



Mark Henry Weddig

December 26, 1962 - April 26, 2021

Mark Henry Weddig went to join our heavenly Father unexpectedly on April 26, 2021. He was born on December 26, 1962 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to Henry and Caroline (Brabender) Weddig. He was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents (Hattie and Henry Weddig and Sylvia and Eugene Brabender), his mother Caroline and sister Sandy. He is survived by his wife of 10 years Colleen (Sander) Weddig, father Henry Weddig (Patti Moeller), daughter Anna (Peder) Kling of Ash Fork, Arizona, stepson Marine Gunnery Sergeant Ian W. (Heather) Merritt of Hubert, North Carolina. His five grandchildren were the treasures and joy of his heart. William (5), Nathaniel (3), Micah (17 mos.) Kling, and Isabell (10) and Jersey (7) Merritt. His face would light up and pictures would be shown as soon as anyone asked about them. He is also survived by his close and wonderful family, Steve (Kathy) Weddig, Tammy (Larry) Hoeft, Dan (Pam) Weddig, Diana (Tom) Stahla, and Mary (Mark) Olson. He was so very proud of all his many nieces and nephews, grand nephews and grandnieces and all the amazing paths they have taken in their lives. He was honored to be the godfather to Malachi Cate, Tate Cameron and Magen Wendt. And also, a very special person, Mary Wendorf, Anna's mother.

Mark graduated from Waupaca High and went on to work at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES). Here, his talents in teaching took root and he found a passion for education. He was encouraged to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and received a degree in Natural

Resource Management. Inspired to teach youth to “reach for their dreams” and strive for excellence in every area of life, Mark and Mary moved to Alaska where he was the Director of Trailside Discovery Camp run by the Alaska Center for the Environment. While he was there the Exxon Valdez disaster happened and he dedicated his time and efforts to cleaning up shorelines and washing oil from otters and other unfortunate animals. He returned to Wisconsin to work at Bethel Horizons and Ernie Swift Youth Camps while raising his daughter, Anna Kling. At the same time, he was continuing his education to get his masters in education. He went on to teach for over a decade at Merrill Area Public Schools. His next step in his journey was to become the Assistant Principal at Black River Falls High School. The final stop in his quest to reach and help as many young minds in positive ways as he could was to take on the position of District Administrator. He moved to the “Weddig resort” on beautiful Butternut Lake where he thanked God every morning for bringing him to such a glorious creation in the Northwoods. He touched so many lives along the way and he was always humbled and amazed when a past student or educator would tell him that he was the reason they went on to be so successful and to follow the career path they did.

Mark loved everything Wisconsin sports. He was a season ticket holder for the Green Bay Packers and could tell you any past/present players names or what a play was and when it happened and what the score of the game had been. He also held season ticket for Badger Hockey, a sport he loved having both played and coached it in the past. His grandsons called him “Grandpa Hockey Boom”. An annual trip to a Milwaukee Brewer’s game was a must and he loved sitting on the deck overlooking the lake and listening to Bob Eucher call the games. He enjoyed anything and everything outdoors, hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, fishing, boating, canoeing, and kayaking. As long as he was outside and could take in the smells and sounds of God’s amazing creations he was at peace.

Mark’s faith and passion for our Savior carried him through every day and his

entire life. He as an active member and Elder of Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls, Wisconsin and also a longtime member of the Lions Club and would always volunteer for anything that needed or benefited a person or the community.

He will be extremely missed by all who knew and loved him for the wonderful, caring and intelligent man he was.

A celebration of life will be held at the Park Falls American Legion, 274 3rd Avenue North, Park Falls, Wisconsin from 12 to 4 on Saturday May 1st, 2021 with the service at 1:00pm with Pastor Pheil officiating with special homily presented by his son in law, Pastor Peder Kling. Please feel free to bring and share any stories of Mark and how he touched your life.

In lieu of flowers a scholarship fund for students going on to become a teacher has been established at Forward Bank in Park Falls, Wisconsin. Donations can be sent directly to Forward Bank at 110 2nd Avenue North, Park Falls, WI 54552 and designate as "Mark Weddig scholarship" or sent to Colleen so she can take care of the depositing of the donation.

