



Mark William Wilbrandt

July 4, 1964 - June 18, 2016

Mark William Wilbrandt, age 51 of Canton, passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2016 at Northside Hospital Cherokee. No local services will be held. He is survived by his brothers, Paul Wilbrandt of Illinois and John Wilbrandt of Indiana, his sisters, Joann Magnetta of Illinois and Linda Slepcevich of Illinois. The caring staff of Darby Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements.

Comments



“ Today, July 4, 2016 would have been your 52nd Birthday. I miss you my baby brother. I'll love you to the Moon and Back.

Linny

Linda - July 04, 2016 at 10:58 AM



“ I first met Mark in the summer between 5th & 6th grades. One day, a bunch of us kids decided to have a good old fashioned B.B. gun fight. I ended up shooting Mark in the wrist, causing a very painful, large, reddish-purple welt to form. I was really worried that he would tell his mom, and my B.B. gun-fighting days would come to an abrupt end. To my surprise, he told me he wasn't going to narc on me. I knew then that he was a cool guy, and we were friends from that day on. We were best friends all through high school and for many years after. We worked together at KFC in Crystal Lake for several years in high school. We went to countless concerts together. Mark loved to relax and cook out on the back deck of his grandmother's house in Crystal Lake. Typically, his stereo would be blaring, and, occasionally, his grandmother, who still lived below, would gently chide him, saying that she could hear the "boom-booms" through her ceiling. One year, in our twenties, we took a road trip to Florida. On our first day there, we both got so incredibly sunburned that we looked like human lobsters, and we spent the rest of the trip in pain. Several years later, we returned for Daytona Bike Week, and, in '99 we went to the rally in Sturgis. That trip remains the best one of my life. I will always remember Mark's incredible generosity. On countless occasions he would pick up the tab, refusing to let me chip in. Mark had great natural mechanical ability. In high school, he installed a stereo for me in my mom's pumpkin orange Ford Pinto wagon. (My mom would soon come to regret this.) Mark had a great, politically incorrect, sense of humor, and was always cracking people up. I hadn't seen Mark since his dad's funeral many years ago, (Howard was also a great guy). Even so, I was stunned to learn he had passed, and I realized how much I still miss my friend.

Sean Kennedy

Sean Kennedy - June 28, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ One funny thing about Mark. All through HS all he ate was Hot Dogs. Microwave ovens had just come out and there always had to be hot dogs in the refrigerator. He went on to be a great cook for himself since he was a bachelor. He also was a great IT guy before there were IT guys. He had a natural ability to set up websites, and do computer things invented on his own. He owned a cat named "Kitty" and was devoted to her, I think she lived 14-16 years. She was always giving him fits about

what she was up to in the neighborhood. And the Gravel Pits, took his mother brand new Chevette and went to the pits with his friends. What a character/ He will be greatly missed by those who really loved him.

Linda - June 25, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Sorry to hear about Mark. I remember he and my brother Sean were always hanging out together in high school. When we were younger I made a James Bond film with some of the neighbors. Mark was one of the villains. The whole thing culminated with a boat chase on Crystal Lake with the Wilbrandts boat and some of the other neighbors. It was a good time.
Bryan Kennedy

Bryan Kennedy - June 24, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ I am Linda, Marky's oldest sibling and sister, we each of a family of 5 children, Howard & Lealyn Wilbrandt of Crystal Lake, IL. Mark has had the pleasure of owning and residing in both of his grandparents homes. The last was his Grandmother Emma & Ben Wilbrandt of Crystal Lake, IL. I can still see him riding his mower on the lawn, he kept immaculate care of these only places he lived while living in his hometown of Crystal Lake, IL. His best friend in South High School was Shawn. As a man, he lived at his Maternal Grandmother's home Helen & Paul Uteg. He began riding a Yamaha and soon bought a Harley Davidson. He then became close friends with a shared driveway neighbor who became "Neighbor John" we rode, and rode, all of us, I even had fun with little brother "Marky" at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. About 6 years ago he up and moved to Holly Springs, GA. His free spirit just could not keep him in the town he grew up in. I am deeply saddened by his needless, untimely passing. I guess shock would be the word. He was a Baptized Missouri Synod Lutheran church child and I live in the comfort that he rests in Jesus Arms now. He was born when I was 13 years old and with 5 kids in the house I held him in my arms as a baby, I remember the Day he was Born, What a great Birthday! July 4, 1964 you can't get much better than July 4th!! He shares this birthdate with a man 34 years his senior, Dieno owner of the Rushmore Inn, Dieno is now retired and alive in AZ. We had the best times there, Mark was so full of life, and adventure. Ride little brother, ride into the sunset on your memorial page, I will always love you and never forget your smile. Linda

Linda - June 23, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ Dear Wilbrandt family. I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you. My family lived behind you on Oakwood Drive. I hung out with Mark many times when we were young. He was such a laid back likable guy. Rest in peace Mark, from the Oakwood Drive gang.

Larry Davis - June 25, 2016 at 01:25 AM



“ Linda is following this tribute.

Linda - June 23, 2016 at 08:43 PM



“ Ten years as a neighbor. And miles in the wind. You were an awesome befriend.

Diane - June 22, 2016 at 04:52 PM



“ Tatt was and is my Brother.....I have no greater Memories than this. Rest in Peace my Bro, and Ride the Highways of Heaven. Eagle from Grand Rapids Michigan.

Eagle - June 22, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ Dear Wilbrandt Family~

You are in our Prayer & Thoughts. We loved Mark (Tattman) now he is riding with the angels and Weezel, & Ratt. May he live thru all of us with his kindness and generosity he was one hell of a man sorry we had to loose him at such a young age.

Our Sympathies,
Bob (Oolee) & Sandy

Bob & Sandy - June 22, 2016 at 03:06 PM