



Mark Jude Pawlicki

August 4, 1951 - May 7, 2024

Mark has left but his sweetness and joy will remain with all who knew and loved him. Progressive Supranuclear Palsy took a toll on his body, but not his spirit or determination to live a happy, fulfilling, meaningful life. He's in the Lord's loving embrace.

As you may know, Mark had a tremendous fondness for MSU Forestry. He would be honored if you remember him by making a contribution to the program at <http://givingto.msu.edu/gift/?sid=18637> or check mailed to MSU Forestry, 480 Wilson Rd., E. Lansing, MI 48824.

A Celebration of Life will be held at on Saturday, September 14th from 11:30am - 1:50pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 225 S. Linn Street, Bay City, MI

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **14.** 11:30 AM - 1:50 PM (ET)

Knights of Columbus
500 S River Road
Bay City, MI

Tribute Wall

EM

“ Thank you all who were able to join us at Mark’s memorial gathering. Lots of great memories and laughs. God Bless Pawlicki Family

Emma - September 15, 2024 at 06:27 AM

JD

“ Condolences to Marks family. I worked with Mark in 1979 & 1980 in Happy Camp Ca. Mark was a good friend and a great forester.

Jay Dier - July 30, 2024 at 11:15 PM

EM

Thanks very much for your kind words. Mark loved being a forester & Happy Camp years were special to him.

Emma - July 31, 2024 at 07:10 AM

KB

“ I first met Uncle Mark when he came to stay with us in Browns Point WA while getting his graduate degree. He rolled up in the coolest vintage blue pickup truck with a cowboy hat and stack of records. He introduced us to rock and roll, Elton John and Steve Martin. We shared many family ski trips, from the Cascades to Sun Valley, and he was so much fun to be around. As an adult, we kept in touch as I work in marketing communications and could always count on him for advice. We would meet for coffee when he was in Seattle and I looked forward to any time in could have with him. I'm so happy he found you, Emma, to share a wonderful life with! He was a bright light in my life that I still carry with me. With love, Kate

Kate Pawlicki Bourne - May 26, 2024 at 10:09 AM

EM

Thanks so much for sharing your memories. Ur Uncle Mark relished every second he spent with all of you in the Pacific Northwest. He loved you all deeply, even as the year passed and we weren't able to see you as often as our hearts wished. Hugs

Emma - May 26, 2024 at 11:51 AM

KB



Kate Pawlicki Bourne - May 26, 2024 at 03:30 PM



Emma thank you for thinking of me and CJ with the ceramics..my mother knew the artist Ken Stevens well and I had been to his home and studio. Xoxo

Kate Bourne - July 23, 2024 at 09:49 AM

EM

So glad you can enjoy them. ❤️

Emma - July 28, 2024 at 01:26 PM

KB

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Kate Pawlicki Bourne - May 26, 2024 at 10:09 AM

KB

One of our many ski days together with my family

Kate Pawlicki Bourne - May 26, 2024 at 10:11 AM

EM

Great picture! Look at that long hair. Beautiful memory.

Emma - May 26, 2024 at 11:46 AM

KK

“ Mark was one of the kindest souls I have ever met. I met him when I started working with the California Forestry Association and he freely shared so much of his knowledge and invested his time in helping me learn. He took me on one of first forestry tours. Even after Mark retired, we remained in touch and talked about our families, forestry, and the Capitol. I will miss him greatly and promise to think of him whenever I eat a donut or cookie because he had such a sweet tooth! Kirstin Kolpitcke



Kirstin Kolpitcke - May 15, 2024 at 01:26 AM

EM

Dearest Kirstin, thanks so much for sharing your memories. He thought you were one of the most talented colleagues he ever worked with. He loved your calls updating him on Capitol mischief. You were a great friend to the end.

Emma - May 15, 2024 at 07:46 AM

DF

“ Mark and I met in Happy Camp, California in the late 1970s – we were both foresters, he for Southwest Forest Industries and me for the US Forest Service. We became friends during our time on the “River”. One hot late afternoon, we ran into each other at the Post Office, where Mark announced that he was moving to Washington DC – from a small town where the nearest stop light was 125 miles away to the political center of the free world!

