

= Bobby Kay =

Romeo Cormier is a retired Canadian professional wrestler best known by the ring name Bobby Kay . He is a member of the Cormier wrestling family , a group of four brothers who were all successful professional wrestlers . Romeo Cormier competed in Canada and the United States from 1967 to the mid @-@ 1980s . He also worked as a wrestling promoter . After retiring from wrestling , Cormier began performing country music professionally before taking a job with Loblaw's .

= = Career = =

Cormier grew up with eight brothers and four sisters on the family 's farm in what is now Memramcook , New Brunswick . He became interested in professional wrestling because of his older brothers Jean @-@ Louis , Yvon , and Leonce , who competed under the ring names Rudy Kay , The Beast , and Leo Burke , respectively . At age 17 , Yvon took Romeo to Calgary , Alberta to train under Stu Hart .

Cormier made his professional debut in 1967 and wrestled in several countries . While touring the world as a competitor , he used several ring names . In Calgary 's Stampede Wrestling , he used the name Norton Jackson . He then took on the moniker Terry Martin while wrestling in Central States Wrestling . He competed primarily as a tag team wrestler , and he won his first title belt in Kansas City on October 31 , 1968 . Teaming with his brother Leonce , who was using the name Tommy Martin , he won the Central States version of the NWA North American Tag Team Championship . The reign lasted for one week before they dropped the title to The Texas Outlaws (Dick Murdoch and Dusty Rhodes) .

Cormier also competed for the Eastern Sports Association (ESA) , which was affiliated with the National Wrestling Alliance (NWA) . His brother Jean @-@ Louis , competing as Rudy Kay , was both a booker and wrestler for ESA , and Cormier used his brother 's ring name as the inspiration to become Bobby Kay . In the ESA , the four Cormier brothers often took turns facing the same wrestlers . A heel (villain) wrestler would face one brother , then move on to face the rest in succession . Bobby Kay held the ESA International Tag Team Championship several times in the ESA ; his first came when he teamed with brother Leonce (who was then competing as Leo Burke) to win the title in mid @-@ 1973 by defeating Fred Sweetan and Mike Dubois . They held the title for about one month before dropping it to Sweetan and Kurt Von Steiger . Kay then teamed with brother Yvon (who was known as The Beast) to regain the title . The teams traded the championship back and forth once again over the course of the summer . They lost the title to Sweetan and Jim Dillon in autumn 1973 . After Dillon left the promotion , the championship was vacated ; Kay and The Beast regained it the following year . The reign lasted less than one week before Sweetan and Dubois won the title . Teaming with Burke in June 1974 , Kay had one final reign with the title ; he sustained an injury , however , and Ron Thompson defended the championship in Kay 's place .

Later that year , Cormier returned to Kansas , where he won the NWA Central States Heavyweight Championship in December . Cormier later returned to Stampede Wrestling , this time adopting the ring name Bobby Burke to form a tag team with his brother Leo Burke . They defeated The Royal Kangaroos in 1977 to win the Stampede Wrestling International Tag Team Championship . After dropping the title to Mr. Hito and Michel Martel later that year , they did not regain the belts until 1980 , when they defeated Duke Myers and Bobby Bass .

Cormier competed in Toronto from 1982 to 1984 under the ring name Terry Kay , a name that he had also used while wrestling in Charlotte , North Carolina . He won the NWA Canadian Television Championship on December 26 , 1982 . He and his brother Leonce bought out Jean @-@ Louis 's stake in the Eastern Sports Association but ran into problems with their partner Al Zinck and television deals , which enabled Atlantic Grand Prix Wrestling (AGPW) to gain a stronger foothold in the Maritimes . His final title victory came in AGPW , where he won the company 's North American Tag Team Championship in 1990 while teaming with his brother Leo .

= = Retirement = =

Cormier retired from professional wrestling to spend more time with his wife and two children . He also performed country music as part of the Bobby Kay Band . He taught his longtime friend , former professional wrestling referee Hubert Gallant , to play the guitar . He also made another attempt at promoting wrestling events in such locations as Moncton , New Brunswick and Halifax , Nova Scotia in the mid @-@ 1980s . After arranging exclusive deals to promote shows in specific territories , Cormier had trouble attracting fans after the World Wrestling Federation moved into the same areas . Because the WWF had a larger budget and was able to gain access to arenas with larger seating capacities , Cormier 's promotion was unable to compete . In 2006 , a celebration was held in Memramcook to honor the four wrestling Cormier brothers . Cormier now balances competing in occasional wrestling matches with his job in shipping and receiving for Loblaws .

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Atlantic Grand Prix Wrestling

AGPW North American Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Leo Burke

Central States Wrestling

NWA Central States Heavyweight Championship (1 time)

NWA North American Tag Team Championship (Central States version) (1 time) ? with Tommy Martin

Eastern Sports Association

ESA International Tag Team Championship (5 times) ? with Leo Burke (2) and The Beast (3)

Maple Leaf Wrestling

NWA Canadian Television Championship (1 time)

Stampede Wrestling

Stampede Wrestling International Tag Team Championship (2 times) ? with Leo Burke