



Mark Loeffelbein

October 20, 2018

Mark Loeffelbein, 53, of Traverse City, Michigan passed away suddenly on October 20, 2018 at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan surrounded by his loved ones.

Mark was born on July 28, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Roger and Elaine Loeffelbein. He had a special loving bond with his parents that was like no other. Their committed dedication to Mark's independence led him to a happy fulfilling life.

Mark traveled to many adventurous places with his parents and sister's family. He loved to watch freighters and he visited the Soo Locks every July with his dad. But Traverse City was Mark's home! He had many friends that made time for him, and he touched the hearts of so many people he interacted with in his community and anywhere he went. He had his favorite places to visit along Garfield during his daily routine including the Beverage Company, Golden-Fowler Home Furnishings, and La Seniorita Restaurant. They all welcomed him with open arms. He will be remembered as affectionate, funny, independent, extremely social, charismatic and loving. If you told him your name you were his friend.

He previously worked at Grand Traverse Industries. He loved to swim in the lake, downhill ski, and ride his moped. He participated in the Special Olympics in swimming and skiing for many years. He loved to read the newspaper, and any books pertaining to transportation or motors. Babies were fascinating to Mark especially if they were crying! Mark's greatest daily enjoyment included Coca-Cola, candy and holding hands. His full smile and joyous laughter made it difficult to deny him these pleasures.

Mark is survived by his loving sister, Diane (Matt) Miller and his beloved nephew Jacob and niece Megan. Also, his aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved to spend time with him. Mark had a special bond with his friend and caregiver Margaret that can't be described with words, once witnessed you were made richer. He was blessed with wonderful social workers who helped him maintain his independence. He was very engaged in the church and enjoyed being embraced by many Christian communities, especially the Traverse Bay Mennonite Church who provided Mark with a second loving family.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, 2018 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, Michigan 49684.

A Mass of Christian Burial honoring Mark will take place at 11:00 a.m., with visitation

starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Christ The King Catholic Church, 3801 Shore Rd., Williamsburg, Michigan 49690. Rev. Fr. Raymond Cotter will officiate.

Burial will be in Acme Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to GTI (Grand Traverse Industries), 2883 Aero Park Dr. Traverse City, MI 49686, a local employer of the disabled.

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

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

Events

NOV **Visitation** 03:00PM - 08:00PM

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

NOV **Visitation** 10:00AM

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Christ the King Catholic Church
3801 Shore Road, Williamsburg, MI, US, 49690

NOV **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 27, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ Dear Elaine and family:

I hardly ever read the Ticker TC (online) but today thought I would get caught up reading a few.

I was so, so surprised to hear of Mark's passing. My deepest heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and also for the passing of Roger.

I adored Mark - we became close as swimming partners and he always lit up my world with his incredible smile!

I will always remember him as one of my favorite clients - a real sweetheart!

I feel so bad that you have had these two losses in your life in a short amount of time.

May God give you his strength and his peace through all of this.

I just know Mark and his dad are watching freighters up in heaven and Roger is having great rounds of golf!

My deepest condolences Elaine, Diane and family.

Love,

Nancy Wright
(Former Trail Administrator)

Nancy Wright - January 20 at 05:25 AM



“ God bless you Mark! We have no doubt that you are in God's loving arms. We will miss your wonderful smile and your visits to Carpet Galleria.

The Carpet Galleria Team

David - November 02, 2018 at 11:04 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Loeffelbein.



November 01, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Loeffelbein.



November 01, 2018 at 08:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Loeffelbein.



October 29, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ RIP Mark you will be missed by all of the crew at Snowmass Sports!

tom wenzel - October 29, 2018 at 12:34 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Mark's passing. His father worked with my father for many years and was always a family favorite. I was sad to hear about other Roger and Elaine's passing. My thoughts go out to Diane. You had a very special family.

Anne Dennon Shuyler

Anne Marie Shuyler - October 28, 2018 at 09:51 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He will be missed at Christ Church Community Meals and on Sunday mornings.

Marilyn - October 26, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ Very sad to hear of Mark's passing. When I worked at Family Fare on 8th St., I always looked forward to Tuesday mornings at 10am when Mark came in to do his shopping. He would stop at the Deli/Bakery and hold my hand and talk for a few minutes. Sometimes I even got a hug from him. After leaving that store and working at the Chums Corners Family Fare I would get the pleasure of giving him a surprise visit by helping out at the 8th St. deli or bakery on an occasional Tuesday Morning. I will miss his smiling face. RIP Mark. Alison

Alison McClerren - October 26, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Loeffelbein.



October 26, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ Mark made my day every time I saw him, he will be greatly missed by everyone at family fare

katie - October 25, 2018 at 01:51 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Mark’s passing. Knowing him made me a kinder person. RIP Mark! To his dear sister and her family, I am sorry for the many losses you have had in the last couple of years. My deepest sympathy! Pat DeYoung

Patricia DeYoung - October 25, 2018 at 12:54 PM



“ I loved seeing Mark at La Seniorita when I worked there. I'm so glad I had a chance to share a last smile and hug with him at Bubba's a couple of weekends ago! Mark was a gem and my heart goes out to his family at this time of loss. I'm hoping you can find comfort in the joyful memories.

Micki - October 24, 2018 at 04:43 PM



“ RIP Mark. I'm going to miss you at the NMC BBQ bonsai show. It was always so nice to sit with you and chat.
Janet Kivell



Janet Kivell - October 24, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ Mark was a unique individual who touched so many many lives in ways that I am sure he never knew. I will never forget his hands and his smile. He used to walk down the road we lived on and would wait at the end of the driveway for someone to acknowledge him. My mom had to go out and get him and explain to him that my dad was totally blind and didn't know he was there. It took a few times of my dad reminding him that he would need to come tell him he was there, but after that they were so hilarious together. My dad would take his hand and then try and describe what he looked like (my dad was good at this) but of course he wanted to make Mark laugh so he would describe him nothing like he actually looked. He will be truly missed.

Jeanie Mallison - October 24, 2018 at 06:48 AM



“ Will always remember Mark, coming into the Family Dollar every morning to get his snacks for the day. RIP Mark.



Chris - October 23, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ Mark, I have known you for as long as I have lived in Michigan. Which is 10 years. You used to come into Ric's in Interlochen and I was the only cashier you wouldn't give a hard time to. You would hold my hand and talk to me until I had another customer. Then I didnt see you for a few years because you moved in to town, but then I started working at Family Dollar in town. You came in every day to buy a Pepsi and M&M's. You recognized me immediately, as I did you, and it was like years hadn't passed. You weren't very pleasant to people all the time, and you would get upset if I wasn't at the store when you came in, but you were my friend. I will never forget the friendship we had. May you rest in peace.



Nicole Pence - October 23, 2018 at 05:21 PM