That was the thing about Mark – he was comfortable in who he was, no matter the setting or the people he was engaging. He was a kind, thoughtful, very smart, and unassuming person. Mark was also a master strategist and skillful in working with people, accomplishing a vast array of important work for the forest sector across his notable career. He applied those traits and skills in his other passions, excelling at skiing, fishing, and hunting, as well as being a good friend to so many people.

Our paths crossed again when I followed in Mark’s footsteps in the mid-1980s and moved to Washington DC to join NFPA. There, I worked with both Mark and Emma, as well as after they moved to Portland, Oregon. I have very fond memories of my visits to Portland, including skiing and fishing with Mark, and attending Mark and Emma’s wedding in Lake Oswego – Mark was beaming that day!

Our professional lives crossed throughout the rest of his career. It was always great to connect with Mark, sharing stories, having a laugh, and reminiscing about our early years on the “River”.

Mark, thank you for enriching my life with your friendship and showing me a career path that led to DC and Portland. I look forward to seeing you on a river not too many years from now, where we can share some more stories and have lots more laughs! RIP my friend...and my sympathies to Emma.

David Ford - May 14, 2024 at 08:52 PM

EM

Thanks D for the memory. Like you mentioned, Mark seemed to seamlessly move around so many different circles. He simply felt lucky about all the good friends and adventures he got to enjoy.

Emma - May 14, 2024 at 10:00 PM

CF

“*Mark and Emma didn't live long in Charlevoix, but they were neighbors that you enjoyed and felt like you had known for a long time. They jumped right into the community and Mark would do anything he could to help. They have been missed and my sympathies go out to Emma.*

Catherine Francis - May 14, 2024 at 07:13 PM

EM

Dearest Catherine, thanks for the lovely memory. We had so much fun in Charlevoix and the Dixon Avenue gang was the best.

Emma - May 14, 2024 at 09:57 PM

DM

“*I have lost a good friend, fishing Buddy and hunting companion. I first met Mark at a training day for our English Springers. We both had springers, mine named Eddie and his was Zoomie. The name fit the dog, but could he find birds!!! Mark, Eddie and Zoomie are all hunting together now.*

Don Mock - May 13, 2024 at 04:34 PM

EM

What great memories. Mark couldn't wait for the Saturday training adventures, or the weekends of field trials, or the calls sharing fishing stories. He is free again to enjoy all of it, no longer weighted down PSP.

Emma - May 13, 2024 at 08:45 PM

ST

“ I have not seen Mark in so many years, but he always will be in my heart. He was my friend and colleague during that phase of life of my first "real job", when I was least confident and most naive. He was like a big brother in a way; someone I could talk to for knowledge, guidance and perspective, and who could always make me laugh. He and Marilyn and I carpooled to work; he dubbed us "The Poolettes". Mark was kind, funny, smart, easy going, hard working and lovable. I will always be sad that I have not seen him in so many decades and now the possibility is gone. My heart goes out to you Emma. I pray that you will find peace, support and strength going forward. I send "virtual hugs" and love.
Susie Tatum

Susan Tatum - May 11, 2024 at 08:55 PM

EM

While you may have not seen him in a while, your friendship remained in his heart through the years. He never ate a chocolate croissant without thinking of those early NFPA commute days. Hugs

Emma - May 12, 2024 at 12:32 AM

JG

“ A good, very good man. Untainted by the vices the rest of us had. Don't know how he managed that. Many memories.....fun times working Munger potato farm, duck hunting, providing us with MSU concert tickets. A kind and gentle person. Miss him already. God rest his soul. I trust we will meet him again EM.
Dirt, Jerry Graczyk

Jerry Graczyk - May 11, 2024 at 04:17 PM

EM

He was lucky to have friends like you; it filled his heart with happiness. Thanks

Emma - May 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM

PW

“ *It's with great difficulty saying goodbye to old friends. I must first offer my condolences to his family and family of friends. Music has been a mainstay in my life since childhood. Mark and I shared many many grand times listening to records, attending concerts. The first decent song I wrote, following my years of Service, Song for the Fisherman, was inspired by Mark.*

Some time in the 70's I hitchhiked to Tacoma, WA where Mark arranged for an old pick-up truck to be waiting for me at his brother's home. He had taped a hand drawn map and set of instructions where to find him and a crew of foresters about to embark on a "Timber Inventory" and so, I set out on one of the Truly Great adventures of my life.

