



Mark J. Manning

January 14, 1960 - March 3, 2025

Mark Jay Manning 65, of Sterling Heights, MI, passed away on March 3rd, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family.

A legend to many, Mark had a gift for bringing people together-whether through the meals he cooked, the music he loved, or the laughter he inspired. His passion for food wasn't just about cooking; it was about sharing and gathering. From the simplest comfort meals to elaborate feasts, his kitchen and his grill were always a place of warmth, conversation, and complete happiness. If you left his home hungry, that was on you.

His love of music knew no boundaries. From classic rock to jazz, country to blues, he found joy in every note and could always be counted on to introduce family and friends to their new favorite song. And if there was music playing-anywhere-he was singing along. But he never sang a song quite the way it was written. He had a talent for changing the lyrics, sometimes subtly, sometimes completely, always in a way that made everyone laugh.

His garage was his kingdom, a place where stories were told, laughs were shared, and time slowed down. Whether he was watching golf, listening to music, or just spending time with family and friends, his garage was always open. And if you sat down at his euchre table, you'd better bring your A-game-though win or lose, there was always another round, another joke, and

another memory in the making.

Above all, Mark was a devoted family man. His deep love for Sandy, his children, grandchildren, and extended family, relation or chosen, was unwavering. He was the kind of person who could turn an ordinary day into a cherished memory, often with a joke so perfectly timed it became legendary. His sense of humor was as much a part of him as his kind heart, quick-witted, playful, and always ready with the perfect one-liner.

He was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Mark leaves behind the love of his life & wife of 46 years, Sandy, his daughters Nicole (Caleb) Schlieff, Heather (Antonio) Celeste, his grandchildren Noah, Elaina, Joseph, Daniel, Aviana, and Marcello. He also leaves behind his siblings Kevin (Becky), Marian (Bill), Charles (Sandra), and Dolores (Luis), as well as many nieces, nephews, and great friends that thought of him as a father. He preceded in death by his sister Diana. His legacy of love, laughter, music, great food, and unforgettable garage hangouts will live on in the hearts and stories of those who knew him.

A celebration of Mark's life will take place on Sunday, March 9, 2025 with a visitation from 12pm-6pm with a funeral service and military honors service at 3pm from the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica . Monday, March 10th at 12:30 p.m. interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Township, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



March 12, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ *Douglas C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.*

Douglas C. - March 10, 2025 at 11:02 AM



“ *Joey C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.*

Joey C. - March 10, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *Margaret M. purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



Margaret M. - March 08, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ *Margaret M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.*

Margaret M. - March 08, 2025 at 01:30 PM

TF

“ *The entire Blanca Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



The entire Blanca Family - March 07, 2025 at 09:02 PM

FM

“ *From Susie Danny, Cindy and Mike. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



From Susie Danny, Cindy and Mike. - March 07, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



March 07, 2025 at 05:02 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.*



March 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark J. Manning.

March 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.



March 07, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.



March 07, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Chantavia, Joe T., Aaron H., & OCS Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.

Chantavia, Joe T., Aaron H., & OCS Team - March 07, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CT

“ Chantavia, Joe T., Aaron H., & OCS Team purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mark J. Manning.



Chantavia, Joe T., Aaron H., & OCS Team - March 07, 2025 at 11:09 AM

AE

“ Aunt Char, Scott, Joan and Kim Eveland purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark J. Manning.



Aunt Char, Scott, Joan and Kim Eveland - March 07, 2025 at 11:02 AM

JY

“ My husband and I had many good times and great memories with Mark and Sandy. Took so many awesome trips with them. Such good times we will always cherish. Loved Marks garage set up it was so much fun to have a few cocktails and enjoy the music and their company. Always a open door anytime you wanted to visit. Mark will be missed

Ken and Jan York

Janet York - March 07, 2025 at 10:15 AM

JY

“ Janet Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.

Janet Y. - March 07, 2025 at 10:09 AM

JC

“ Uncle Mark to me! I have a lot of memories from young to old. As a kid I remember seeing the biggest CD collection of any human possible, as an adult I remember the unreal man cave, his early days of home brewing when he made me a black licorice beer even though I hate black licorice, we laughed on that one. I remember his deep voice and a hug every time I came to the house and of course the food he created. He will be missed by all but I know he left his mark on me and a ton of others. He is sitting up stairs with the guys now and that gives me relief. Rest Easy brother.

jason chenett - March 07, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark J. Manning.

March 07, 2025 at 06:09 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.



March 07, 2025 at 06:09 AM

BB

“ Sending Love, hugs, and prayers to Sandy and her family during this difficult time.
Deepest sympathy Barbara Baker

Barbara Moenaert Baker - March 07, 2025 at 12:32 AM

AF

“ *ALL OUR LOVE, JANET EVELAND AND FAMILY* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark J. Manning.

ALL OUR LOVE, JANET EVELAND AND FAMILY - March 06, 2025 at 09:29 PM

AF

“ *ALL OUR LOVE, JANET EVELAND AND FAMILY* purchased the *Divine Light* for the family of Mark J. Manning.



ALL OUR LOVE, JANET EVELAND AND FAMILY - March 06, 2025 at 09:29 PM

KK

“ *Kevin Kotchi* lit a candle in memory of Mark J. Manning



Kevin Kotchi - March 06, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.



March 06, 2025 at 04:07 PM

MS

“ Mark was a good friend in high school. Lots of good times. So sorry for your families loss!

Monique Stone - March 06, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark J. Manning.



March 06, 2025 at 10:59 AM

ME

“ Mark was the best! He gave the best hugs, made the best jokes, was always there when needed and was a legend in the kitchen! He gave his love, friendship and kindness so generously. Mark loved his family above all. You could see the love and pride in his eyes when he looked at his Sandy, his kids and grandkids. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of his life and to feel some of that love. Mark was one of the good guys, one of the best! He will be missed so much. Love you Mark 💕💕

Mary Eveland - March 05, 2025 at 10:08 PM

DE

“ Mark J. Manning not my brother-in-law, but my brother. The man who always knew when Sandy needed a trip to Wisconsin even if it was a quick one. Mark always put his family first. I will miss you, your laughter, your delicious meals, and especially hearing, "Hey darlin'!" Love you forever and always Your sister Denise Save a spot for us!

Denise E Eveland - March 05, 2025 at 08:46 PM