



Albert John Bair, Jr.

February 11, 1930 - January 21, 2025

Albert "Bunch" John Bair, Jr., was born on February 11, 1930, in Mansfield, Ohio. After graduating from St. Peter's High School, he studied at Xavier University in Cincinnati before being called to serve in the Korean conflict in the Marine Corps. Following his service, he began his career with General Motors in the financial department and remained there until his retirement in 1992. He met the love of his life, Renee Costello, in church. They married in 1956 and raised their six children plus many cherished pets in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Al was an accomplished baseball player with the American Legion and had a brief boxing career while in the Marines. He loved to golf, especially the 19th hole. Al was a loyal Ohio State Buckeyes, Detroit Lions, and Detroit Tigers fan, suffering many a heartbreak season for that one exciting win. Al was a charming, funny man who made friends everywhere he went. Never one to sit still, he loved gardening, visiting baseball parks, playing with his grandchildren, and spending time at the beach in South Haven, MI. He was also a regular volunteer during elections, at church, and at the VA hospital where he was recognized for his service. Most recently, Al dedicated his time to building puzzles, scratching lottery tickets, and eating any cookie you put in his hand.

He is survived by his children, Tim (Kristy) Bair, Dennis (Amy) Bair, Annie Bair,

Susie (Bruce) Hildenbrand, Lori (Mike) Moss, and Cindy (Jeremy) Neihardt; fourteen grandchildren, Danny, Mike (Megan), Melissa, Natalie (Mario), Alex, Tommy (Tara), Jimmy (Dana), Johnny, Jack, Megan, Luke, Emily, Jonah, and Brody; two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Mia. Al was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Evangeline Bair; brothers, Thomas and Raymond; and his beloved wife of 64 years, Renee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Albert Bair's name may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care in Charlotte, MI. Visit echospice.org/donate-2/ to donate. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

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“ Cory Inger & Kevin Lewtschanyn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Albert John Bair, Jr..



Cory Inger & Kevin Lewtschanyn - January 29, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JV

“ I had the pleasure to work with Al after he retired. He was a great soul, I was only in my early 20's when I met him and right away I know he was a great person. I was fortunate to have been able enjoy some golf rounds with him and of course the multiple stops at the 19th hole. He was such a joy to sit down with and hear his life stories. RIP my friend!

Joe Vega - January 26, 2025 at 08:04 PM

KF

“ Sending you our deepest condolences. Dad's are special people. We always enjoyed stories of your father and know he will be missed. Thinking of you,
Karen Frank and Paul Lange

Karen Frank - January 25, 2025 at 04:16 PM

NB

“ Al was a good friend and my boss for many years at GM. He and my dad were good buddies at the golf course. Norman Bailey

Norman Bailey - January 25, 2025 at 01:11 PM



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January 24, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Will never forget my Uncle Bunch. I know you and your Brother(my Dad) are enjoying getting together. RIP to the best Uncle a Girl could have*

Deb Nelson - January 23, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ *LaTonya McClinton lit a candle in memory of Albert John Bair, Jr.*



LaTonya McClinton - January 23, 2025 at 05:30 PM



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LaTonya McClinton - January 23, 2025 at 05:31 PM