



Mark R Birsen

November 30, 1954 - February 3, 2021

Mark R. Birsen, 66, passed away peacefully at his home, February 3, 2021.

Mark fought a hard battle with cancer.

Mark grew up his whole life in the Toledo area. As a kid, he started his journey as a neighborhood paper boy in the Trilby neighborhood. From there, he was a “soda jerk” at the local drug store.

Graduating from Whitmer High School in 1972, he entered Tech School in Columbus for three years for electronics, which landed him a job at Simplex from 1975 to 1980, where he went to work for the Toledo Hospital as a maintenance tech and became the senior tech for all the fire suppression systems within all the ProMedica campuses. Mark was also a licensed electrician for the State of Ohio until retiring after 37 years.

Mark loved rehabbing properties along with his husband, Lonnie Homan, within the Vistula Neighborhood, where they purchased eight properties to which they were rehabbing.

Mark is survived by his husband, Lonnie, whom he married on November 30, 2015, but were together for 28 years. He is also survived by two brothers, Tom Birsen of Toledo, and Mike (Kim) Birsen of Charlotte, Michigan and two sisters, Cathy Birsen of Toledo and Sue Birsen of St. Joseph, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond L. and Rosemary A. Birsen of Toledo.

Special thanks to Jamie, Konnie, Geri and all the help from the Hospice Center

Visitation will be at Ansberg-West Funeral Home on Monday, February 8, 2021 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm, where services will be held Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 10:00am. COVID-19 guidelines regarding wearing of masks and social distancing will be enforced. A Celebration of Life will be held on a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio in memory of Mark Birsen.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Service

FEB 9. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
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Tribute Wall

ED

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing Please accept my condolences Lonnie. My friend Larry Garber and I were good friends when he lived in the Manhatten neighborhood. Ed Dailey, Fort Wayne, IN

Ed Dailey - January 04, 2022 at 04:54 PM

CB

“ Our two families have a history of being in side by side cottages at Black Lake every first two weeks of August from 1960-1970. Many wonderful memories we have shared! So Mark, along with his siblings, are a treasured part of a happy childhood! Hugs to all the family, and may Mark rest in peace.

Cindy Beeley - February 08, 2021 at 09:54 AM

MS

“ Mark was a friend back in the 80's when I worked at TTH. We had a large group that used to hang out together having all kinds of adventures from backyard BBQ's, to roller skating to spending the weekend at his family's cottage. I lost contact many years ago but I will always treasure the memories created those many years ago. Rest easy my friend. My sympathies to Lonnie, to Mark's family and other friends. Heaven got a really special angel in Mark. Marla Staton

Marla C Staton - February 07, 2021 at 06:43 PM

FO

“ Mark and I worked together through his entire Toledo Hospital career. He was a tremendous asset for our department. Many Fire Inspectors State, City, Joint Commission, will tell you the same. Once he handed in a report and the inspector said how do I know you didn't just type this up and he turned and took off a cart a stack of computer printed proof that every device was tested, set the stack in front of the guy and said here you go call me when your done and walked out. He never was questioned again. I know he loved the family lake property and had many fond memories up there. I am truly sorry for your loss Mark was not only a fellow worker but a friend too.

Fred Olnhansen - February 07, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ Curt Wheeler-Scott lit a candle in memory of Mark R Birsen



Curt Wheeler-Scott - February 06, 2021 at 10:58 PM



Eternal rest grant unto Mark, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him. May Marks soul and all the souls of all the departed, rest in ever lasting peace. Amen.

Lonnie, Your loss is paramount, and so hard to find words that could give you comfort, peace be with you my friend.

Vistula has lost a wonderful custodian.

Curt Wheeler-Scott - February 06, 2021 at 11:13 PM

BH

“ *Mark had a tremendous "green" thumb. The most beautiful plants and flowers in their backyard and ever property they owned. I will truly miss his great smile!*

Brenda Homan - February 06, 2021 at 10:43 PM

EB

MARK DID TAKE CARE OF THE FRONT YARD,IT HAD THE MOVING MARKS PERFECT . HE HAD VERY NICE PLANTS IN THE BACK YARD. GREAT JOB MR.MARK B

EVELYN BUNN - February 06, 2021 at 11:32 PM

SB

“ *May you Rest In Peace my dear cousin.
Blessings upon you and those who love you.
With our sincere sympathy, Stephanie and
Greg*



stephanie bovee - February 06, 2021 at 10:41 PM