



Mark Downing

October 15, 1962 - April 5, 2013

Obituary of Mark Downing

LEESBURG - Mark Frederick Downing, 50, of Leesburg, Florida, died April 5, 2013 after a brief illness. He was born in Rochester, New Hampshire on October 15, 1962. He had been a Leesburg resident since 2004.

He was a graduate of Spaulding High School (Rochester, New Hampshire) Class of 1980, as well as the New Hampshire Community Technical College Class of 1996 with a degree in Culinary Arts.

He worked as a chef at the New Hampshire State Prison, as well as at the New Hampshire State Hospital; he was the Food Service Director at the Maplewood Nursing Home of Cheshire County New Hampshire, prior to his move to Florida. After moving to Florida he became the Food Service Director at Bayview Center in Eustis, Florida; he then worked with the elderly repairing electric wheelchairs, chairlifts and elevators. In his final endeavor, he followed his dream and became the proud owner of a state of the art mobile kitchen, servicing Lake County, Florida.

He was a member and former officer of Rising Star Lodge No. 47 F. & A.M. in Newmarket, New Hampshire; Past Worshipful Master of Harmony Lodge No. 38 F. & A.M. in Hillsboro, New Hampshire; a charter member of the William Pitt Tavern Lodge, Portsmouth, NH; a 32nd degree Mason; a member of Bahia Temple of Shriners in Orlando, Florida; as well as a member of the Lake County Shrine Club, Tavares, Florida.

In addition to his partner Lori J. Misso and her daughter Nicole of Leesburg, Florida, survivors include his mother, Jean Kennedy Downing of Leesburg, Florida, brother Charles S. Downing and wife Bonnie of South Berwick, Maine, sister, Katheryn A. Downing of Dover, New Hampshire, daughters Jennifer Yeung of Attleboro, Massachusetts, Elaine Yeung of Jackson, Wyoming, and Elisa Yeung of Brighton, Massachusetts.

A memorial gathering will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 17th, at the Lake County Shrine Club, 424 Duncan Drive, Tavares, Florida 32778. A burial at the Riverside Cemetery in Alton, New Hampshire will be announced at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Lake County Shrine Club, P.O. Box 1744, Tavares, Florida 32778, or to Harmony Lodge No. 38 F. & A.M., P.O. Box 1185 Hillsborough, New Hampshire 03244.

Services

A memorial gathering will take place at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 17th, at the Lake County Shrine Club, 424 Duncan Drive, Tavares, Florida 32778.

Interment

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My thoughts and prayers to your family. I am very sorry to hear of mark's passing. He was a good childhood friend. He will be missed!* ”

Joel DuBois - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *To: Jean Kennedy Downing, Mother of Mark F. Downing----Dear Jean, So very sorry to learn of son Marks passing--it is so very difficult to lose a son. We lost one of our twin sons at age 43 so we know the headache it brings. And, of course, I lost my mom, Mildred Coppins at the age of 48 so losing loved ones at such young ages is heart-wrenching. Herb and I live in Wolfeboro and think of you so often as we pass your former family home with the garage still standing there in Alton. Please know we are thinking of you Jean and sharing in your pain. Our sympathy to you and Marks brothers and sisters. Sue & Herb MacMartin* ”

Sue Coppins MacMartin - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mark was a very dear friend. We have many wonderful memories of special days spent with him and his family. We are deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Our sincere sympathy to all his loved ones.* ”

The Royal Pizza Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *My deepest regrets to the whole family. Mark and I shared many good years together at Harmony Lodge. I am sure he will be missed as he left an impression on all who new him. Gerald McHugh, Past Master Harmony Lodge* ”

Gerald McHugh - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM