



Mark Wynne Pfeiffer

November 2, 1952 - May 3, 2020

Mark Wynne Pfeiffer passed from earthly to eternal life on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at age 67, following a valiant battle with cancer.

Mark departed peacefully surrounded by his loving family at his home in Princeville, Illinois, a residence known historically in that town as “Seven Oaks”.

Mark was born on November 2, 1952 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the 3rd of 6 children of Raymond John and Ramona Jane “Mona” Pfeiffer (nee Gilligan), both now deceased. He attended St. Mary’s Grade School and Lourdes High School. He was an outstanding athlete on the high school football and wrestling teams. He excelled most notably in track, setting a school record in the high jump and participating on the 1969 WISSA State Champion team that earned the first state title in any sport in the school’s history. Mark also displayed an affinity for science and technology before graduating in 1970.

Mark served in the US Air Force in Keesler AFB and Homestead AFB in the early 70’s as a technical specialist. He earned his BSEE degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1978, and continued his service as a First Lieutenant developing and implementing the Airborne Command Post Aircraft Systems at Tinker AFB through 1981.

After leaving the military Mark began a 39 year professional career in a variety of high technology positions focused on avionics and computer systems for a number of companies around the country including: TRW, Allen Bradley Co. Inc., Eaton Corp., Johnson Controls Inc., Hamilton Sundstrand/United Technologies Corp., GE Aviation, Astronautics, and Dell Services. For part of this time Mark also worked as a patent agent for Quarles and Brady Law Firm in Milwaukee and took graduate courses in Software Engineering at UW Milwaukee while teaching classes there as a graduate assistant. In 2007 Mark co-founded Alpha Embedded, a private avionics systems development company in Atlanta, which he led for the next three and a half years. Most recently Mark was employed by Larson and Toubro Technology Services Inc. for numerous projects such as internal development and mentorship, aircraft embedded systems expert on

projects for Boeing in St Louis, and other aviation related military projects in Dallas.

The pastimes and hobbies Mark enjoyed most were also of a technical nature including certifications for HAM radio operation and PADI scuba diving, and an instrument rated private pilot license for recreational flying. But he was perhaps happiest when tinkering or working on home improvement projects. He enjoyed collecting almost every tool known to man and could fix just about anything.

Mark was beloved by a large extended family and many friends. He made life fun and interesting for all who knew him. In addition to his parents Mark was preceded in death by 6 aunts, 9 uncles, 2 cousins, and a grandnephew. For those who survive him, he will be dearly missed and fondly remembered as the cherished fiancé of Mary C. Eckert; a soft hearted father of Brenda Bostwick (Jason) and Kimberly Wimberley (Adam); a kindly grandfather of Riana Thunder, Dominick Herrera, Caleb Tosch, and Abigail Wimberley; step grandfather of Levi Wimberley and Jacob, Noah, Isaac, and Benjamin Bostwick; a treasured brother of Donald Pfeiffer (Mary B Pfeiffer), Paul Pfeiffer (Geri Coleman), Mary M Pfeiffer (Lou Copper), Kevin Pfeiffer (Eileen), and Patrick Pfeiffer (Jacqueline); jocular uncle of Heidi Pfeiffer, Katherine Pfeiffer (Norb Dudek), Dan Pfeiffer (Becky Vevea), Ryan White (Jami), Emily Adams (Travis), Amy and Sarah Copper, and Andrew and Ben Pfeiffer; great uncle to 7 youngsters; fond nephew of Helen Morey, Carl Pfeiffer, Elizabeth Zalewski, Joan Pfeiffer, Joyce M Gilligan, and Joyce R Gilligan; extra brother to 17 first cousins; and a blessing to many work colleagues and special friends, such as Pratap and Pradeep Gudur who took care of Mark during his first bout with cancer 10 years ago. It was widely understood that Mark would willingly do anything for anyone.

Private family committal services for Mark will be held at Lake View Memorial Park, 2786 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI. Fiss & Bills-Poklasny Funeral Home, Oshkosh, WI requests that you follow their website for updates and changes.

In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude's Midwest, and American Heart Association.

Cemetery

Lake View Memorial Park

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Comments



“ Patrick Pfeiffer lit a candle in memory of Mark Wynne Pfeiffer



Patrick Pfeiffer - May 13 at 03:36 PM



“ Condolences to all Mark's brothers and sister who I grew up with, watching Packer games in Oshkosh, roasted corn picnics, Bay Beach gatherings. I didn't know Mark well in his adult life but remember him fondly from childhood. Cousin Barb Gilligan

Barb Gilligan - May 12 at 07:58 AM



“ Mark had such a giving spirit. I remember a time he and Mary graciously hosted breakfast and a tour of Georgia as we travelled through. He had such immense intellect and interest in learning about everything he could. He shared so much with us that day. I have never forgotten his kindness. My condolences to Mary, his family and friends as I know he will greatly missed.

Catherine Portz - May 11 at 12:50 PM



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Patrick Pfeiffer - May 09 at 03:34 PM



“ I'll never forget Mark as the rabble-rouser, trouble-maker and main Imp of the household when I was a kid. Always up to something and always with a wry smile.



“ To the family of Mark Pfeiffer I wish to extend my deepest sympathies for your loss of a father/brother/cousin and friend. If I were to give a tribute to Mark, I would reach back in the annals of time to the years he came to his Uncle Phil and Aunt Helen's dairy farm located in Waupaca. All of us (his cousins) on the farm in Waupaca had a close friendship and grew to love and enjoy his company when he came up from Oshkosh for summer vacations. He was a witty, never shying from a good debate, in essence a very enjoyable cousin to work and have fun with. He enjoyed lots of hard work that he was not afraid of joining in on while on the dairy farm. We always appreciated that because it was one less thing we had to do. We remember the hay bailing, the barn cleaning, the milking of the cows, the repairing of the farm equipment and the hard farm work he did not shy away from. He had a particular enjoyment coming with his brother Don Pfeiffer. They had lots of stories to tell and always a few good practical jokes. We will greatly miss Mark and pray that the Lord will comfort his family through this difficult time of loss.

Love from Tom, Cheryl Morey & family

Tom Morey - May 08 at 03:21 PM



“ Mark is to be remembered as someone full of life. Being a cousin of his from the farm his family visited often, I can say even many years later he was kind, funny, smart and not afraid to try anything. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Love and prayers to his entire family.

Linda Backler

Linda Backler - May 11 at 04:25 PM



“ Back in the day, we were friends of the Pfeiffer family primarily through Mona's association with Tupperware. Also, we have fond memories of Don and Mary with The Society of People folk singing group. We want to be among many who marvel at this multi-talented family and wish we had known Mark and younger children, too.

God's Blessings to all of the family,

Joan & John Ruetten (Oshkosh)

Joan Ruetten - May 12 at 06:49 AM



“ When I heard of my cousin Mark's illness, I immediately put him on our church's prayer list. I and my family also prayed for him that he not suffer long. On hearing of his passing, I called his brother Don, and assured him that God called him home to end his suffering and bring him Peace and Joy in the presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We all look forward to joining him in a heavenly reunion when we too are called home. We send our sincere condolences as Mark's family grieves in the loss of a wonderful person. May the Lord bless all who are saddened by his passing.

Betty and Gary Johnson (Iola, WI)

Betty & Gary Johnson - May 19 at 11:48 PM