



Mark Richard Paholsky

August 22, 1962 - November 28, 2013

PAHOLSKY, Mark Richard. Age 51. Suddenly on November 28, 2013. Beloved husband of Lori for 25 years. Proud and loving father of David, Nathan (Shana Ross), Jerod, Felisha and Colin. Dear son of Richard and Pat, brother of Pam (David) Phillips and Todd and son-in-law of Louis and Linda Grantham. Mr. Paholsky was proud to have served in the U.S. Marines. Visitation Tuesday 3-9pm with evening prayers at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Committal services with full military honor rendered by the U.S. Marines, Wednesday 11:30am at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI. Memorial contributions will be used for the education of Mark's children. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Tribute Wall

JE

“ It’s been years. It was sudden and hit like a ton of bricks when it happened but even in that moment I didn’t really know how much we lost. Since then so many questions and dilemmas. Before he passed I would have called him for answers and if he didn’t have an answer at the moment he would put in Time and prayer and give me a call back and have words to push me in the right direction. He taught me so many lessons and when I was younger I thought nothing of them, but I remember different things through the years that keep my on the right path. Some people give gifts some give money. This man gave his time, the most expensive currency that we have. I remember as a kid we would stop and get gas and if there was someone and that next pump he would go over and talk to them and genuinely care about who they were and they would always end up leaving with a smile. He would do this with every interaction he had, and made this world a little more positive than before.

The 10 years before he died were really hard on him. He struggled building his church, had a wife, 5 kids, a house mortgage, church mortgage and worked 50 hours a week as truck driver and pastor. And even with all that weight he never acted like victim, still kept a smile on his face and pushed through. Putting every person around above himself. There are silent outliers in life that we come across and he was one of them. Not in it for the money, just here for the people.

Love you dad

Jerod - April 20, 2024 at 08:54 PM

SJ

“ I met the Paholsky's in Lompoc when I was stationed there...he was a friend of my last pastor (Pastor Ron Banet) and while visiting back east Pastor Banet told me to look them up and "Get Back In Church" What a blessing Mark and Lori (who I called Princess Di because she had the most bluest eyes) were to me and the Lompoc congregation. Pastor Mark was ALWAYS willing to help me with my car and anything else that I needed while there...when I got orders to Florida they sang "Friends Are Friends forever and you know what you guys were and still are always in my heartSemper Fi Pastor Mark until we meet again.

Stephanie J. - January 15, 2021 at 02:22 AM

MS

“ "We come to another year and the feeling of loss is still there but by the hand of God that gives us time to deal with and come to terms with the cruelty of our losses we are given the Grace to deal in the best way we can. Mark, you are still gone but not and never forgotten. There is not a day that goes by that I do not say your name in prayers to our Lord. Requiescat in pace:Requiem by Robert Louis StevensonUNDER the wide and starry skyDig the grave and let me lie:Glad did I live and gladly die,And I laid me down with a will.This be the verse you 'grave for me:Here he lies where he long'd to be;Home is the sailor, home from the sea,And the hunter home from the hill."

Michael Sadaj - November 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ "L to R are cousins, Mark Paholsky with Derek and Kevin Sadaj."

Michael Sadaj - November 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Dear Mark, Your Mother Pat and Father Rich always seemed more to me than they were. They are cousins but they felt and feel closer like BIG brother and sister to me. I was always welcomed at their house, no matter what, when or where. I have been visiting them on Mackay St. in Detroit, in Highland Park, California and Ray Township and any other place I might have forgotten. They have been role models for me forever! It's no wonder that you grew up to be the fine son, brother, husband father, cousin and friend that you were to so many people. It's people like you that make life interesting, worthwhile, fun, meaningful and a thousand-and-one other descriptions for what life is like and how profitable it can be in the people we know. You were goofy at times which made life so interesting and not so serious. We need more goofy in this world so people don't take it so seriously, even though it is a serious endeavor! You have left a wonderful memory in a wife that loved you and children that are your legacy. Living, breathing things like children are so much more meaningful than statues. You are as alive today as you ever were when you were alive in an earthly sense. You are alive in my memory and that is what the ancient Egyptians used to say, "Every time you think of your loved ones they live on into eternity" and that's what you do when I think of you, you live on into eternity. I read something that stuck with me which applies to you, Mark that you are, A bud on earth, A rose in heaven. You did all that you did, "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam", Mark! From L to R are cousins, Mark Paholsky with Derek and Kevin Sadaj.”

