



Robert J. Mark

May 19, 1945 - August 30, 2021

Robert James Mark (Major, US Army Ret.) of The Villages died on August 30, 2021, after a two-year courageous battle with cancer. He was 76 years old. He was a loving, and devoted husband and father. Bob was an outgoing, friendly and kind man who will be dearly missed by those whose paths he crossed.

Bob is survived by his wife, Sue, His children, Heather Mark Horsey (Philip) of Wilmington, DE, and Robert Arnold Mark (Susan Bailey) of Newark, DE; three grandchildren, Riley Ella Horsey, Robert Sullivan Mark and Marshall Thomas Mark; a sister, JoAnne Mark Parke Gerhardt, of Orange City and a brother, John Stover Mark of Port Ritchey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Kleckner Mark and Alice Dowling Mark. Bob was born in Rochester, Pennsylvania and grew up in Beaver, Pennsylvania where he was a member of the Beaver Area High School class of 1963. Following his graduation in 1967 from Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania with a degree in accounting, Bob was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army.

He served on active duty, with distinction, for 20 years. After retirement from military in 1988, Bob began a second career as the Business Manager and Facilities Manager of the Independence School in Newark, DE. During Bob's

time at Independence School, he was instrumental in its growth and the development of its beautiful suburban campus. His work ethic and attitude served as a role model for students as well as employees.

He and his wife, Sue, retired to The Villages in 2007 where he pursued an active lifestyle, including golf, dancing, cruising, and gourmet cooking. He made lasting friendships that he treasured. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, where he served on the Disaster Immediate Relief Team, and as an usher.

Bob was an avid sports fan his entire life, supporting teams in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Lil' Bits Café, located in Palm Ridge Plaza, 11962 Co Rd 101 #403, The Villages, FL 32162 on Monday, September 20, 2021 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Lady Lake, Florida.

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Bob will always hold a special place in my heart. He was one of the first friends my brother and I made when we moved to Beaver. He spent a lot of time at our house and my mom and his mom became friends. When he left for the service, his sister and I kept him well informed of the local news with the letters we shared with him. When he came home, he gave his sister and myself some beautiful opal jewelry for keeping in touch while he was away. I cherish the opal ring and it will always be a reminder of a very dear friend. May God comfort and give peace to Sue and the family . Love Marsha and Bill Hays

Marsha Hays - September 21, 2021 at 01:58 PM

JB

“ Sue and Family I'm sorry for your loss. Bob and I worked at Tierra Del Sol Golf Club for many years. We had a lot of fun and made each other and others around us laugh. I will remember him and the fun times we had. I wish you Peace and Love in this time of sorrow.

Joel

Joel Bornhorst - September 15, 2021 at 09:55 PM

SM

“ I graduated from Independence in 1996, so Mr. Mark was a regular, if peripheral, presence in my life for the better part of a decade.

I have two distinct memories of interacting with him. First was one summer some friends and I were playing in the woods/creek on the Independence campus and were lighting off fireworks. We were caught by Mr. Mark and just when we thought that we were going to get in trouble, he simply confirmed that we went to school there and told us to be careful. The second time was after I had accidentally broken an exit sign in a hallway and thinking that I would get in trouble, I ran and didn't tell anyone. Later in the day I was called to Mr. Mark's office and he just told me that next time I should tell him and that it's no problem since it was an accident. Both times he was kind and straightforward with me and it's something I have never forgotten.

I don't know why these two memories have stuck with me for over 25 years, but they ensure that I'll always think fondly of Mr. Mark and never forget how good he was to all of us who attended Independence.

Stephen Mangat - September 13, 2021 at 10:13 AM

JB

“ Sue and family,

Condolences on your loss, you and your family are in my prayers. Bob was always so helpful and inventive when we contacted him about Cub Scout events, Independence lost a lot when he retired. God Bless you all.

Julie Brady - September 11, 2021 at 11:56 AM

GG

“ Bob was our neighbor on Art Lane as well as a colleague at the Independence School. Whether it was helping Gary take out radiators in our old house (both men got a hernia!) or making sure that all the neighbors were aware of community events, or hiring every teenage kid on Art Lane to work at Independence during the summer, Bob was front and center to always lend a hand and be a good friend to all who knew him. He will be truly missed and our family sends our heartfelt condolences to the Mark family.

Gary, Robey, Kara, Josh and Jennah Gredell - September 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM

MH

“ Dear Sue, Heather and Bobby, I am saddened by the news of Bob's passing. I was honored to have been able to spend a great deal of quality time with Bob while serving on The Independence School Board of Trustees and the Buildings and Grounds Committee on the school expansion. I thank God that I was afforded the opportunity to get to know Bob and to share some laughs on the golf course together. God has added another First Class Act to His Heavenly kingdom. May God fill you all with His peace and comfort with the knowledge that we will all meet again. Mitch

Mitch Hill - September 08, 2021 at 09:31 AM

BR

“ We are shocked and saddened at hearing the news of Bob's death! What a loss to The Villages. We are blessed to live on the same street where he and Sue lived and enjoy seeing Bobby and Susan and their two beautiful boys. What a surprise - a very sad one. God bless you, Sue, and take care of you...

Cathy & Ben

Ben & Cathy Raphael - September 06, 2021 at 12:40 AM