



Mark H. Hobson

January 14, 1960 - November 24, 2025

Mark H Hobson, age 65 of Libertyville, IL, passed away on November 24, 2025. He was born on January 14, 1960 to Stanley and Virginia C (Heatherly) Hobson.

Mark is survived by his wife of 40 years Michelle M Hobson, his daughter Cassandra L Geske (Matt), and his son Christian S Hobson (Elizabeth); his brothers Jeff (Colleen) and Christopher (Cindy), and his sister Laurie (Rich) Eckert; grandson Finley Geske, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents (Stanley and Virginia Clare), his sister Stephanie Gutner and his infant brother Stanley Jr.

Mark grew up in Mundelein, IL and in his youth he joined the Boy Scouts of America which ultimately led to a lifetime commitment to that organization. As a youth he attained the rank of Eagle and was a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. As an adult in scouting he was an Assistant Scout Master in Troop 71 and active in both the Wilderness Engineering Society and the Tamarack Social Club, spending countless volunteer hours at Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan in Pearson, WI. Some of his closest friends are scouting friends.

Upon graduating from Mundelein H.S. in 1978, he attended the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology with emphasis in Deviance and Social Control as well as Family and Socialization.

After graduating from college, Mark spent his entire 30-year career in law enforcement. The majority of his service was with the County of Lake as a

Deputy Sheriff, working in the jail, work release, courts, patrol, and detective bureau. His favorite position was during his time in the Detective Bureau where he was assigned to the Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (LCMEG) as an undercover narcotics Agent/Supervisor.

Outside of work, Mark loved scuba diving with his wife, cheering on the Chicago Bears, biking, smoking meat or a great cigar, working on his 1952 Studebaker truck with his son Christian, and giving his time and talent at both community and religious functions.

In 2012 Mark converted to Catholicism and became a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville. He was heavily involved with ministries and faith groups including the Men's Ministry, Adult Formation, Social Justice (Food Pantry, Bed Building, Soup Kitchen), and Knights of Columbus. He and Michelle attended daily mass the past 13 years and established very cherished friendships through faith.

After a lifetime of service, it was only appropriate that Mark donated his organs to help save lives.

Revelation 3:20-22

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, (then) I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me. I will grant the victor the right to sit with me on my throne, as I myself won the victory and sit with my Father on his throne.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday, December 1, 2025 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) in Libertyville. A funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple Ave. in Libertyville. For those who can't make a livestream link is available on the funeral home website for mass. A private interment will follow mass to Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to Mark's love for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Won, <https://gofund.me/0cda4edd7> or to One Tree Planted, <https://onetreepanted.org/products/gift-trees>.

Funeral Mass Live Stream Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/P_A-2Wj_Qc4

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Mass

DEC 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
121 E. Maple Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnett-Dane Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mark H. Hobson*



Burnett-Dane Funeral Home - November 26, 2025 at 10:51 AM

KV

Michelle and family I am so sorry for your sudden loss. My prayers are with you all!

*Sincerely,
Kristen Larsen Vedder*

Kristen Vedder - November 28, 2025 at 08:01 AM

JH

Hi Michelle, I knew Mark from the Men's Legacy weekends. He was a good and faithful Catholic, and I was very proud to have made his acquaintance. Rest assured that he now is safely ensconsed in our Father's arms with his loved ones in heaven. With prayers and sympathy, +Deacon/Attorney John Haderlein

John Haderlein - December 02, 2025 at 10:18 AM

EW

I served with Mark briefly in the late 90's with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's office. He was my partner and we had great times at work. I lost track of him after a visit to Chicago where we went to a game with our other partner April. I thought of Mark today as I sit watching the Bears make another run for the superbowl. I know he's watching the game today with the best seats in the house. RIP partner, 10-42. GO BEARS.....

Edward whiteman - January 18 at 08:39 PM

LB

“ Dear Michelle and family:

I was not blessed with the opportunity to know Mark, but I am blessed with the friendship of Sharon and Sheila Dorsey. I was able to watch Mass today with Sharon, and we both appreciated being able to join our prayers to yours. Sharon shared stories, including how she, her dear sister Sheila and her Mama attended your beautiful wedding. Her words in describing Mark were along the lines of the fact that he was like a big, smiling, joyful polar bear who always took care of everyone. You all mean the world to Sharon, and I share her messages of love and condolences to you all.

*In His Peace,
Lynn Brandl*

Lynn Brandl - December 02, 2025 at 03:25 PM

LY

“ Lynda Y. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Hobson.

Lynda Y. - December 02, 2025 at 12:32 PM

HA

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

Heather A. - December 02, 2025 at 12:19 PM

SL

“ Dear Michelle, We are so sorry for your loss. Our condolences to you and your family during this difficult. We made a donation to Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan. We appreciate everything you have done for our Mom, Catherine (Kitty). Sincerely Mary Justus and Sara Latham (Daughters of Catherine Braus)

Sara Latham - December 01, 2025 at 06:13 PM

JB

“ I miss you #780...see ya soon Brother.



Jeffrey Burke - December 01, 2025 at 02:40 PM

TF

“ The LCMEG Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mark H. Hobson.



The LCMEG Family - December 01, 2025 at 11:01 AM

NC

“ Dear Michelle, Cass, and Christian,
I'm so sorry for your loss. I was shocked and very sad to hear the news of Mark's passing. He has always been a great friend (even from a distance) and always so easy to get along with and so damn funny. He was always one of the top people I looked forward to seeing at a Makajawan gathering. I will miss him. We wish you peace in this very difficult time.

— Neil, Dawn, and Grace

Neil Christerson - December 01, 2025 at 09:31 AM

WF

“ With love, Shannon Curtin & family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark H. Hobson.



With love, Shannon Curtin & family - December 01, 2025 at 09:22 AM

FO

“ Dear Michelle and family,

I'm so sorry to hear that Mark died. I know he was an inspiration to many people. I'm glad to know that he is now watching over all of you from Heaven. My heart aches for you.

Sincerely, Frances O'Hern

Frances O'Hern - November 30, 2025 at 06:29 PM

JW

“ Judge Waldeck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark H. Hobson.



Judge Waldeck - November 28, 2025 at 09:38 AM

TC

“ Dearest Michelle, Ceil and I are grieving your loss. I thank God for Mark being part of my life. My CRHP team gave the weekend to him and team 19. When Larry Gundrum began the monthly Thursday nights men's meeting is when I was able to see how much the Holy Spirit was with Mark. I cherish every one of those meetings especially listening to his faith journey which you were so big a part of. His reflections at these gatherings have meant so much to me and I will never forget what an impact he has been on my life. May our dear God continue to be with you and your family. Yours in Christ, Tom Curley

Tom Curley - November 27, 2025 at 11:31 AM

TC

“ The Wilderness Engineering Society crew purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark H. Hobson.



The Wilderness Engineering Society crew - November 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

TC

“ The Wilderness Engineering Society crew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Hobson.

The Wilderness Engineering Society crew - November 27, 2025 at 09:37 AM

JH

“ John H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Hobson.

John H. - November 27, 2025 at 09:17 AM

MF

“ Mark, you will be missed by many. I enjoyed our time Scouting together at Wood Badge and WES. Please say hello to Buff when you see him up in heaven. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. God Speed Brother!

Michael Fries - November 26, 2025 at 04:45 PM

LF

“ Love, the Chudy family purchased the Serene Re treat for the family of Mark H. Hobson.



Love, the Chudy family - November 26, 2025 at 03:40 PM

LF

“ Love, the Chudy family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Hobson.

Love, the Chudy family - November 26, 2025 at 03:40 PM

DV

“Michelle, Cassandra, and Christian..we are deeply saddened by the passing of Mark. He was a giant of a man, with a heart of gold. We will miss him greatly, especially at our Bed Builds and other activities within our Bed Ministry, as an EOM at & am Mass, and as a member of and volunteer of many events in our Men's Ministry. May he now Rest in Peace in the Kingdom of Heaven. Dennis & Kathy Valentini

Dennis & Kathy Valentini - November 26, 2025 at 02:36 PM



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



November 26, 2025 at 08:32 AM



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



November 26, 2025 at 08:20 AM

BS

“ *Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan East Camp Waterfront Staff 1978. Photo by Michael Swanson*



Bonita Swanson - November 25, 2025 at 08:10 PM

BS

Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan East Camp Waterfront Staff 1978. Photo by my husband, Michael Swanson.

Bonita Swanson - November 25, 2025 at 08:11 PM



Laurie Eckert - November 25, 2025 at 09:08 PM

CF

Best Place In The World with the Best Guy.

Christopher Fardoux - November 25, 2025 at 09:38 PM

IR

“ *Iris R. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark H. Hobson.*

Iris R. - November 25, 2025 at 07:02 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott Smith - November 25, 2025 at 06:31 PM

RR

“ I’ve been Mark’s friend for almost 50 years. It is completely fitting that his final act of organ donation was in service to others. So long old friend.

Rick Rohrer - November 25, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Scott Smith - November 25, 2025 at 06:16 PM

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Woodbadge Staff 2016

Scott Smith - November 25, 2025 at 06:18 PM