



Mark D. Durham

April 28, 1973 - January 8, 2021

Mark Durham, 47 of Jackson Township, Wells County, went home to his loving father on Friday morning, January 8, 2021, surrounded by his family. Mark now has one of the best hunting stands available!

Mark was born on April 28, 1973 in Bluffton to Billie Durham and Kathy Hupp-Smith and graduated from Bluffton High School in 1992.

Mark had a true love for the outdoors and all it had to offer. He served our community through Dillman Church as an Elder, Southern Wells School as a Board Member for 2 terms and started the NASP Archery Program at Southern Wells School and worked as an instructor. He was the founder and instructor for the Outdoor Pursuits Program through Wells County 4-H. He was dedicated to teaching youth about the beauty of the outdoors and basic skills. Mark has been very involved in the Whitetails Unlimited program in Wells County. Mark worked as a National Fleets Parts Manager for NESCO Specialty Rentals in Bluffton.

On January 3, 2009 in Bluffton, Mark married the love of his life, Juliann (Kleinknight) Durham. Together, they have raised an amazing family with three children, Olivia C. Durham, Harlie A. Durham and Hunter D. Durham, of Jackson Township, Wells County. Mark was very involved in his children's sporting events, activities and interests. He was always ready to coach, serve as a leader or to help in any way that was needed.

In addition to Juliann and children in Jackson Township, Mark is also survived by his father, Billie Durham of Bluffton and mother, Kathy Hupp-Smith of Fort

Wayne, a sister, Vickie Durham-Heron of Bluffton and a brother, Todd Durham of Bluffton, along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 8 on Friday, (Jan. 15, 2021) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton.

A service to Celebrate Mark's life will take place at 11 A.M. on Saturday, (Jan. 16, 2021) at Dillman Church. Pastor Matt Kennedy and Jeff Lemler will officiate, with calling for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Friends wishing to watch Mark's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 838 9293 5243 and you can login after 10:45 A. M. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021.

Memorials may be made in Mark's memory to his family, payable to Juliann Durham and can be sent to the funeral home.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are required for visitation and for the funeral service. During the current guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JAN 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Dillman Church
8888 South 1100 West -90
Warren, IN 46792
<http://www.dillmanchurch.org>

ZOOM LINK TO WATCH THE FUNERAL SERVICE

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Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark D. Durham*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 13, 2021 at 04:55 PM

VH

Thank you for the beautiful tribute

Vickie Durham Heron - January 14, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Mark D. Durham*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM

KK

“ *My deepest condolences and hope you are surrounded by love. I was blessed to work with Mark at Nesco for 8 years. His work ethic and dedication to his craft was second to none. He was the consummate contributor to the team. We will miss him.*



Kevin Kapelke - January 15, 2021 at 02:18 PM

VH

Thank you

Vickie Durham Heron - January 16, 2021 at 03:27 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



January 14, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family during this difficult time.*

Rebecca & Mark Baciak



Rebecca Baciak - January 14, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



January 13, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ *I was fortunate to work with Mark over the years and will greatly miss our conversations. He was a class act and would like to send my heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.*

Kerry, DICA - January 13, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ 156 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - January 13, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JZ

“ Jessica Zavattaro lit a candle in memory of Mark D. Durham



jessica zavattaro - January 13, 2021 at 01:18 PM

NA

“ Nesco Alvarado purchased the *Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum* for the family of Mark D. Durham.



Nesco Alvarado - January 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM

SK

“ *To Billie and Family,
My wife and I are very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Mark but I knew Billie as a kid. At this time I would like to extend a long overdue thanks of gratitude to Billie and his entire Durham family for showing me the utmost hospitality when I was basically a homeless kid. Your Mom and Dad were super people. I always remember how delicious the biscuits were that your Mom made in the mornings. Take care and God Bless you all.*

Sincerely,

Steve and Judy Knowles

STEVEN KNOWLES - January 13, 2021 at 09:38 AM

RH

“ *So sorry for you loss. Sending thoughts and prayers*

Rosalee Hockennnberry - January 12, 2021 at 03:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



January 12, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



January 11, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *DONNA CHAMNESS lit a candle in memory of Mark D. Durham*



DONNA CHAMNESS - January 11, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *I worked with Mark at Nesco, he was always helpful and willing to work out a problem. I always found him to be friendly and kind. He will be sorely missed.*



Shannon K - January 11, 2021 at 08:50 AM

Cindy Stiles

“ Growing up my brothers spent so much time with Mark and Todd Durham that I always felt like they were family. I know my dad did too. I feel a sadness knowing such a generous guy isn't with us here now...and my heart aches for his beloved wife and children to experience such a heart breaking loss.....Please call on me if you need anything.....we won't ever forget Mark and will fondly speak of him always.



With love and support,
Cindy Stiles
Rose Thompson
In memory of Carl D. THOMPSON

Cindy Stiles - January 11, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.



January 10, 2021 at 04:31 PM



“ God got a other aAngel love you Brandi and susie

susan hatten - January 10, 2021 at 11:55 AM



Thank you

Vickie Durham Heron - January 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



January 10, 2021 at 09:41 AM



“ *I was blessed to see Mark's love for God and his family. Pray that Mark's life and testimony will continue to bless many. May God's glory and peace cover his wife, children and family.*
Love, Dawn Hahn & family

DawnHahn - January 09, 2021 at 08:03 PM



Thank you

Vickie Durham Heron - January 14, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Dear Durham Families we are so very saddened to hear about your loss of Mark! Your Husband, Father, Son, Brother, and Uncle! Mark fought a good and Courageous fight up till the end! He will get his rewards in Heaven in the sight of Jesus! Heaven has gained a Angel in Mark Durham! We have known his whole Family since he was a little kid growing up in Bluffton! A Awesome family the Durhams! Our Prayers are with u all at this sad time! 🙏 May God give u the Peace, Grace, and Comfort as u Grieve for him! God Bless the Durham Family! Love, Barry and JoEllen Crosbie! ❤️*



Barry Crosbie - January 09, 2021 at 06:06 PM

VH

Thank you for the kind words

vickie heron - January 10, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ *Kimberly Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Mark D. Durham*



Kimberly Reynolds - January 09, 2021 at 05:56 PM

VH

Thank you

Vickie Durham Heron - January 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM

KF

“ *Kenny, Sheryl and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



Kenny, Sheryl and family - January 09, 2021 at 04:56 PM

DF

“ *Dee Winchester & Family purchased the Mrs. Fields Nibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of Mark D. Durham.*



Dee Winchester & Family - January 09, 2021 at 04:51 PM

HS

“ *Mark was such a loving man. Happy to have known him. Thoughts and prayers to the family.* ”



Heather Smeltzer - January 09, 2021 at 01:51 PM

VH

Thank you

Vickie Durham Heron - January 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM