



Mark R. Mule

October 24, 1964 - December 23, 2025

Mark R. Mulé, 61, passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at his home in Libertyville, IL. He was born October 24, 1964 in Brookhaven, MS and was exceptionally talented from a young age, taking to percussion and the trap set like they were an extension of his body. He was awarded a full scholarship at Northwestern University, but left a year short of graduating to go on the road as a professional musician. He performed as a percussionist in traveling Broadway shows and musicals including Miss Saigon, Pal Joey, Disney on the Record, Fame, Dreamgirls, Fosse, Grease, Les Misérables and Mama Mia. He is remembered fondly by friends as a caring and thoughtful person and spent years helping his ailing father and stepmother. Challenged by back pain and mental health concerns, he retired to a quiet life filled with music and cooking.

Surviving is his sister, Lisa (Steve) Robinson; stepmother, Julie Mulé and by nephews, Alex & Jesse Black and Nick (Keri) & Luke Schmidt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John & Sandra Mulé and by a sister, Lynn Schmidt.

Private family services will be held where he was happiest, in Sarasota, FL. Arrangements by Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Memorial donations may be directed to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Lake County. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ 3 files added to the album Mark at LHS



Jeanne Pace - January 01 at 10:01 PM

SW

“ Mark was a **TREMENDOUS** inspiration for me. I knew I needed music in my life from an early age, and I recognized what a **drumming monster** we had at Oak Grove with us. We had an **AWESOME** band director Mr. Mac - who gave us freedom. Mark took that freedom and shared it with us all. I never had a set lesson in my life, I learned by watching (and listening to) the **VERY BEST**. And **OH HOW CUTE MARK WAS!!** I had the **BIGGEST** crush on him. □

Love you, Lisa - so sorry - **PEACE TO ALL.**

Sarah Walczyk - December 29, 2025 at 10:21 AM

GK

“ Miss you cousin. Sorry I didn't get to see you for all these years, after Lynn Marie passed away. Miss all of you

Gina Kalter - December 28, 2025 at 12:42 AM

MJ

“ I was in jazz band with Mark. It was always clear he had a special talent and was a kind person.

michael jenkins - December 27, 2025 at 03:04 PM

KP

“ Mark was family to me. Growing up, his sister Lisa was my best friend, and I spent an enormous amount of time at their house. Lisa, Mark and I were all in the Oak Grove Percussion Section together. Drummers. Banging on tables and the seats of the bus and desks at school.

When Mark got his drum set, the Mulé household was constantly filled with the sound of loud rock music and Mark drumming along. He played at all hours and became the excellent drummer everyone came to know. He would do solos at our school, this small kid, a real standout.

I still remember the last time we spoke. I called him late at night from a smoky bar, when a drummer friend had forgotten his cymbals. Mark was so excited and eager to help. I knew we could rely on him.

So many memories of my sort of brother. Tears and condolences to all of Mark's loved ones.

Kathryn Price - December 27, 2025 at 01:16 PM

JR

“ I was in the band with Mark. Great memories. Rest in peace my old friend.

Jim Riesterer - December 27, 2025 at 01:07 PM

SM

“ I was in the LHS band with Mark. He was such a kind person. Rest in Peace friend.

Sharon McGinnis McNally - December 27, 2025 at 12:27 PM