



## Thomas "Buddy" Michael Lambert

October 17, 1965 - April 15, 2012

Thomas "Buddy" Michael Lambert, 46, of Traverse City, passed away on Sunday, April 15, 2012 at Munson Medical Center. Buddy was born on October 17, 1965 in Mancelona, and raised in Kingsley; by his parents Samuel T. and Della M. (Brodrick) Lambert. He attended Central Grade School in Traverse City. He participated in The Special Olympics and in the Youth Group at Kingsley United Methodist Church. As a teenager he worked on a horse farm in Kingsley and enjoyed the animals immensely. As a young adult he worked at Randy's Diner in Traverse City for over four years (1997 – 2001) as a dish washer and busboy. On July 2, 2002, Buddy began employment at Wendy's (M-37) and worked there until his death. Buddy's duties at Wendy's were maintenance and general stocking. Buddy volunteered at The Disability Network Advocacy Council in Traverse City as well. Buddy enjoyed his friends, family, bowling, watching movies, listening to music and helping others if they needed help. If you ever met Buddy, you had a friend for life. His smile was always warm and friendly and he loved to talk with you. Buddy is survived by his sister Gail (Tony) Weber, Kingsley, MI; 3 nieces, Samantha (Gary) Tracey, Kingsley, MI; Sarah (Danny) Bristol, Kingsley, MI; Robin (Chad Gildner) Weber, Kingsley, MI. Buddy's 4 Great Nephews and 2 Great Nieces are: Rylee, Jackson, Cole and Troy Bristol of Kingsley, MI, and Emmalea and Ellianna (Tracey) Mackenzie of Frankfort/Kingsley, MI. Buddy has numerous Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins all over Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas and other areas of the U.S. Buddy was

preceded in death by his paternal Grandparents Dwight and Annabell Cheeseman in 1976, his maternal Grandmother Iva Brodrick in 1986 and parents Samuel in 2005 and Della in 2008. A special Thank You goes out to Lisa Woodcox and her children for caring for Buddy over the years. On May 19, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M., at the VFW Post #2780, 3400 Veterans Dr., Traverse City, MI, we will celebrate Buddy's life through storytelling, photographs and food. Memorial contributions may be made to Buddy's family, payable to Gail Weber, c/o Kalkaska Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1457, Kalkaska, MI 49646. Please leave condolences at Buddy's online guestbook at [www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com](http://www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Tribute Wall



“ *What Buddy may have lacked in education, he more than made up for in simple rules he followed. He loved to be with people so he used the bus, his bike, or just walked to be with them. He loved music, so he listened. He loved his Wii so he played. He loved to cook and eat and did them both with Gusto! He had a job, and tried his best. He enjoyed learning new things and had a wonderful smile when he thought he'd done it right. Just the week before his heart attack, he asked me why everyone couldn't just be nice. He said he was trying to read the bible, and he thought if you went to church and read the bible you should be kinder to people. HE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT! Thomas Michael Lambert, "BUDDY", has left some pretty big shoes to fill, and an imprint on every heart who loved him!##imported-begin##Mary Owens##imported-end##*

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May 03, 2012 at 08:52 AM



“ *Brian went to school with Buddy and Buddy was his first roommate at the CLA apartments. Although they went separate ways, their friendship lasted through the years. Buddy and Brian would ride thier bikes all over. Buddy would stay overnight with Brian and they would play Wii games - bowling in particular - and watch movies. He was a great friend. Buddy was always up beat, had a quick smile and loved to tell you what was up. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Brian, John and Cleo Paro##imported-end##*

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April 23, 2012 at 07:41 AM



“ We were shocked to hear about Buddy. We will sadly miss his loving smile and hugs he gave us when we seen him and talked to him. We love you Buddy.##imported-begin##Marlene and Dave West##imported-end##

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April 22, 2012 at 10:59 AM



“ I worked with Buddy for several years at Randy's Diner. What a joy he was to work with! He was a hard worker, always eager to help and ALWAYS did it with a smile! I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to know such a good man... Heaven now has a new angel... I am sure that's what the rainbows were about.##imported-begin##Jeannie Barrett##imported-end##

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April 22, 2012 at 08:39 AM



“ I was so sad when i heard our friend buddy had passed at such a young age. he will be greatly missed. we love you and miss you buddy##imported-begin##Faith Triplett##imported-end##

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April 20, 2012 at 08:27 PM