



## Mark Alan Vliem

August 28, 1962 - April 30, 2019

Mark Alan Vliem, age 56, of Holland, died peacefully and went home to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital surrounded by his family. He is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years and best friend Jayne; his daughters: Tiffany Vliem of Holland and Krystle Vliem of Grand Rapids; his parents Sherwin and Joan Vliem of Holland; sisters: Dawn and Mark Mikula of Hudsonville and Sherry and Kevin Harney of California; father-in-law and mother-in-law Dale and Lois Hulst of Holland; brothers-in-law: Tim and Denise Hulst of Minnesota and Dave Hulst and Joe Michaels of Glenn, Steve and Krista Nykamp of Grand Haven and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Mark was a "bigger than life" kind of guy. He was always happy, warm and welcoming. He was always positive and to him the glass was always "completely full" (not half full). Mark was not ashamed of the Gospel or his love for Jesus, and freely spoke of his love for God to everyone. Mark graduated from Holland High School and Central Michigan University with a degree in Industrial Management. He started a sales agency (M. Vliem and Associates LLC) in 2003 and enjoyed every minute of being a salesman. He has many awards for his excellent salesmanship. Spending time with his wife and daughters was his favorite thing to do. Mark also enjoyed hunting, fishing, travel, and playing softball. He frequently hit the ball over the fence. We are grateful to God that Mark is now pain free and walking with Jesus. Visitation will be 12:00-2:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315

East 16th Street, Holland. The funeral service will be 1:00 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2019 in the sanctuary at Christ Memorial Church, 595 Graafschap Road, Holland. Interment will be in Graafschap Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to Western Michigan Teen Challenge. [www.langelandsterenberg.com](http://www.langelandsterenberg.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Alan Vliem*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"So sorry to hear of Mark's passing. My sympathies to the family."*

**Yolonda Goedhart** - May 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Rest in peace big guy, you were a good man, you will be missed , I have not seen you since our early prince days, but i have not forgot you."*

**Jeff Hoekenga** - May 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I worked with Mark way back in the day at Prince Corporation and saw him from time to time throughout the years. What a sweet and kind man. I will miss his smiling face and will always remember his kindness. Rest in peace dear friend. May God give comfort to your family. Jenny Mapes"*

**Jenny Mapes** - May 10, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *"God Bless you "Big Fella"..."*

**Jed Rodino** - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TB

“I met Mark at Central Michigan University when he pledged the Delta Chi Fraternity. Mark became my little brother. There was nothing little about Mark. A big guy, a big personality, a big voice, a big heart. He was big fun and a big friend, who will be missed. Love you Bookend!”

Tim Burke - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RM

“I have not seen mark in years, But, Mark was always very positive and encouraging as a Fraternity Brother and a Rugby teammate. He definitely will be missed. Rest In Peace Brother.”

Rob Mahanes - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“My sincere condolences to the Vliem family. May the Lord help your family during this sorrowful period. He was a great guy, enjoyed working with him.”

Ken Berger - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ML

“RIP BIG FELLOW , U will be missed”

Marc LaChance - May 06, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LD

“Many years ago we worked together on 6th floor at HCH. I have many fond memories of you and our friendship. My heart breaks for you and your family at the loss of your dear husband. I am so very sorry, Jayne. I am praying God's peace and love surround you dear friend.”

Lynne Rasmussen Van Deelen - May 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DW

“Mark was a friend and business associate I would always seek out during meetings and trade shows just to be in his company. I loved Mark. Don Walmsley. Atlanta, GA”

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**DON WALMSLEY** - May 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MS

“Mark was a encouraging, honest, and faithful to all that became his friend. Mark figured out early in his selling career that it was better to present himself as a friend to his customers who was there only to help his customers be successful instead as a sales rep looking for a commission. I was fortunate enough to purchase parts from Mark for years and he was always honest and would quickly go the extra mile to make sure the parts were correct and without issues Mark ALWAYS spoke of his family and his faith with such honesty and without hesitation it made all of us root for his success and we were always happy to see him”

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**Mike Suman** - May 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

TH

“Jayne and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mark will be deeply missed❤️”

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**Tom and Laurie Honor** - May 05, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CC

“Ripmy friend!”