I've heard said one measure of a man is is how many friends he leaves behind. I do know this, Mark was one of the Greats and I among you all, Loved him very much.

Every day.

See you in the 'Future' my friend.

Paul Wolf - May 10, 2024 at 02:03 PM

EM

What a great story! Thanks so much for sharing & your kind thoughts.

Emma - May 10, 2024 at 08:09 PM

CW

“ *This was incredibly sad news to hear. Mark was a good friend and an incredible person. He was always the professional in the tough battles over the management of forests and he mentored so many of us over the years. Tina and I cherished those times that we shared with Mark and Emma away from work related events. Now our thought and prayers are with Emma. RIP Mark!*

Chris West - May 10, 2024 at 09:33 AM

EM

Thanks so much Chris. Gosh, so many great visits and memories.

Emma - May 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM

BI

“ *Mark (Leo), thank you for being a great friend. Growing up with Mark, we were just kids-being- kids hanging out with other guys from St. Hedwig’s School with nicknames. We didn’t have a care in the world and just had fun! Mark was blessed by meeting a young lady called Emma. Wow, we all lost count on the number of times you both moved.*

We will miss your soft spoken tone and your smile.

Your Friend

PIT

Bill - May 10, 2024 at 08:10 AM

EM

Glad he got to see you recently. Thanks

Emma - May 10, 2024 at 12:50 PM

JG

My condolences to Emma and family. Mark was a true professional who made a positive impact on everything he engaged in. I will miss his presence in our lives, but take some comfort that he is in a better place. RIP Mark.

Jim Geisinger - May 10, 2024 at 04:06 PM

TK

Pit , your right we have a great circle off friends since child hood , the Nick names !!! Dirt , Leo, Pit, Jub , Kobey , Stubby , Pub , Shuka, Baucker, Doug , Tish, Stash,,,,, who am I forgetting ?

Terry Kubasiak - May 13, 2024 at 07:26 AM

JG

Bogey

jerry graczyk - May 13, 2024 at 03:03 PM

RK

“ *Mark was one of the first members of MSU Forestry's Advisory Board. We so appreciate his thoughtful advice on strategy and communications, always delivered with grace and humility. His advice helped set us on a successful course. He was deeply dedicated to the people and organizations he cared about. Mark will be greatly missed.*

Rich Kobe - May 09, 2024 at 10:05 PM

EM

Thanks Rich. Mark enjoyed every minute of the opportunity. He believed in the science of forestry & felt fortunate to be a MSU Forestry graduate.

Emma - May 10, 2024 at 08:04 AM

NB

“ *I met Mark in the early days of the spotted owl wars. He was always a voice of reason and an example of good forest management. I can't tell you how sad this made me. Old friends that you think of often but you don't pick up the phone to tell them what amazing people they are and what an important part of your life they have been. I was just telling someone the other day, how Mark explained to the Shasta Board of Supervisors how commodity prices happen. It was so simple and clear. I always wish I had a recording. We are not price setters he told them, we are price takers. His wisdom and knowledge will be missed. I am so sorry Emma.*

Nadine Bailey - May 09, 2024 at 08:06 PM

EM

Thanks for the beautiful comment Nadine. So many great memories.

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:12 PM

EM

“ 1 file added to the album Adventures



Emma - May 09, 2024 at 03:52 PM

TK

I have known Mark since we were 2 years old , neighbors and had grown to be best friends and he was BEST MAN at Anne and my wedding , all our life we would keep in touch , I was so proud how successful he was in life , and when he married Emma I never saw him so happy ! Life definitely was not fair to Mark ,a truly kind and caring guy , I shall miss miss you Mark , ps ... I know you and Jub are talking trout fishing righ now , life is short so till we meet again , your friend Terry ❤️

Terry Kubasiak - May 09, 2024 at 05:58 PM

EM

You and Annie his dearest friends. How much he loved you both.

