



## Mark Andrew Koval

February 24, 1961 - April 12, 2017

TRAVERSE CITY - Mark Andrew Koval, age 56, of Buckley MI, surrounded by his family, passed away peacefully on April 12, 2017. The second of 5 children, born in Detroit, MI, to Frank and Margaret Ann (Brennan) Koval.

Mark had a brilliant mind and a deep, open heart. He loved to work, to problem solve, and help others.

Mark was a man of action, who always stopped when he saw someone in trouble.

In 1982 he married his true love Cindy Lou Rogers, who he first met at high school band camp. Mark loved snow shoeing, kayaking, camping, history, reading, cooking, building, driving and discovering new back roads and blue highways and so much more.

Never one to take things for granted, he always remained grateful for his wife, his family, his community of Traverse City and the beauty in which he lived.

While serving in the United States Army, he was awarded 2 Army Achievement Medals for exceptional leadership, foresight and judgement, and inspiring personnel to exemplary action.

In 1995 Mark moved up to Traverse City to start Overhead Door of Grand Traverse. At the beginning, there was just an empty warehouse, one metal folding chair, a telephone and Mark. From there he and Cindy turned it into the thriving successful business that it is today.

Mark served the Traverse City community as a member and president, of the Traverse City Optimist's Club where he was the pivotal person behind the annual "Duck Race" fundraiser for local youth organizations. Mark was an ambassador, valued member of the operations team, and member of the board of governors, for the National Cherry Festival. Mark is survived by his loving wife Cindy Lou Koval, his brothers and sister: Jim (Betsy) Koval, Tom Koval, Bob (Mary Leslie) Koval, and Kathy (Tom) Gawrych, and also by his nieces and nephews: Benjamin, Matthew, Christopher, Jonathan, and Meghan Koval, Ethan and Lauren Koval, and Emily, Grace and Andrew Gawrych.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 11 a.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, with visitation held one hour prior. Bob Koval will be the officiant. . Memorial contributions may be made to Traverse City Optimist Club and the Cherryland Humane Society.

Please share your thoughts and memories with Mark's family by way of his online guestbook at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

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

# Events

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**APR** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**APR** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I knew Mark through Cherry Festival -- he was appointed to the Board while I was there also. In fact, I did a phone interview with him prior to his being appointed, and was totally impressed before I even met him in person. It was obvious that he was a solid businessman, a genuinely nice person, and someone who was willing to give of himself and his time to NCF. His involvement with us in that capacity, as well as with the OP's team, was truly appreciated. He was a special man ... the world is a better place for Mark having been in it. May he rest in peace. My condolences to his wife Cindy and family, and prayers for all.

With sadness,  
Judy LaCross

Judy LaCross - April 20, 2017 at 08:36 PM

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“ We were very sad to hear of Mark's passing. Our love is with you Cindy, and we are so sorry for this great loss. Mark and Cindy were caring and supportive employers, and more importantly very wonderful human beings. The support you showed our daughter in her fight will never be forgotten. Sincerely, Jeff and Renea Weatherwax

Jeff and Renea Weatherwax - April 19, 2017 at 07:08 AM

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“ Cindy  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was one of my favorite distributors. I was sorry when you sold, but I am even more sorry for your loss. Please except my Deepest Sympathy

Rosemary Dippery  
OHD Pa Plant



Rosemary Dippery - April 18, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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“ Cindy, we are so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Sending our love. Mary Joe and Jeff Bradfield

**Mary Joe Bradfield** - April 17, 2017 at 02:08 PM

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“ Mark and I first met when we wore long hair and bell bottoms, so it's been a long friendship. You always knew exactly what you would get with Mark, friendship, honesty and a willingness to help you any way he could. He was one of the best door men I've ever met and since this is my 42nd year as a door man, I have seen a few. We always knew we could call each other at any time for help, advice or just to relax each other (which was our favorite part). If you didn't feel good or up after a conversation with Mark you were missing his true nature, as I always felt better after a conversation with him which is something that I will now miss. Mark had a positive effect on everyone he met which is a rare thing in us humans. W. Stan Whitaker Jr.

**Stan Whitaker Jr** - April 17, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ Mark was part of a group of new members that transformed the TC Optimist Club in the late 90's. He put his heart into our mission of serving youth and did it with an infectious laugh. He was a gifted businessman and his success in building his company was an inspiration to many of us in the construction industry. I feel as if he always greeted me with a knowing smile/laugh reminding me to not take life or myself too seriously. I smile today as I carry that message with me. Love you my friend. Mike Brown

**Mike Brown** - April 15, 2017 at 03:58 PM

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“ Mark was a cherished member of the Traverse City Optimist Club for many years. He spent many hours helping youth in our area, always with a joyful presence and the true nature of an Optimist. Our club is devastated by losing him.

I send my deepest condolences to Cindy, family and friends. I know that whoever knew Mark will feel a huge loss. God bless you, buddy. May you rest in peace.

With much love...



**Karan Josephus** - April 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM

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“ Rest in Peace old friend. Will always remember the fun times. Thinking if and praying for you Cindy!!

**Glen Rockey** - April 15, 2017 at 06:48 AM

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“ So many good memories both business and personal with Mark. Was always a pleasure to spend time together at meetings and usually talking more about life than business and laughing about both. There is an important piece missing but not forgotten today in the Overhead Door Family. Thoughts and prayers to Cindy and family. Jeff Cline

**Jeff Cline** - April 15, 2017 at 05:28 AM

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“ Worked with Mark for the best part of Twenty Years we often joked that we had worked together longer than some peoples marriages had lasted. I always valued his opinion even though it may not have been the same as my own. His laugh was infectious and he seemed to light up a room. My prayers to Cindy and Marks entire family. I know how much I will miss him I can only imagine what all of you feel. My heart goes out to you all.  
Mike Hill

**Mike Hill** - April 14, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Mark was my son's (Terry Gardner) best friend. They have been friends since high school in Grand Ledge, MI. My prayers are with his family and friends. MaryJane Gardner-Holmes

**MaryJane Holmes** - April 13, 2017 at 07:39 PM