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**Chuck Carpenter** - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Jayne and family, grateful that Mark is now in heaven and pain free. Mary DeKok Blowers”

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**A friend** - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“*Dear Jayne and family. Our prayers are with you. May God's grace surround you in days ahead. Mike & Carrie Vanderploeg*”

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**A friend** - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MV

“*Mark Alan Vliem*”

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**Marilyn Vliem** - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KT

“*Mark was my boss way back in the day, nearly 25 years ago. He was a good boss, and I'm sure he was also a good husband and father. His upbeat attitude inspired me every day. It was my complete pleasure to work for him. My most sincere condolences to his friends and family. We have lost a truly good man. Kathie Tattan Bisbee, AZ.*”

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**Kathie Tattan** - May 04, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“*Mark always had a smile that would never stop! My deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time.*”

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**Mar** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MK

“Jayne and Krystle and Tiffany, We are going to miss Mark so very much. He was such a big part of our lives and was ever and always such a wonderful friend. I can honestly say in over twenty years of friendship, Mark never uttered an unkind word to me. We have so many great memories that will endure. I don't know a husband/father who loved and cared for his family more than Mark. He was a great provider and Jayne it was always a joy for me to see how much he loved you and you him. I know this was not Mark's plan, because he wanted to be there to take care of you for the rest of your life, but he will be glad to give that job over to the Lord. I can see Peach putting her tiny hand into Mark's big powerful one to welcome him to heaven. You are most dearly and tenderly loved. - The Kanis”

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**Michael Kanis** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SU

“Jayne, Tiffany, and Krystle, Your Dad and husband was like a ray of sunshine! Never saw him without a big smile and a positive attitude. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy, and the anticipation of seeing one another again in heaven. Peace & comfort as you mourn his loss. Sue & Larry Gras”

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**Sue** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JW

“Mark. You are like a brother to me and we became very good friends over the years. I'll always remember the hole in 1 you had on the back 9 par 3 in Grand Rapids. I'll miss you dearly my friend! I always looked up to you and listened to what you said and how you treated everyone. I learned how to be a better person in life. Because, of your faith in Christ and your values. Thoughts and prayers to your family as they say goodbye to you. James Warkentien”

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**James Warkentien** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“So, so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. High school classmates who went our separate ways but crossed paths at reunions and picked up right where we left off. Heaven is a bit brighter with his smile and personality. God Bless!!”

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**John L Feininger Jr** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

ST

“Mark, I know you are in a better place and pain free now. But you will be missed by your family and friends. Our memories will last forever. Be at peace, my second little brother...”

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**Sandy Tasm** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Mark was larger than life and in a short time became someone that I admired. Mark showed me its was ok to show my faith, taught me how to be a better man, father and husband and made a mark in my life that can never be erased. I'm confident that heaven is a better place with Mark in it and know the first thing he did was make someone laugh. I'll miss him. May God bless his entire family.”

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**Dave Felicijan** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

AF

“Vliem family, my sincere sympathy to you. May your treasured memories continue to provide a measure of comfort and peace to the family. Please be strengthened from (Isaiah 61:1,2) our God "binds up the broken-hearted and comforts all who mourn””

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**A friend** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Krystle and family, We are very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the lord and your lifelong memories of Mark. -Kevin and Amy Brandes”

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**Kevin Brandes** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

PS

“May God grant you his peace. I didn't know Mark well, we became acquainted at our daughters volleyball games. His obituary is right on, what a happy and joyful man. As difficult as it is to say he is even happier today with his Heavenly Father.”

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**Paul Sapp** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

KR

“Mark is in heaven with our son, Alec.....both embracing a life without pain or heartaches!!! We will all be together again!!! Prayers and peace coming your way. We love you, Jed, Kassie, Nate, Christian and Brooks”

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**Kassie and Jed Rodino** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DF

“Condolences to Marks family. A friend and fraternity brother at CMU , never a day passed that a smile and kind word would not be shared by bookend to his brothers. Always a good friend , brother .blessed we are for having Mark be a part of our lives . Thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.”

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**Dave Freimann** - May 03, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JH

“Jayne and family I am so sorry for your huge loss! Our prayers are with you all! Jean and Pete Hoekstra”

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**Jean Hoekstra** - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

RT

“Mark, You were my oldest and best friend. We were each others Best Man at our weddings. Over the years, we shared many tears of joy as well as sadness. To use your words, "You're My Brother from Another Mother". You were an awesome man, friend, brother, son, husband, father and child of God. I will miss you "Bigtime"."

Rob Tasma - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

SB

“God has gained another angel. My condolences to the entire family . A wonderful man , and family ."

Scott Bale - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

WP

“Mark was a good friend. He was my best friends cousin, and I had him in my algebra class in 10th grade, and he also attended my wedding in 1981. Very saddened to learn of his passing, but he is in a better place now, and experiencing the Lord in all of his glory. My condolences to all his family, and one day soon: we will all be reunited again. God bless."

Warren Paglow - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

DA

“We will all miss you Mark , you are a wonderful man and friend. Head Like A Buffalo"

Dan - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM

CK

“I will miss you Big Fella! KO God Bless you my Friend."

Chris Kohut - May 02, 2019 at 12:00 AM