Mark would tell us all to move forward, love life to it's fullest, and live every day for the glory of God, to love one another and be kind and patient to everyone.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Park Falls American Legion Hall
274 North 3rd Avenue
Park Falls, WI 54552

Celebration of Life

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Henry Weddig*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Mary and Anna, Sorry about hearing this news. My condolences.*

Floyd

Floyd Korpi - May 07, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I didn't know him as an adult but I remember him as a very nice boy in school.*

Wayne Verdon, former teacher at Waupaca School District

Wayne Verdon - April 30, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *I heard about the passing of your husband; I hope you and your family find some comfort in knowing that he will be forever remembered as a great colleague. I briefly worked with Mark in Black River Falls, as the Curriculum Director. Mark will be missed, know his warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.*

Michael St. Pierre - April 30, 2021 at 02:06 PM

AA

“ I met Mark through a new superintendents' academy a few years back. Although I only had brief interactions with him, it was easy to see that he was a kind, thoughtful man who really wanted the best for his district.

I'm so sorry for this great loss. All my best to his family, loved ones, and school district.

Allyssa Andersen - April 30, 2021 at 10:18 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences. I had the pleasure of getting to know Mark as a classmate at Viterbo University. Mark was a great person. It was easy to see that Mark really lived and loved the schools and districts he was a part of. I am a better person for having met Mark.

Jon Bosworth - April 29, 2021 at 01:42 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Henry Weddig.



April 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM

BT

“ Board of Education and Administrative Team purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mark Henry Weddig.



Board of Education and Administrative Team - April 29, 2021 at 11:50 AM

KS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mark for the past three years at Chequamegon School District and I also knew him through Park Falls Lions Club. How I got to know him and will remember him best, however, is through our casual conversations. Our conversations frequently ended up being about Alaska, pets, family and science. Mark was passionate about so many things. He always looking for ways he could help or to make things better for others. It was Mark's desire to start the day care at CSD to help the community and the school staff in particular. He would get an idea and run with it. It was hard to keep up.

Mark loved his family dearly. He adored Colleen.

He will be missed.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Kriste Simonson

Kriste Lynne Simonson - April 29, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ *When I first was hired in Pittsville as the Elementary School Principal, I was not confident that I would be an effective leader. Mark was my mentor and my teammate. He was an amazing mentor who helped me grow as a leader. He helped me in the area I needed the most support - holding students accountable for their actions. He helped build my confidence during our 1:1 conversations and I will forever be grateful for that.*

We attended classes together at Viterbo to obtain our Superintendent licenses. He finished in 2 years, I finished in 7:) We just had a Google Meet the other day to discuss being a superintendent and he assured me that someday I would be a successful Super! :) I remember one ride home from Viterbo - where Mark took the scenic route. He shared stories and memories of when he and Colleen lived in that area.

My husband reminds me of the time when Colleen, Mark, Bart, and I were on a team for disc golfing - it was a great time and we were supporting a family in Pittsville. I think Colleen's disc may have gone in the river (LOL) and Bart helped her get it out.

I also treasure the weekly meetings that we had with Terry Reynolds when Mark was the HS Principal. Terry not only provided the guidance that we needed to be effective building leaders, he taught us a lot about life. I will be grateful forever that Terry hired me! :) I know Mark really looked up to Terry as a Superintendent and as a friend. Terry was a supportive Superintendent to both Mark and me.

When I talked to Mark recently, he celebrated how well things were going in Chequamegon. He was really proud of everything that his staff was doing.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Mark will be missed more than you know.

Heather Friday - April 29, 2021 at 08:52 AM

WB

“ *Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Board purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Mark Henry Weddig.*



Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance Board - April 29, 2021 at 07:54 AM

PK

“ *I worked at PHS for 35 yrs. Mark was the best boss I ever had. I have such great respect for him and all he did for PHS. He brought respect into our school, encouraged students and inspired them to reach for the stars. What God has gained, we have lost. He will never be forgotten.*

Pam Kumm - April 28, 2021 at 11:06 PM

BI

“ *I worked for a Mark for six years while he was at Pittsville. He was the best principal I had in 30 years of education. His knowledge and passion for what was right and what was important has always stayed with me. I considered him a great friend and looked forward to seeing him every time we had a chance to get together. I will miss him. God Bless Mark, Colleen and his family.*
Bill Urban

Bill - April 28, 2021 at 09:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Henry Weddig.*



April 28, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Birch Street Funeral Service - April 28, 2021 at 08:03 PM



*Anna, I'm so sorry for your loss.
Chris*

Chris Peterson - August 09, 2021 at 12:14 AM