



Mark Wesley Whitaker

July 5, 1954 - November 6, 2013

Mark W. Whitaker, 59, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and daughters on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2013. He was born July 5, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio and had been a Mundelein resident since 1991. He was a graduate of Carthage Community High School, received his degree in music education from Illinois Wesleyan University and his masters degree from Southern Methodist University. Mark attended the United Methodist Church in Libertyville and was a mentor at work, serving with integrity for 26 years at Medline Industries in Mundelein. He enjoyed playing the piano and fishing and boating on the Wisconsin River. Surviving are his wife Pam (Logan) Whitaker, whom he met at 16 years old and recently had their 37th wedding anniversary; Daughters, Sarah (Kyle) Solomon of Machesney Park and Molly Whitaker of Mundelein; his parents, James and Lois Whitaker of Taylorville, IL, in-laws, Jerry and Mary Logan of Carthage, IL; sister, Anne (David) McMullen and brother, Broderick Whitaker. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 at the United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Ave. Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mark Whitaker can be made to the Illinois Wesleyan University Parent Fund or Illinois Wesleyan University School of Music. Info: 847-362-3009 or please sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Pam and family, Uncle Jim and Aunt Lois, Anne and family, Brod and family, our deepest sympathies. Mark was such a fighter; we are so sorry that cancer got a good one.

Cynthia and Steve Jeffries - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

GM

“ God so graciously opened the gates of heaven to admit another angel into his fold. I am certain that Grandpa, Grandma, and dad meet Mark with arms open and a piano awaiting his gift of music. I pray that each of you find peace in the knowledge that Mark is free of his earthly pain and know his love will always surround you each day.

Love your cousin/niece,

Gretch

Gretchen Myers-Feiste - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JP

“ We were all very saddened to hear the news that Mark had passed away. I'm glad we shared so many years together working with and enjoying the kids as they performed in showchoir together. You are all in our thoughts at this difficult time. Peace to all of you.

Joe & Judy Piontowski - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JL

“ What a great guy. If you want to learn how to be a decent and caring human being, you look at the legend that is Mark Whitaker.

Jimmy Litz - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

SJ

“ Dear Pam and Family, Aunt Lois, Uncle Jim, Ann, Brod, Greg and I are so sorry for your loss. I completely agree with what Gretchen said. There is beautiful music being played in heaven.
All my love,
your cousin/niece,
Diane

S. Diane (Whitaker) Johnson - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

LS

“ I had the privilege of working with such a kind man. He will be missed but always be in heart.

Laura Standing - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

DW

“ Dear Pam and family, Uncle Jim and Aunt Lois, Anne and family, Brod and family so sad to hear of Marks passing, he had put up such a courageous battle for so many years. He will be missed that wonderful smile and fun loving attitude he had about life.

Dan Whitaker - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

PB

“ Pam and family, Uncle Jim and Aunt Lois, Anne and family, and Brod and family - you have all been through so much helping Mark through his battle for so long. Love to each of you and may he find peace. Despite the battle, I know there were many years of joy. Hold on to those memories most closely.

Love,

Pam (Whitaker), Brent, Cansas, and Jack Buckalew

Pam Buckalew - June 29, 2018 at 02:03 PM

MR

“ On behalf of Community Hospital Services it has been our pleasure to have known Mark. Our thoughts and prayers for his family. Your memories will keep him close forever. God Bless.

Maxine Rigg - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

RW

“ I remember Mark in high school as always full of life and vitality, with a remarkably positive attitude. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Randy Webb - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

KE

“ With deepest sympathy to all of you during this most difficult time. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless you and give you strength.

Sincerely,
Karen Erickson

Karen Erickson - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

CB

“ Love to you Pam and your daughters. My heart aches for you and your family. Mark was a wonderful man and I know you all will carry wonderful memories and smiles with you always. God Bless, Carla Beck and family.

Carla Beck - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

CW

“ Anne & David (McMullen)-
Your brother brought so many happy moments in your life and left you with a treasure trove of memories. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this difficult loss.

Connie & Darlene Werts - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

MH

“ Mark will be missed. He was a pleasure to work with. A kind and caring man.

mark J. Hoenemeyer - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

JH

“ My sincere condolences on Mark's passing. twenty years ago I entered the medical laundry business and Mark was an early supporter. Mark was a true gentleman and always honest with his advice. In life you don't get to meet many like Mark, a true love for life and always talked about his family. He will be missed.

James Hall - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

SW

“ So Sorry to hear of Marks passing!! He was a really GREAT KID. I'm sure he was a WONDERFUL MAN!!! My Thoughts and Prays are with you All!!! Susan Hess Wood

Susan Hess Wood - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

JF

“ Mark and I shared many a conversation over dinners at conventions. He was great friend that will be truly missed.

Jerry Fry - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM

BJ

“ I just learned of Mark's passing. I am sorry to hear this and I would like to offer my condolences to the family.

Mark and I lived on the same floor in the dorm our freshman year. Our friendship continued throughout our time at IWU being we were both music majors. Even though we have not spoken in sometime, I still treasure Mark's friendship.

Bob Jackson

Bob Jackson - April 27, 2018 at 06:14 AM