



Mark A. Ackerman

October 30, 1962 - June 16, 2024

Mark A. Ackerman age 61 of Warrenville, IL passed away on Sunday June 16, 2024 at his home. He was born on Oct. 30, 1962 in Sterling, IL the son of John and Janet Beth (Reed) Ackerman. Mark was an operating engineer for the Local 150 for 34 years. He enjoyed model trains, slot cars, and his garden. Mark married Betty Jo Newcomer on Aug. 15, 1987 in Ohio, IL. She preceded him in death on June 27, 2020. He is also preceded in death by his mother Beth Ackerman. Mark is survived by his children Jason (Cheryl Petersen) Ackerman of Warrenville, Luke (Tonya Clayton) Ackerman of Dixon, Katie (Jason) Park of North Aurora, 8 grandchildren Samantha (Kyle) Allen, Haley (Reece Lynch) Ackerman, Nicole Ackerman, Anthony Ackerman, Blake Ackerman, Lilly Ackerman, Baron Ackerman, Orion Park, 2 great grandchildren Mark Allen, Natalie Allen, his father John Ackerman of Ohio, IL, 2 brothers Jack (Vicky) Ackerman of Princeton, and Keith (Lisa) Ackerman of Ohio, IL. Funeral services will be on Friday June 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Burial will follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon. Visitation will be on Friday June 21, 2024 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. A memorial has been established to the American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens

1121 N. Galena Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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204 South Ottawa
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Tribute Wall

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“ For some of us, he was a beloved member of our family.. to others, he was a neighbor, a coworker, or perhaps an old drinking buddy. However you knew him, he left a remarkable, unique impression on each of us. But one thing about my grandpa was that he never once met a stranger. From the moment you walked into his life, you were treated as family.

The Mark I knew was a man of tradition, generosity, and childlike wonder.

Grandpa worked long hours and late nights for years, enabling grandma Betty to stay home and care for their three children. His hard work provided for them well. When he came home, he was a family man to the bone.

For some, sharing a 1300 sq ft home with around 14 people on short notice would sound like a nightmare. But for grandpa, this was just your average tuesday.

No need to fuss. Just order some Arnie's pizza, help yourself to the soda, and we'll break out a deck of cards. Party ends just before sunrise!

He knew life took discipline and perseverance, but he found a beautiful balance.

His kindness knew no bounds.

*The man has had *someone's* baby in his arms for the past 35 years. Many people feel that raising their own children was a long enough sentence, but as you may have noticed in the photos today, grandpa mark never tired of a baby's giggle (or passed up a chance to nap). Our childhood talent shows always received a standing ovation. And he was just as excited for a trip to Toys R Us.*

His home was a safe haven where mistakes were forgiven time and time again, where he showed us patience and support, and doled out constructive Criticism when we needed to hear it. When extra love was needed, we could find it there.

He never brushed off things that mattered to his family. He always made time to listen to us vent or help us brainstorm.

Many mornings of my childhood were spent sitting on his kitchen counter, watching him enjoy his sacred morning coffee. He would tell me to be quiet while he screwed his head on straight, but I never listened. I would go on and on seeking stories, advice, his opinions on the news... He would look at me through half open eyes with pure disdain, as he sipped silently. But when he finished, it was clear he listened intently and was formulating a well thought out response the whole time. He never left me hanging, and always made me laugh until my face hurt.

He was a busy man. always working on something. A home project, his yard, a model train set... or whatever we broke. He would sit beside us until it worked better than before, but made sure he taught us something useful so we can get further on our own next time. Even when he was learning it for the first time, too.

I have watched him do hours of research, preparing to advocate for his family on different occasions, just in case he needed to.

Grandpa personally ensured that we had what we needed to extend the same compassion to those we loved. He has helped friends of the family in difficult times, saw that struggling families had a memorable christmas, and he made every waitress in the surrounding area smile at least once.

He touched the lives of so many that only knew him briefly.

His generosity was quiet, but powerful. He would never mention these moments again, but we never forgot them. And we never will.

Grandpa had a zest for life, and wanted others to experience the best this world has to offer right beside him.

Sure, he loved the Dells and Las Vegas, but the best things in life were simple.

Watching a thunderstorm from his garage was the best way to

spend a summer night.

country music never sounded better than it did coming from his jeep's radio.

The only two pairs of shoes he ever needed were cowboy boots & his work boots.

The best ice cream and cookies came from his own kitchen, shared with anyone that stopped by.

He said "i love you" with every thing he did.

When you were in his presence, you knew three things for certain:

- 1. Everything was going to be okay.*
- 2. You were about to have a great time.*
- 3. There would *most definitely* be food.*

Grandpa, we all love you, too.

Thank you for all of the wonderful memories and lessons.

Thank you for every bear hug or kiss on the forehead.

And thank you for being a shining example of what it means to love with your whole heart.

Thank you for everything.

Words cannot express how greatly you will be missed here on earth. But its comforting to know your spirit will live on forever, home with grandma now, cracking up every time our kids do something crazy, just like you promised.

I hope you two are having a blast.

As we say goodbye to my grandpa Mark today, i hope we each leave here upholding his values of community, hospitality, and a job well done. feeling gratitude for life's simple pleasures. And trying not to take ourselves too seriously.

May he rest in paradise.

Samantha Allen - June 22, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JJ

“ Josh & Jacki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark A. Ackerman.

Josh & Jacki - June 21, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.



June 21, 2024 at 01:53 PM

MC

“ Mary C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark A. Ackerman.

Mary C. - June 20, 2024 at 07:51 PM

WF

“ Wilbur & Laurene. Jeff and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark A. Ackerman.

Wilbur & Laurene. Jeff and family - June 20, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.



June 20, 2024 at 11:34 AM

HF

“ Hochstein Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark A. Ackerman.

Hochstein Family - June 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.



June 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM

JP

“ Johnson Harkness & Park purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.



Johnson Harkness & Park - June 20, 2024 at 10:20 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.



June 20, 2024 at 07:47 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.*



June 18, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *I love you grandpa rest in peace bye grandpa I'm gonna miss you so much rest in peace with Jesus I'm here for you love you*

Nicole Ann Ackerman - June 17, 2024 at 05:25 PM



“ *Donna, Mindy, Sarah, & Jen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark A. Ackerman.*



Donna, Mindy, Sarah, & Jen - June 17, 2024 at 05:01 PM