



Mark E. Murray

February 26, 1959 - October 11, 2019

Mark Edward Murray, age 60

He passed away unexpectedly at his home and has entered into eternal life. Mark was born on February 26, 1959 to Estelle G. (Dropiewski) and John J. Murray in Bad Axe, Michigan. Mark loved to tell stories and cherished his time with his nephew, Matt, and nieces, Alanna and Taylor. Mark also loved airplanes and he and his dad studied together to become licensed single engine pilots. He attended the Paris air show with his brother Kelly. He enjoyed flying model airplanes as well. Mark traveled the United States with a goal to visit every state and drove his Saturn over 250,000 miles and ran a Toyota truck to 355,000 miles. Mark graduated from Cousino High School in Warren in 1977. He then graduated from the Radio Electronics Television School (RETS) in 1979. Mark initially worked for Honeywell in Boston and moved back to Michigan to work at Energy Conversion Devices in Troy. Mark was a vacuum systems technician and maintained machines and facilities. As ECD spun off units, he worked at O.I.S. Ovonic Imaging Systems, Ion-Bond, Nanovation Technologies, and finally United Solar Ovonic. Mark was struck a terrible blow when ECD and United Solar Ovonic filed for bankruptcy and his factory closed. He was very proud of his patent on a gas-insulated gate field effect transistor. Mark dedicated his remaining years touring the 50 states and spending time with family. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and birthday gatherings were always made brighter with Mark's presence. Mark was predeceased by his parents and often visited

their gravesite in Bad Axe. Mark is survived by his sister Colleen (Terry) Farghum of Katy, Texas, John J. Murray II of Sterling Heights, Kelly Murray of Satellite Beach, Florida, Lynn Murray of Charlottesville, Virginia, and Craig (Heather) Murray of East Lansing, Michigan, nephew Matt Farghum and nieces Alanna and Taylor Murray. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mark's memory to the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org or the American Kidney Fund at www.kidneyfund.org.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Wilbert Cremation Services, LLC

44481 Groesbeck Hwy.
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Rosary

OCT 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
44633 Utica Road
Utica, MI 48317

Tribute Wall

TM

“ I'm sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Our condolences to the family.

I grew up across the street and the Murray's house was a gathering place for all of the kids in the neighborhood, whether playing running bases on the side lot or an epic nighttime game of tag or kick the can. I learned how to sail with Mark and John on their Sunfish sailboat. During the summer Mark and I would hang out in our tree fort and have sleep overs in a tent in the backyard.

Tim Mann

Tim Mann - October 21, 2019 at 09:57 AM

LK

“ May your sorrow be lifted by the love that surrounds you.
With Deepest Sympathy

Louise Krease and family

Louise Krease - October 18, 2019 at 11:26 AM

PM

“ I'm sad to here of Mark's passing. I've thought of him often over the years as we were school mates since Junior high and played on the 8th grade undefeated champs. He was easy going and always positive person. RIP

Phil Matthes - October 18, 2019 at 10:01 AM

MV

“ Colleen, John, Kelly, Lynn and Craig I am so very sorry to hear about Mark's passing.
All of us on Alger St. grew up together as one big family and it feels unreal that we have lost another dear soul. Mieken

Mieken VanderWaerden - October 16, 2019 at 08:36 PM

EG

“ I'm sorry to learn of Marks passing. I graduated from Cousino High School with him and remember him as a nice guy. May he rest in peace.

Eugene Groesbeck - October 16, 2019 at 05:31 PM

KV

“ So sorry to hear the news of Mark's passing. My condolences to the family.

Growing up together, the neighborhood was like extended family, remember getting asked spur of the moment by Mark and Doug Burcz to join them going to the movies as I pulled out along side their car on Alger with my bicycle, was happy to go--just one of a lot of great memories of what life was like back then.

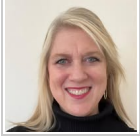
--Karl VanderWaerden

Karl VanderWaerden - October 16, 2019 at 04:48 PM

BM

My condolences to all Mark's family. I had many great times at the Murray house playing pincochle or euchre. Lots of great memories of everyone.

Bob Mann - October 21, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. May God bless Mark and your family. Karen Labenz*

Karen Labenz - October 16, 2019 at 04:02 PM