunity to once again follow his leadership while serving as an Inspector in MEM-DTW for TSA. Since retirement from TSA and returning to MEM I did have the moments of seeing Bob in DTW as I traveled through and those times will always be remembered as he was a class A man. He enjoyed his Harley as he would pull into his TSA DTW office parking lot and show all of us his pride and joy.*

*Still in shock, our Love and Condolences to Bob's family*

*Bruce-Joni Koski*

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**Bruce-Joni Koski** - May 30, 2016 at 07:32 AM

BK

“ Bruce-Joni Koski lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



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**Bruce-Joni Koski** - May 30, 2016 at 07:19 AM

MK

“ Dear Family of Bob, He was a long time friend since Annapolis. We had so many good memories together, some of which need to stay in our private memories, ALL good times. I regret not staying in contact with Bob although his brother Phil and I became great friends too. Each time I saw his picture on the local news I couldn't have been more proud of my old high school buddy. May God bless and watch over his wonderful family and may his soul rest in peace.

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**Matt Kulczyk** - May 30, 2016 at 07:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 30, 2016 at 12:41 AM



“ *So sorry to here of your loss. The Partin family*



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**Sharon Partin** - May 29, 2016 at 10:49 PM



“ *So sorry to here of your loss. The Partin family*



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**Sharon Partin** - May 29, 2016 at 10:48 PM



“ *Bob on rollerblades in the midfield terminal before it opened. That's the guy I remember. He was a leader who lead by example who made you want to be the best you could be. Northwest Airlines loss was TSA's gain. And now the world has lost a good man. My sincere condolences to his family and many colleagues and many friends. Godspeed Bob.*

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**Ann Tucker** - May 29, 2016 at 10:13 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Brandon & Gordie Dziendziel lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



Jennifer Brandon & Gordie Dziendziel - May 29, 2016 at 09:33 PM

JC

“ I met Bob when I worked for Northwest Airlines in Memphis, TN. Shortly after I met him, I found out we were both alumni at Annapolis High School and knew many of the same people. He was awesome to work with. His sense of humor was like no other. I was shocked and saddened to learn of his death. He was definitely one of a kind.

Jan Chapman - May 29, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



May 29, 2016 at 07:47 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



May 29, 2016 at 07:38 PM

 Donna Singleton

“ Bob was a brilliant, thoughtful and caring leader. I was in his region at NWA (DTW & BUF). He touched so many... Deepest sympathy to the family. Donna Singleton

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**Donna Singleton** - May 29, 2016 at 03:31 PM

KL

“ My father passed away in September of 2000. Although I had not worked with or seen Bob in a couple of years, I received a lovely card and note from him that I have to this day. He was a wonderful boss and a great human being that touched many lives, and he will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone. Kathy Graves Lee

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**Kathy Graves Lee** - May 29, 2016 at 03:10 PM

MH

“ Our daughter Katie was flying for the first time through Detroit from East Lansing where she's attending college at Michigan State University. Lisa and I were worried about her flying by herself for the first time. I called Bob and asked if he could make sure she was alright. He met her plane side, and escorted her to her connecting flight. He gave Katie his card and told her to call him if she ever needed help, either at the airport or while in at school. Two-years later Katie was again flying through Detroit to study abroad, I called her worried again, she told me "Daddy, I already called Mr. Bob and he's taken care of everything". That's Bob Ball - always helping and expected nothing in return. We'll miss you Bob. Our prayers go out to Laura and your family. Now, get on that Harley and ride the skies my brother.

*With deepest sympathy and Love, Mark, Lisa and Katelin Haught*

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**Mark Haught** - May 29, 2016 at 02:39 PM

AG

“ Thoughts & prayers to the family. I had the pleasure of working with Bob for over a year. He was a great man with a sense of humor who you could always talk too. He will be missed. RIP Bob



AI Geils - May 29, 2016 at 01:34 PM

MR

“ Marilyn Rogers lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



marilyn rogers - May 29, 2016 at 01:05 PM

MR

As a colleague and friend, I am saddened by Bob,s passing. To Bob,s family, this meant a lot to me at a sad time and I hope it does the same for you. "The scent of the Rose stays on the hand that gives it. RIP! BOB -- you will be missed.

marilyn rogers - May 29, 2016 at 01:08 PM

SL

“ Steve, Heather, Gracie and Gabby Lorincz purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



Steve, Heather, Gracie and Gabby Lorincz - May 29, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 29, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Shocked to see Bob's passing. Truly one of the really good guys! Younger than me, but was old school, reminded me of my older brother. As Chief of Police and Bob being the Federal for Security Director, we had a few disagreements, but never any hard feelings and were always able to find something to laugh about. I thought a great deal of Bob and very sorry he's gone, he will be missed by many.*

*Ed Glomb*

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**Ed Glomb** - May 29, 2016 at 11:43 AM

RD

“ My life, as well as others who have been blessed by knowing Bob, has been forever changed for the better. He truly cared not only for his wonderful family, but also his friends and coworkers.

*I will miss so much the calls, texts, and times we have had together. The frustrations of being Detroit sports fans made our talks more frequent, even as distance separated us. I cherish the times we were together and the great motorcycle trips we shared.*

*Bob has been a great mentor and example to live by in my life. I pause to think about him every day on how he would make decisions I face. Bob's ability to make caring, ethical, and difficult decisions was beyond reproach. He set the bar as to what a true leader really is.*

*Bob was my close friend whom I always have and always will love, and nothing I can type will ever express how I truly feel.*

*I love you Bob and await the time that we can once again complain about the Lions.*

*Love you brother!*

*-Russ*

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**Russ Delaney** - May 29, 2016 at 11:36 AM

SM

“ My condolences to Laura and family. Bob truly was a great leader and inspiration. Our world has lost a great man.



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**Susan Manfredi** - May 29, 2016 at 11:28 AM

LW

“ Laurie Wooderson lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



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Laurie Wooderson - May 29, 2016 at 10:09 AM

LW

Wow! Shocked and sadden by this news. Prayers to his entire family. We had Bob speak at so many Business Travel Association meetings and he always delivered a professional, relevant and humor filled message. He will be missed.

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Laurie Wooderson - May 29, 2016 at 10:15 AM

PS

“ Good Bye, Bob. Thank you for the times we had together, the trust, the guidance, the training, and the friendship. Caring enough to invite me to your family Thanksgiving when I was alone. Paul.

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Paul Sutter - May 29, 2016 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ Consummate professional, man of integrity, servant leader. He made a transformational difference at TSA. Deepest condolences to the family. John Pistole

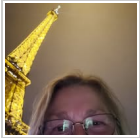
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John Pistole - May 29, 2016 at 09:59 AM

MF

“ Long ago, my twin sons had the luck to be assigned to a baseball team coached by Bob Ball. They were in middle school then, they are 30 now. He was such a good role model for all the team in every way possible. That's why he will never be forgotten. There is only one other coach that we remember, these two stood out among many years of baseball. He was obviously a great husband and father in addition to coaching. In later years my son had the pleasure of working for him at TSA, Detroit Metro and again, never hearing a negative word from anyone about this man. From reading here, he had the same affect on everyone he met. How wonderful it would be to have all these warm and positive things be said about us. Truly an angel on Earth, I guess he was called home.....too early for any of those he touched. Our condolences to his whole family.

Maureen Frye - May 29, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ I worked with Bob at Security Bank & Trust eons ago. So fun and always friendly and funny! My condolences to his family. He was much too young to leave you. ♡

Michelle Riopelle - May 29, 2016 at 09:55 AM

TT

“ TSA OSO Senior Leadership Team purchased the With Distinction for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..



TSA OSO Senior Leadership Team - May 29, 2016 at 09:42 AM

GR

“ Sad, yes, very sad; but let us observe that when the mighty cypress tree loses a branch, the tree, too, is sad; but it does not die! Rather, it will begin to pour all of it's love, strength and healing into the SMALLER branches so that THEY might grow Big and strong so as to fill the emptiness! ~The Gaber



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**Gabe Renzo** - May 29, 2016 at 09:38 AM

MA

“ Mark,zipper,dornellas lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



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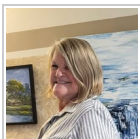
**Mark,zipper,dornellas** - May 29, 2016 at 09:38 AM

BL

“ Bob was an asset to DTW So Sorry for you're los!  
Lt. Brian LaPointe DTW FIRE RESCUE

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**Brian LaPointe** - May 29, 2016 at 09:36 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Bob on the Health and Wellness programs and blood drives at NWA, he was a great inspiration and always that beautiful smile and great laugh, he will be greatly missed.

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**Debbie Day** - May 29, 2016 at 09:35 AM

RT

“*Rose Tripepi lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



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**Rose Tripepi** - May 29, 2016 at 08:57 AM

JJ

“*Wow stunned to learn this news. My sympathy goes out to Laura and Bob's family. Worked with Bob for many years at Northwest and a true leader and a friend. Enjoyed red wings games with Bob and always enjoyed his sense of humor.*

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**Jay Jennings** - May 29, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DW

“*Danny Williams lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



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**Danny Williams** - May 29, 2016 at 08:37 AM

KH

“*Karen Hanlon lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



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**Karen Hanlon** - May 29, 2016 at 08:23 AM

KH

*Bob was an inspiration and a kind soul. God bless his family and friends, and may his memory comfort you each and every day going forward.*

Karen Hanlon - May 29, 2016 at 08:28 AM

DH

*“ Bob had a spirit like no other. He made such an impact on so many people. Bob's family was always top priority, then his love for riding and aviation came right after. I will miss Bob's voice, his charm and his love of others. For the original TSA wild hogs crew; Bob will always ride point. Missing man formation from this point forward. With love & respect, Douglas Hofsass*

Douglas Hofsass - May 29, 2016 at 06:43 AM

HZ

*“ My heart goes out to the Ball family. I am retired from Northwest and I must say Bob Ball was one of the best . Compassionate, fun and always smiling. My deepest sympathy to the Ball family.*

Holly Zupanick - May 29, 2016 at 06:16 AM

GG

*“ To the most sincere man and leader DTW will ever know. It was a privelage to have known you and worked with you. May god bless you and your family forever!!!! RIP Bob*

George Grass - May 29, 2016 at 12:30 AM

ER

*“ Only meeting Bob a few times, I was instantly struck with the warmth, kindness and acceptance that he radiated. My deepest condolences to the Ball family. Sending you all love, prayers and thoughts.*

Erin Ross - May 28, 2016 at 11:22 PM

LP

“ I only met Bob a few times but he made a lasting impression. He truly supported the frontlines at the airports. He took the time to shake the hand of many who crossed his path. I am glad I met him. My prayers to his family for their great loss. It is truly a loss for our agency also.

Lupe Perez - May 28, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ Jennifer Ormiston Novak lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



Jennifer Ormiston Novak - May 28, 2016 at 10:33 PM

KJ

“ Kelly Jaroslowski lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



Kelly Jaroslowski - May 28, 2016 at 10:29 PM

JB

So sorry for Bobs family. Worked with Bob under Northwest. Bob was one of those managers you were happy to see come around, and liked working for and with. RIP Bob.

Joan Blair - May 29, 2016 at 09:14 AM

DM

“ We should try to always remember the great and wonderful memories we have been given by Bob. It's difficult not to believe he lost his battle, but he has so many of us to continue his fight for others. Peace to his family and friends. Shalom. Diana Mitcham

Diana Mitcham - May 28, 2016 at 10:09 PM

SH

“ Shirleen lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



Shirleen - May 28, 2016 at 10:09 PM

MZ

“ To the Ball Family i send my condolences and Prayers that Peace will find you in the midst of your sorrow.  
Truly  
mariane zain-rhodes



mariane zain-rhodes - May 28, 2016 at 09:54 PM

JD

Sincerest condolences to the Ball family. Worked with Bob at both MEM and DTW. Always had a kind word. Great leader and consummate professional. May Bob Rest In Peace.  
Jan Dedeurwaerder,  
Sint-Eloois-Winkel, Belgium.

Jan Dedeurwaerder - May 29, 2016 at 10:43 AM

KI

“ Kimberly lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.



kimberly - May 28, 2016 at 09:37 PM

MZ

“ I had the privilege of working with Bob Ball twice, at Northwest airlines and also TSA. His genuine smile and great sense of humor will be missed. My deepest sympathy to Laura and his family and also the Northwest and TSA family. Rest in Peace Bob

Mary Zaydel - May 28, 2016 at 09:35 PM

BP

“ What a Blessing it is to have met a man who you never had to question his intentions. I have never met (and will never meet) a more authentic & genuine man in my life. To witness a man so in love with his wife and so involved in his children & grandchildren's lives is inspirational. I will spend the rest of my life hearing a Harley and thinking of you and all of our amazing trips that you meticulously & lovingly planned for all of us. God speed, Lone Wolf...I have always and will always cherish or time together. Until we meet again....

Bob Patterson - May 28, 2016 at 09:26 PM

AJ

“ It was just 9 days ago that I texted you telling you how much you meant to me and that I was praying for you. Since I heard you were in the fight of your life, there hasn't been a day that went by that I didn't beg God to save you, to make you better, to help you fight. Then, last evening I was notified that you: my friend, my mentor, my colleague, our leader, and an all around great person passed away. It's not that often that we meet people who make such a meaningful and lasting impression on our lives. Since I joined the agency, you always stood by my side and helped me through some of the more difficult times I've faced. I was lucky enough to have known you for a decade and never once did I think I would be saying good-bye, after all you're Bob Ball, our invincible leader! In 2013 we were speaking in your office and you told me that you were so proud of me because how I quickly advanced through the ranks at the agency & to hear you say that meant so much to me. I will forever remember you as someone who carried yourself with class, tact, charisma, and respect for everyone. You were always there for your employees, always maintained an open door policy, and never turned your back on anyone. I will never forget when I arranged for you to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Detroit Tigers game, you told everyone they wanted a local celebrity so they asked you!



*I will forever be grateful that I had the chance to know you and to work under your leadership. I will never understand why these things happen to great people, but I find some solace in knowing that God only selects the best to join his team of angels.*

*Laura & family, thank you for allowing us to be part of his life. He's touched so many lives and has helped so many people.*

*Love,  
Amy Jishi*

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**Amy Jishi** - May 28, 2016 at 09:22 PM

SF

“ Will never forget that he came to my retirement party held at my home. Rode right up on his Harley! He was a great guy who knew how to be a leader because we all wanted to work our best for him. God bless

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**Susie Symons(Pool) Foreman** - May 28, 2016 at 09:22 PM

BP

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Bob Patterson** - May 28, 2016 at 09:10 PM

BP

*This smile tells a lot about this amazing man.*

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**Bob Patterson** - May 28, 2016 at 09:34 PM

KS

“ I only met Mr. Ball on a couple occasions up when I was in Chicago and when he came down to Indianapolis but in my brief interactions with him you could tell that he was a genuine guy. Such a sad loss for the TSA family. My deepest condolences to his family.

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**Keith Smith** - May 28, 2016 at 09:08 PM



Debra  
Phelps

“ I worked at Northwest Airlines as a supervisor gate agent for over 10 years. One particular year I received an award for exceptional customer service and Bob walked to my gate to hand it to me personally and you could tell he truly cared about all of us!! They say the good die young, he was way too young. He was a great man, that memory is over 15 years old but I remember him and it vividly! He was a great leader.

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**Debra Phelps** - May 28, 2016 at 08:52 PM

VG

“ *Dear Bob Ball*

*Today is the day you will be laid to rest,  
But you know what they say,  
God only takes the best.  
Everything happens for a reason,  
Even if we may not agree.  
Just promise to look after us,  
And if you can,  
Save a spot up there for me.  
The thought of never seeing you again brings tears to my eyes,  
And even more so,  
Because all of this was such a surprise.  
But we should never question what God has planned,  
Sometimes it's not meant for us to understand.  
So as we sit here and mourn the loss of a beloved friend,  
We have to keep telling ourselves that we will meet again.*

*Source: <http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/dear-friend-2>  
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president*

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vaughn glenn - May 28, 2016 at 08:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Ball, Jr..*



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May 28, 2016 at 08:44 PM

VG

“ *Dear Friend*

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But you know what they say,  
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Just promise to look after us,  
And if you can,  
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The thought of never seeing you again brings tears to my eyes,  
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**vaughn glenn** - May 28, 2016 at 08:42 PM

YF

“ *Bob Ball was larger than life. He was a leader who made sure to light up a room just by his presence. Most importantly a mentor to me and many others. I will miss you very much Bob. My prayers are with your family both at home and at TSA. We've lost a great leader.*

Youssef Fawaz - May 28, 2016 at 08:41 PM

 Nathan Rivers

“ *Nathan Rivers lit a candle in memory of Bob Ball, Jr.*



Nathan Rivers - May 28, 2016 at 08:32 PM

AB

“ *RIP Mr. Ball. The last time I have seen you was at my husband funeral and I was touched by your kindness. We will keep you in our memories.*



Agnes Bumgarner - May 28, 2016 at 08:28 PM

WD

“ *R.I.P to a pleasant man who seemed to care about everyone he encountered. It's hard to find a man who asks how your doing and actually stops to listen to your response these days, your compassion never went unnoticed. Thank you, The Dardzinski Family, Warren MI*

wendy dardzinski - May 28, 2016 at 08:07 PM

CL

“ *What a loss for so many of us. He was an inspiration to many of us at Northwest Airlines. To know him was to love him. RIP Mr.Ball*  
*Cheri LeBlanc-Driscoll*



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**Cheri LeBlanc-Driscoll** - May 28, 2016 at 07:28 PM

BP

“ *So sorry to hear of Bobs passing. He was such a pleasant man and I really am happy to know I had such a good rapport with him. I had a funny story with him when I gave him one of my husbands tie .... long story , but it was a funny time. R.I.P.*

*Bunny Procter*

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**Bunny Procter** - May 28, 2016 at 07:15 PM

FB

“ *Still trying to wrap my head around the death of such a wonderful individual, I guess he is needed elsewhere, He mentored and helped so many people in this world , such a loss. I'll always remember him a one of the Greatest Leaders I've ever come across in my lifetime. May you rest in peace Dearest Bob Ball and shine your light on us in Detroit where you started us in the right direction and I know we won't let you down. You'll be missed by all. God help your family.*



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**frida barron** - May 28, 2016 at 06:56 PM

SC

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Ball Family. Bob was a wonderful all round person. He will be missed by us all. All my love Laura and family.

Shirleen

Shirleen Curtis - May 28, 2016 at 06:56 PM

Jason  
Frye

“ Bob coached my baseball team many years ago. He was a great leader then. In 2007 I joined TSA and learned he was the FSD. He remembered me and made me happy to join his team again. I'm going to miss him.

Jason Frye - May 28, 2016 at 06:56 PM

JT

“ I met Bob through TSA. He always greeted you with a smile and always was so upbeat and positive. He was a mentor to me and was the first to send me an email and call me when I was promoted to a manager at TSA. He was passionate about his work and his dedication to the mission. That passion inspired so many, myself included. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, he will be truly, truly missed. RIP Bob <3



Janeen Tylutki - May 28, 2016 at 06:41 PM

ST

“ Bob will be missed. He will always be a family member of TSA. Always a smile and a positive outlook. Gods speedBob.

Scott Toms - May 28, 2016 at 06:34 PM

MN

“ I am speechless. Bob Ball was well loved by all. I have no words. My condolences to the family.

Mabel Nusbaum - May 28, 2016 at 06:34 PM

  
Rosette  
La

“ This is very sad news as many of us knew that Bob was always watching over us. We lost a great Leader and man. Our sincere condolences to his family.

Rosette La - May 28, 2016 at 06:23 PM

CR

Bob, know that you were admired and respected by all. You made me and all the QSA's at Northwest feel welcomed and appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You will truly be missed.

Cynthia Ryan - May 31, 2016 at 08:57 AM

ST

“ I met Bob years ago during the days of Northwest Airlines in Detroit. He was a new manager walking around meeting a lot of people all at once. A couple of weeks went by before I saw him again. I, of course, remembered his name as he was only one new person I had met, but as he was approaching me from a few feet away and said "Hey, Shannon! How's it going?" without being able to see my name tag or anything, to say I was impressed would be an understatement. Bob ALWAYS had a genuine smile on his face and an even more sincere way of making you feel like he was truly interested in talking with you. He will be truly missed and forever live on in the hearts and memories of SO many.

Shannon Tylutki - May 28, 2016 at 05:07 PM