

Boby Bell

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Boby Dale "Bob" Bell, 50, died at 10:35 p.m., Saturday, May 12, 2018 at his home in Jerseyville, after a courageous battle with Lung Cancer.

He was born in Crystal City, MO on June 27, 1967 to Roy & Mary F. (Barton) Bell and grew up as part of a large family in De Soto, MO.

At the age of seventeen, Bob relocated to Jerseyville, where he met Dawanna Renee "Dawn" Dilks and Together, they would create many wonderful memories and share in the joys of raising their three children throughout their 28 years together, prior to her death on December 19, 2014.

He started Bell's Masonry in Jerseyville at the age of 18 and worked tirelessly throughout the area for 27 years, before his health required him to retire nearly 5 years ago.

Bob was fiercely loyal to Dawanna and his children, and worked tirelessly to provide the best life possible for them all. When he was not working, which was extremely rare, he enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it be fishing or hunting.

Surviving are his mother, Mary Davis of Jerseyville; two daughters, Heather Womack of Springfield and Courtney Dobbs of Cadet, MO; two sons, Scotty Bell of Jerseyville and Cody Bell of Wood River; seven grandchildren, Hayden, MaKinley, Brantley, Hunter, Lexi, Ryder and Serenity; brothers, James Bell Sr. of Jerseyville; James Davis of Jerseyville; Geoffrey Davis of Duncan, OK; sisters, Karen Klunk of Dow; his twin sister, Barbara Lucas of Hillsboro, MO and Denise "Molly" Newby of Brighton; along with a host of extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roy Bell; his lifelong companion, Dawanna Dilks; two daughters, Dora and Jennifer Bell; a granddaughter, Reagan; three brother, Lee Bell, Terry Lynn Davis and Kenney Bell; as well as a son in-law, Brian Womack.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at the Crawford Funeral Home in Jerseyville, where funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 17.

Burial will take place at the Kane Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.