



Mark G. Goense

April 17, 1960 - December 6, 2020

Mark G. Goense, 60, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at his home.

Mark was born on April 17, 1960 in Flint, Michigan, the son of the late John G. and Rita J. (DeYoung) Goense. He was a graduate of Traverse City High School, attended the University of Michigan and graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in Broadcast Arts.

As a child, Mark lived in Flint, Mt. Clemens, Rochester Hills, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City, Michigan and as an adult, lived in Traverse City, Saginaw and Interlochen before returning to Traverse City.

Mark married Audrey Arceo (Selinsky) on October 20, 1995 and they celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary shortly before his death. He was the proud stepfather of Audrey's sons, Amado Arceo and Marc Anthony Arceo and loved his four grandchildren, Amado V, Valerie, Zachary and Ella.

Mark had a varied and interesting career, the highlight of which was his years as a nurse. He was licensed as an RN and joined Munson Hospital in Traverse City, where he worked until 2013. Mark enjoyed the medical aspects of his work and especially loved being able to care for those in need. He had great comradery with his patients, particularly elderly military veterans, who reminded him of his much-loved grandfather, John F. Goense, a Sergeant in the U. S. Army during World War I. Mark was also popular with the older lady patients, who seemed to marvel at the good-natured gentle giant that Mark was. After Munson, Mark worked until 2019 for ATS in Traverse City, where he helped patients overcome their drug and alcohol addictions.

Nothing was more important in Mark's life than the love he shared with his wife Audrey. They had met briefly when Mark was in high school and Audrey visited Mark's parents' home with her roommate at Aquinas College, Mark's sister Diane. Almost twenty years

later, the two reconnected, were married within a year and have spent their lives happily together since.

Mark was extremely intelligent and curious, with many interests. From an early age, he was an avid musician and photographer and excelled at both; his photos fill Audrey's and his home. He loved science: physiology, botany, animal husbandry, and geology among many others. Some of his best days were those exploring the woods and shores of Northern Michigan with Audrey. In recent years, Mark had also become an expert woodworker and gardener.

Mark is survived by his wife Audrey, his stepsons Amado Arceo (Rachele) of Rockford, and Marc Anthony Arceo of Livonia, his siblings John M. (Janell) Goense of Miami Beach, Diane White of Middleville, Carol (Mike) Tafelsky of Burlington, NC, his four grandchildren, Armado V, Valerie and Zachary of Rockford and Ella Arceo of Livonia, his nieces Jacqueline Goense of Chicago and Alexandra Goense of Miami Beach, and his nephews, John E. Goense of Cambridge, MA and Nick Tafelsky of Lansing. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law Jack (Diane) White and niece Michaella Tafelsky.

In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the Cherryland Humane Society, 1750 Ahlberg Rd, Traverse City, MI 49696.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Mark's family his tribute page at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

1325 East Eighth Street
Traverse City, MI 49686
<http://www.traversecitymi.gov/oakwoodcemetery.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
308 Cedar Street
Traverse City, MI 49684
<https://immaculatetc.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HM

“ My deepest condolences go out to Mark’s family. I worked with him many years ago at The Medical Care Facility which is now Grand Traverse Pavilions. We worked together in the Activity Department. The patients all really liked him. He was great to work with and always willing to help out. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Heather Mason - January 04, 2021 at 04:40 PM

PP

“ Audrey, my sincerest condolences to you. I remember Mark fondly and enjoyed working with him. Praying for you...

Patti Priest - December 29, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AG

Thank you Patti ❤️

audrey goense - December 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

TL

“ I am glad I had the opportunity To hire Mark to sell insurance. Mark had a heart of gold.He was very kind and respectful.I know he did not want to make a living selling insurance.I was so happy when he told me he was pursuing a career in nursing.I have not seen him in years since a moved to another state.We used to call Mark," Goliath", But like others have said he was a gentle giant. God bless Mark’s wife and watch over his entire family,

Tim Luma

Timothy Gerald Luma - December 10, 2020 at 11:26 AM

AG

Dear Tim, Thank you for the kind words. He considered you a friend and thought highly of you. Take care. Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:20 PM

DS

“ Mark was such a gentle giant and a true kind professional. It was an honor to have known him and worked with him.

Doug Spence - December 09, 2020 at 03:22 PM

AG

Doug, he felt the same way about you. Thank you. Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:21 PM

WS

“ *I was one of the lucky ones to have known Mark. I saw first-hand at Munson his gift as a skilled and compassionate nurse. His kindness served his patients well, and the world is a better place because of him. I will remember Mark foremost for the love he had for his family. 'See you again, my friend!*
Bill Stych

William Stych - December 09, 2020 at 02:30 PM

AG

Dear Bill, he thought you were a wonderful doctor with a great sense of humor. Thank you for the kind words. Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:24 PM

RO

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Mark. Our condolences to the whole Goense family. We will best remember all the Goense family reunions. God bless Mark may he rest in peace. Gloria and Jim DeBri's children*



roberta oliveri - December 09, 2020 at 11:27 AM

PD

“ *Mark was a true gentle man. He will be missed by all who knew him. My condolences to Audrey and family. May our Lord bless you with His peace today and always.*
Pat Drilling

Pat Drilling - December 09, 2020 at 08:56 AM

AG

Thank you so much 💕 Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:25 PM

TM

“ Theresa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mark G. Goense



Theresa Martin - December 08, 2020 at 12:00 PM

AG

Theresa, thank you so much, it's greatly appreciated. Mark would have loved that. Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:30 PM

 Brian Thomas

“ I remember Mark from high school. We had a small group of guys that always hung out. Mark was in the group. We once all had “art of the motion picture” together in school and had to make movies together. Man we had fun. I wish I had copies of the movies.
My condolences to his family. Mark is one of the few out of hundreds of class mates that I remember.

Brian Thomas - December 08, 2020 at 11:43 AM

AG

Brian, thank you for the beautiful memories ❤️ Audrey

Audrey Goense - December 11, 2020 at 01:26 PM

MD

“ I first met Mark on A4 when I was a student nurse and then as a co-worker when I became a RN. We were a couple of old fart nurses who had gone back to school in our later years to get our nursing degrees. Having that in common gave us an instant bond. I still use some of the techniques and tricks that Mark taught me on A4. I fondly tell people how Mark kept me off the night shift by following his lead in taking a day/afternoon flex position. Thanks Mark, I was too old to start my nursing career on the night shift. I think about you often and will miss you knowing you aren't around anymore. Mikey Mark and the Rhythm Strips will never be the same without you my friend!

Mike Dugan - December 07, 2020 at 10:02 PM