

Mark Kueker

April 16, 1954 - April 5, 2014

The Celebration of Life for Mark Kueker, of Verndale, will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Verndale Lions Building in Verndale. Surrounded by his family, Mark passed away at the age of 59, on April 5, 2014 at his home.

Mark Paul Kueker was born on April 16, 1954, to Paul and Lucille (Seivert) Kueker in Aurora, IL. He graduated from Naperville Community High School and found his livelihood as a truss plant maintenance supervisor. Mark married Fran Schmitt on February 12, 1971, in Hannibal, MO. They made their home in rural Verndale where Mark enjoyed horseback riding, target shooting, and hunting. Hours spent with his family is what mattered most to him. Mark was a proud member of the Wadena County Sheriff's Posse.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents Paul and Lucille. He is survived by his loving wife Fran; children Eric (Vicki) Kueker of Verndale and Julie (Chris) Bushinger of Wadena; grandchildren Erik, Sarah and Jase Kueker, and Emma and Charlie Bushinger; sisters Paula (Bill) Dammeyer of Johnsbury, IL and Kathy (Ray) Schwahn of Scottsdale, AZ; along with a host of friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Dammeyer, Mark Schmitt, Tim Wutzke, Rick Price, Tom Campbell, and Phil D'Anna.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in Mark's name go to: http://action.lung.org/site/TR?px=5433803&fr_id=9011&pg=personal

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 11. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Community Center - (Lions Building)
109 SW 1st Ave.
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Mark, was a very nice person to me way back in the late 70's early 80's. We grew out of touch, and I was hoping to look him up. This news just tears me up. Fran, I wish the best for you and your children. Jeff Ring*

Jeff Ring - November 04, 2014 at 04:26 PM

AM

“ *Fran - I'm so sad to read about Mark's passing. Condolences to you, your family and friends.*

Amy - April 13, 2014 at 12:28 PM

VF

“ *Valerie (Clawson) Feld lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Valerie (Clawson) Feld - April 11, 2014 at 07:43 AM

CR

“ *SO sorry to hear of Marks's death. My heart goes out to Fran and family. Mark was a wonderful fellow posse member and an awesome friend. I could trust Mark and I could count on Mark to do what he said he would do. Mark was a committed member of the posse and a great listener. I will always treasure the midnight to dawn shifts I had with Mark. We had some great conversations and many laughs. What a wonderful man and special friend. With thoughts of peace.*
Cathy Riewer

Cathy Riewer - April 10, 2014 at 08:13 PM

EF

“ Sincerely sorry to hear of Marks passing. Hard to believe such a spark plug of a guy is gone so young. Mark was truly one of those rare people that to know him was to like him. That twinkle in his eye was never far away or very hard to get to spark up. He was fiercely proud of his kids and fiercely devoted to his Franny. May God bless you through this time, and may you all take some measure of comfort in knowing Mark through the eyes of his many friends.

Erwin Barney and family - April 09, 2014 at 08:39 PM

PM

“ I was shocked to learn of Mark's recent passing. I briefly worked with Mark at his dad's Marathon station during high school. We were also both members of a close knit Citizens Band radio group of friends in the Naperville area in the early 1970's.



I'm blessed to have been able to contact Mark in recent years even if only via emails. I only wish I could have shaken his hand one more time before he departed.

Fran... we're all going to miss him dearly. Just knowing he's not amongst us brings us sadness. May our tears be replaced with smiles as we celebrate his wonderful life.

*Paul Mejia
Kalamazoo, MI*

Paul Mejia - April 09, 2014 at 06:51 PM

MI

“ Saddened to hear of this. I've always enjoyed working with Mark at TimberRoots and snapping photos of him riding horse for the posse. He was a great guy to have known....quick wit and cracking jokes...great smile. He'll be missed. Our sympathies go out to the family.
Mike Isola and family

Mike Isola - April 09, 2014 at 06:27 PM

JK

“ Jason And LaRae Kovar lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Jason and LaRae Kovar - April 09, 2014 at 03:14 PM

PH

“ Paul Hamann lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Paul Hamann - April 09, 2014 at 08:11 AM

ML

“ Fran, so sorry to hear of Marks passing. He was a fantastic guy, You guys were always such a cute couple. I'll always remember when Eric was born, he was so excited. He came up to the Fotomat and passed out cigars. When I saw the blue band I knew he was a boy. He was a good man, and will be missed. Love to you and your beautiful family. Love Marie Lichter

Marie Lichter - April 09, 2014 at 02:01 AM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss Fran and family. How well I remember Mark working at the Marathon station on Washington Street when the Volunteer Fire Department whistle went off in Naperville and Mark making his dash out the door to answer the call. I was shocked to see this tonight. Paula and Kathy, I am sorry for the loss of your brother as well. Prayers going out to all.
Jeff and Anita Freitag

Jeff Freitag - April 08, 2014 at 08:00 PM

BC

“ Fran, Eric, Julie, and family I'm so sorry for the passing of Mark. He was truly a remarkable person, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. I used to love talking to him, seeing that twinkle in his eyes. Mark will be truly missed by so many, as he touched so many lives. God Bless.