Michael Sadaj - November 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DL

“My name is Dyron Long. Me and my little Brother met him 17 years ago In hamtramck Michigan and the little church he fixed and made a home in our hearts. Many people came just for donuts and coffee, but we came for food for the soul.. He was a great person aswell his family. He taught me so much, I remember it as it was yesterday, he was a role model for the living of the lord, not through only the speeches but the actions. I remember he got us Christmas presents It was Jinga lol. He was the one who made me feel so close to god, when I thought I could never be. He prayed for us and so many, never was he a selfish man. I'm trying to follow in his footsteps, I might not ever going to be as he genuinely was.. but I'm going to follow the road he and his family guided me through. I feel bad I lost the Student Bible he gave me, when I moved so much.. But I felt like I was a student of his in alot of ways. I know he's watching over his great family. I will miss him dearly.”

Dyron Long - June 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“The truth and the caring he shared”

Dyron Long - June 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“This Sunday Fr. Tim at St. Joseph's in Lebanon, Indiana and my prayer group will have a prayer session for the remembrance and peaceful repose of Mark Paholsky. Your memory of Mark will always be with you into eternity but I hope time has helped the pain of your loss. May God give you, all his family and loved ones, the peace of knowing that Mark is at Home with Our Father in Heaven. The attached photo is classic Mark "mugging" for the camera! :-) With from left to right his wife, Lori, Mark and cousins Derek & Kevin Sadaj. Requiescat in pace. AVE ATQUE VALE!”

Michael Sadaj - November 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Fr. Tim, from St. Joseph Parish in Lebanon, Indiana, my prayer group and I had a special prayer session for Mark at my house yesterday. He is gone but not forgotten!”

Michael Sadaj - November 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NH

“Mark Paholsky was a good friend of mine in the Marine Corps. I had been searching for him off and on for years. I thought I would try again for the off chance I might be successful and sadly discovered he had passed away. When I was in the Marines, I was very lonely for the first time away from my family and familiar friends from home. His friendship was an invaluable comfort with his great smile and vibrant personality. His favorite saying was always: "It's great being SAVED!"

I will pray a Rosary for him and his family. Guardian Angels and Patron Saints - Pray for US, that we may be worthy of the promises of Christ. With deepest sympathy, Norman R. Hammond May 31, 2014"

Norman R Hammond - May 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RA

“I remember the teenagers my dad talked about from one of our visits with the Paholskys. I could tell even then that Mark was an inspiration and a guiding light to those guys who probably didn't have many positive role models in their everyday lives. I was impressed that they would even want to go to church because they didn't seem like the typical church-going kids I was used to growing up. I'm sure Mark had a big impact on their lives as well as the rest of us, and I can't forget the passion and enthusiasm for life Mark exuded every minute we were around him. The world needs more people like him!! God bless!”

Robert A - December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“*"My prayers and thoughts are with you all."*

Jason Miller - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NA

“*"The last time i talked to my dad he was annoying the crap out of me giving me 10 different ways to get downtown for the parade and how i must stay west of woodward because its way faster to get out of the city. I miss all the information he gave me. Everytime i had a problem he was there to help me solve it even if it was 2 in the morning. I wish i could have said goodbye"*

Nathan - December 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“*"I first met Mark when I was in the Marine Corps and going through an extremely dark and difficult time in my life; his uplifting attitude and caring spirit helped me tremendously. Going far beyond the call of "Christian duty" was a hallmark of his character. Although the drive to church was 30 miles, one-way, for years Mark would begin this trip by driving 20 miles in the opposite direction to pick up a pair of teenagers and return them after service as well. This example of his large-heartedness highlights the fact that Mark was always willing to help people simply for the sake of helping people and drawing them closer to the Father God he served. Mark was just an incredible human being. I've never known anyone even remotely as compassionate and Christ-like. Lori, I'm sure you are thankful for the many wonderful years spent together . . . and now Heaven is a far better place."*

Robert Weekes - December 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM