



Mark Richard Bahlman

August 8, 1957 - April 1, 2019

Mark R. Bahlman, 61, of Union City, passed away on Monday, April 1, 2019 at Glenn Arbor Hospice Residence in Battle Creek after a brief illness.

A celebration of Mark's life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Union City. Visitation will also be held at the church, from 10:00-11:00 AM, just prior to the funeral on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Mark was born on August 8, 1957 in Pontiac, MI, the son of Richard and Micki (Meyer) Bahlman. He moved with his parents in 1969 to Union City. Mark was a 1975 graduate of Union City High School. Following graduation, he worked on the family farm and later started driving semi for Swift Eckrich in Quincy and other trucking companies, until recently. His love was farming. Mark loved going to tractor and antique farm shows. He restored a 1950 Ford Pickup which he was so proud of and took it to many shows and parades. Mark enjoyed music and attended singles dances in the tri-state area on Saturday nights. He also participated in many bowling leagues. He always had a black lab by his side. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Mark is survived by his mother; a brother, Steve (Doni) Bahlman; a sister, Lori Bahlman; a nephew, Ryan Christy; a niece, Elly (Corey) Markos; and a great-nephew, Witt Markos. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Bahlman; a niece, Whitney Bahlman; his grandparents, Herman and Sarah Meyer and Walter and Violet Bahlman.

Memorials may be directed to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Union City.

Cemetery

Oak Grove Cemetery

898 West Chicago Street

Coldwater, MI, 49036

Comments



“ Gary & Linda Smith lit a candle in memory of Mark Richard Bahlman



Gary & Linda Smith - April 08 at 09:10 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of Marks passing. It was a total shock. I met Mark at the singles dances and we became friends. He stopped coming to the dances and nobody really knew why. He was on the quite and shy side. I enjoyed dancing with him and am sorry I haven't tried calling him. He was a nice guy and a good person. I thought we kind of connected. Still can't believe he's gone. I know he was faithful to his church and loved his Mom dearly. Sincerely, Joanie White (Sturgis, MI)

Joan White - April 02 at 08:05 PM



“ I would like to send my condolences to the family in Mark's passing. Mark was the best man in my brother's wedding and was around for many family events. He was always friendly and had a great smile. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sharon Lahr Mills

Sharon Mills - April 02 at 06:27 PM



“ Condolences,,Micki Lori and family my thoughts and prayers are sent out to yourfamily

mary smith - April 02 at 05:57 PM



“ It's been many years since I've seen Mark. We were in Jaycees together. I remember Mark's great smile and warm personality. RIP Mark and condolences to the family.
Lori Poyer



“ Dear Micki, Lori and Steve -

I am sending kindness, compassion and sympathy to each of you.

It was such a shock to hear that Mark was in the hospital and then so quickly passed away.

You must all still be processing what doesn't quite seem real yet. I am hoping that sharing some memories might help some.

Mark was nearly always smiling when I saw him - just like the picture you chose. Even when life didn't turn out as he'd hoped and he was sad there was still a smile of recognition and friendly words of hello. He sure enjoyed talking and he could most definitely talk a person's ear off - as the saying goes! Mark was never one to leave out even the slightest of details that might prove to be necessary when telling a story.

As you all know, Mark was a big presense in my early married life with Phil. He was Phil's Best Man at the wedding and helped us decorate the hall and carry in supplies. He loved to dance and our wedding was one where he did a lot of dancing. The Carp Rodeo was another annual event where he had a lot of fun dancing. His wedding reception at the farm pole barn was another very happy day for him with a lot of dancing as well!

We went on a few couples trips together and several antiquing excursions to Centerville and other markets. Mark liked to drive even more than Phil and he was one of the few drivers that Phil was comfortable with being a passenger. So Mark drove us in his nicely maintained trucks which were always immaculate. Even when his vehicles were less than perfectly clean in his eyes - they were impeccable compared to most!

Although our interests and life choices took us all in different directions - and an ongoing closeness throughout the years wasn't maintained - I will always fondly remember a youthful, happy Mark.

With loving thoughts,

Robin Craydon Lahr

Robin Lahr - April 01 at 08:50 PM



“ My heart is saddened by you loss Micki. "To Every Thing there is a a Season and A Time to Every Purpose under Heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1
Be Ye of Strong Faith my Friend, Sharon

Sharon Goble - April 01 at 07:43 PM



“ Sharon L Goble lit a candle in memory of Mark Richard Bahlman



Sharon L Goble - April 01 at 07:07 PM