Barbara Cash - April 08, 2014 at 07:22 PM

SU

“ So many memories... Starting when I was about 12 going to Wheaton for ice cream with Fran and your Mom, weddings, babies, swimming, racketball parties, canoeing, horses... Great times with a good man and brother-in-law. Breathe easy and rest in peace my friend!

Sue - April 08, 2014 at 05:50 PM

SL

“ Sharon L. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Kueker.



Sharon L. - April 08, 2014 at 05:32 PM

PS

“ Paul Seul lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Paul Seul - April 08, 2014 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ Your light will continue to shine Mark through your beautiful wife, children and grandchildren. You were one special person!!



Debbie Buckley - April 08, 2014 at 02:15 PM

AP

“ Anne Portinen lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Anne Portinen - April 08, 2014 at 01:19 PM

MM

“ *Marty Mays lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Marty Mays - April 08, 2014 at 01:10 PM

BT

“ *I remember coming up from Florida for my first hunting trip and meeting Mark and Fran. They made me feel right at home. I was able to shoot my first deer on their property. Mark had gone out too and we had a view of the same field. I had never seen so many deer at one time and couldn't decide which one was big enough! Finally I shot my first doe! Mark told me later that he almost yelled out for me to shoot already! Because of me taking so long Mark didn't get a shot. I apologized and Mark paid me back by smearing deer blood on my face. Going to miss you Mark and that smile of yours.*

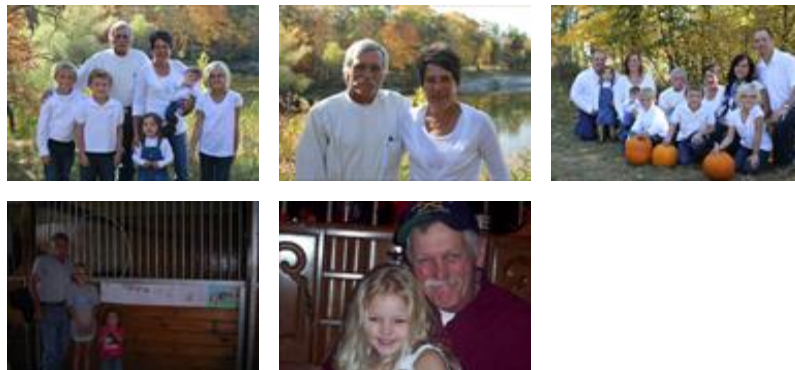


Beth Thomas

Beth Thomas - April 08, 2014 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Julie Bushinger - April 08, 2014 at 12:36 PM

MI

Beautiful photos. Thanks for sharing!

Mike Isola - April 09, 2014 at 06:31 PM

AK

“ Ashley (Lawson) Koning lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Ashley (Lawson) Koning - April 08, 2014 at 12:26 PM

KM

“ Karen Malone lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker



Karen Malone - April 08, 2014 at 11:54 AM

VT

“ *Fran, Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We have so many memories of being with Mark on the posse and enjoyed every minute of it with both of you. We will miss Mark and his fun personality and love of life. He always had a smile filled with a lot of laughter!! May the good Lord give you strength to get thru this difficult time.*

Jim and Vickie Thompson

Vickie Thompson - April 07, 2014 at 08:59 PM

JW

“ *JILL WESTRA lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



JILL WESTRA - April 07, 2014 at 08:28 PM

MU

“ *Dear Fran and Family, I was so sad to hear of Mark's passing . I know how much he was loved by all of you, and especially by my little student, Erik. He loved Mark and going to your place after school. I will keep you all in my prayers. God bless you! Love, Maria Uselman*

Maria Uselman - April 07, 2014 at 08:19 PM

TO

“ *Tina (Stokes) Olson lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Tina (Stokes) Olson - April 07, 2014 at 04:45 PM

LR

“ *Lucy & Bruce Rehm lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Lucy & Bruce Rehm - April 07, 2014 at 02:27 PM

PB

“ *Pete & Linda Bleess lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Pete & Linda Bleess - April 07, 2014 at 02:14 PM

RA

“ *Ryan & Amy Ament lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Ryan & Amy Ament - April 07, 2014 at 11:50 AM

LB

“ *Lonny & Londa Burgau lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Lonny & Londa Burgau - April 07, 2014 at 10:19 AM

LB

We are sorry for your loss, Mark was a great guy and I enjoyed visiting with him when we ran into each.

Lonny & Londa Burgau - April 07, 2014 at 10:21 AM

BP

“ *Benton County Mounted Patrol lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



Benton County Mounted Patrol - April 07, 2014 at 07:41 AM

GD

“ *George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Mark Kueker*



George&Julie Deiss - April 06, 2014 at 08:56 PM