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:13 PM

TD

I met Mark when he went to work for Simpson timber and I worked at the California Forestry Association. He seamlessly fit in with our team. We lived through the California timber wars. He and Maureen were like a standup comedy show with really funny bits. He had the best sense of humor. It made battling legislation less painful. Then I moved to DC and got to hang around with Emma. You'd never know that they were a powerful couple because they are so unassuming and nice. There are so many of us whose lives are better because of Mark and Emma.

Terry Davies - May 24, 2024 at 03:53 PM

MT

“ I have known Mark for over twenty years and worked with him in the halls of the California State Capitol on many issue. I have had the great pleasure of being on many fly fishing (One of his greatest passions) trips, both on group trips and on trips with just the two of us. I absolutely loved being in the outdoors with him . He was one of the most knowledgeable, professional, and decent people I will ever have had the privilege of knowing. Most importantly he was a truly humble and thoughtful man, with a mischievous smile that always made me laugh. My most sincere prayers go to Emma., his best friend and true love of his life. I write this with tears in my eyes, and yet tremendous gratitude for the time and friendship I was able to have with this wonderful man. I will miss you and will think of you often in this next chapter of life.

Mark Timmerman

Mark Timmerman - May 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM

EM

Thanks M. You're his "brother from another mother".

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:14 PM

KS

“ Mark, dear friend. I met Mark in 1972 at MSU. We were both forestry majors. Walking home from the first day of class, this guy walks up and asks, “do you play hockey?” I did, he did, our friendship began. We shared many mutual friends. A veritable bag of mixed nuts, and lots of fun. After graduation we went our separate ways. Mark West to work, I got a summer forestry job in Maryland. That fall Mark and a friend rented a condo in Sun Valley Idaho. I was just banging around, Mark said come on out, I did. We again met many new friends, and yep, lots of fun. In Idaho we skied, played hockey fished the Wood River valley for trout and, carried on. With Marks assistance I was able to obtain summer jobs with the Forest Service. Later Mark got me a forestry job in Northern California where we worked together. Mark could network. Eventually we went our separate ways, Mark to DC, me to Washington State. We stayed in contact. My life would have been less rich and memorable if Mark hadn’t invited me West. Old friends are the best friends. Don’t know what the future holds. Don’t know what’s on the other side. I do hope to see you again, where we can reminisce and have a laugh. Was wonderful knowing you, so grateful I was able to talk to you shortly before your passing. Love You Mark.

kim salmela - May 09, 2024 at 03:43 PM

EM

You and Barb, what great friends. I still remember the day he was racing out of the office to catch a flight for your wedding.

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:15 PM

LG

“ *Luis F Guerra sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Jude Pawlicki*



Luis F Guerra - May 09, 2024 at 12:08 PM

LG

“ *Luis F Guerra lit a candle in memory of Mark Jude Pawlicki*



Luis F Guerra - May 09, 2024 at 12:08 PM

LG

“ *During my travels throughout California, Mark and Emma welcomed me at their home near Redding California, visiting also Aunt Dora and Uncle Tulio. Though it was my first time meeting Mark, he made me feel like we've known each other for decades. We shared laughs, stories and professional experiences. And I cannot forget the political laughs along with Aunt Dora, Mark and Emma in the dining room table. Mark left in me, a true sense of love for Family and Friends, and it is something that will remain with me for the rest of my days. Rest in Peace dear Brother, and thank you for your generous heart.*

Luis F Guerra - May 09, 2024 at 11:59 AM

EM

Thank you, dearest cousin. What a great week that was!

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:16 PM

FG

“ *Felix Guerra lit a candle in memory of Mark Jude Pawlicki*



Felix Guerra - May 09, 2024 at 11:34 AM

TP

“ *Teresa & Paul lit a candle in memory of Mark Jude Pawlicki*



Teresa & Paul - May 09, 2024 at 11:32 AM

EM

Thanks so very much ❤️

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:18 PM

NG

“ *Naomi & George lit a candle in memory of Mark Jude Pawlicki*



naomi & george - May 09, 2024 at 10:57 AM

EM

Thanks so much. ❤️

Emma - May 09, 2024 at 09:17 PM

EP

“ 11 files added to the album Adventures



Emma Suarez Pawlicki - May 08, 2024 at 09:22 PM