



Mark R. Mantyh

August 12, 2021

On August 12th our beloved brother Mark Mantyh (73) passed away peacefully in the company of his son Jesse, daughter-in-law Beth and partner Kathy Ann, following a stroke.

Mark was a kind, generous, engaging and compassionate brother, father, partner, friend. Proceeded in death by his parents Shirley and Robert Mantyh, Mark was the oldest of eight children. Following the values they taught us, Mark was one of the first Wisconsin conscientious objector's of the Vietnam War. Therefore, he later served his 2 year alternative service.

Mark was a hard worker all his life. He started off with a paper route and was never without a job until he retired. Mark remodeled or improved every place he lived as well as co-built 4 new homes with his brother Paul. He was at heart a carpenter.

Mark worked his way through school, culminating with a PhD in sociology. He taught sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for 30 years retiring in 2015. One of the projects closest to his heart was the Sociology Internship Project that introduced students to community organizations and community organizing.

Mark loved music and was very active in the Milwaukee jazz scene. He was at

the "Jazz Estate" several times a week prior to Covid. He was excited by old and new artists and developed several friendships along the way.

Mark enjoyed travel; spending time in Jamaica, Belize, Europe and all around the US. He was especially enthusiastic about recent trips to Alaska with Kathy Ann.

Mark is survived by his son Jesse (Beth), siblings Shawne (Joel) Smith, Robin Elizabeth, Paul (the late Joyce) Mantyh, Kristin (Curtis) Crain, David Mantyh, Peter Mantyh, Joseph (Nancy) Mantyh; his partner Kathy Ann Eggers and a multitude of family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew him.

A private memorial service has been held for family members. An outdoor event to celebrate Mark's life, for friends and colleagues, will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the non-profit organization 'Running Rebels' would be appreciated.

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Tribute Wall

TV

“ One of the best teachers and thee best professor Ive ever had, the reason I became a Sociology major and got my degree in Sociology. We communicated often on Facebook and he came to my wedding for a brief moment to say his congrats. We shared a love of the Beatles and classic rock in general, talked about fishing, travel, the injustices in the world, and how to be the best version of yourself. Mark Mantyh, you were one in a million and easily one of the best teachers Ive ever had. Ill never forget your lectures on social justice and what allies can do for others and how I learned from you that one person can indeed make a difference. I am ever so sad. Keep on rocking in the free world, Professor Mantyh.

Terry Vincevineus - October 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I had Mark for several classes at UWM. He was an excellent professor and vera passionate about what he taughtCondolences to the family

Marty Griffin - September 08, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am very sorry and deeply saddened to learn of Mark's passing. He was always very kind to me, and we had meaningful discussions about many topics whenever our paths crossed. With heartfelt condolences to Mark's family.

Sonia Khatchadourian - September 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Dear Mark, I will miss you, my man. Our breakfasts, our anti-war history, our love of the Brewers, our political discussions, our laughter together, our stupid jokes, our shared secrets, our hope for a better future. Swim over that great ocean of love, pal, and see you again, sometime in due time. Much love, Tom

Tom Pilarzyk - August 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Met Mark at Jazz Estate. Very cool person, that I enjoyed talking with on a wide variety topics. Will be missed

david scurlock - August 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mark's love of people, the outdoors including fishing and sharing with family and friends wherever he was. Always gregarious and energetic. He will be missed.

Jean and Kurt Kozma - August 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Mary & Tom, your tribute is very touching. I know Mark will be so happy you're planting a tree on your land in his name. Mark loved being in nature ~ always walking lightly with great respect & love for our beautiful Earth. My heart to yours. Robin ~ Mark's sister.

Robin Elizabeth - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Mark was my student, my TA, and my friend. He introduced me to Milwaukee restaurants and persuaded this non-sports-lover to accompany him to a Brewers' game. He loved sociology and he especially loved introducing students to the discipline. There are so many ways that the world will be a lesser place because he is no longer in it. He will be missed.

Ellie Miller - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ mark, i was just thinking about you; about how positive and kind you are. thank you for being a light in this world.

vanessa andrew - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ This is sad news. I was in the USP in the early 1990s when Mark was in the Sociology Department. I remember him in his Frye boots, denim, and mustache. I only got to know him much later in life, when we shared stories about teaching and UWM. He was a kind and loving person.

Roger Guy - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Dr. Mantyh was hands down the most influential teacher that I had. His vision and application of sociology for social good continues to inspire me every day. I'm sad that he's no longer with us but his impact will live on through his students. He was awesome and I'm glad to have crossed paths with him.

Emily Justin-Szopinski - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I only just saw this sad news this weekend, but want to express my very sincere condolences on behalf of the UWM Department of Sociology, which I chair. I knew Mark from the very first days of my time at UWM, 21 years ago--our offices were very near each other, and that gave me a front row seat to his teaching, mentoring, and guidance of students through the internship process. His love of life both on and off campus was inspiring, and I am sending so many good wishes to Mark's friends and family on behalf of the department.

Jennifer Jordan - August 23, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mark was a close friend of my brother, Kevin Dunn, from age 18 & over the years had fished many trout streams together throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Mark & Kathy Ann visited us at our mountain home in Northern Mendocino County, CA. It was like we had known each other forever! We will be planting an olive tree in Mark's name on our 120 acre homestead. Mark, You loved people with no judgement....RIP dear man!

Mary Eileen & Tom Allen - August 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Mark was an incredibly kind, smart, interesting, caring person, adventurer, and true Renaissance man. We happened to sit next to each other at a show several years ago and found ourselves bonding over a mutual love of Richard Brautigan, music, books, and wilderness. Mark always spoke his heart and was so encouraging to my band and me every time he came out to hear us. He even reached out to me when I was really struggling over the loss of a close friend, sharing some his own painful experiences with loss and helping me feel supported at a very difficult time. I will always think of Mark in his element: out in the driftless, on a nameless stream, fishing for trout. To all of his family, friends, students and fans - I send my deepest sympathies and love.

Kat Wodtke - August 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Ol' Marky-mon was a true giver. Whether he was sharing his knowledge of trout fishing in the Driftless, his carpentry skills, or his knowledge and love of jazz, Mark shared his enthusiasms. He was my go-to guy for Brewer games, live jazz, or breakfasts at Sams. He left too soon.

Marty Horning - August 22, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Carrie ~ Thank you for sharing your Mark story. Mark had a knack of gathering people together for the greater. ❤️ Robin, Mark's sister.

Robin Elizabeth - August 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My name is Carrie and I am Mark's neighbor. My husband Mike, our children Caleb and Camille and I are going to miss Mark terribly. He was out and about on the block frequently, checking on his neighbors, working out in the yard and of course selling the many many vintage bikes he would buy from around south eastern Wisconsin and refurbish. He really was such a hard worker and his work on the bikes was a labor of love. Almost every day you could hear his big voice explaining the bike he was showing, or something else that was of interest to him at the time. We spent a lot of time talking over the fence. He was a friend to bounce things off of and he really listened and communicated with honesty and integrity. The entire family enjoyed our conversations with Mark. When he moved into our neighborhood it wasn't a terribly friendly block but Mark changed all that. His gregarious and loving nature brought us out of our houses and together and I told him that he changed our neighborhood in such a positive way and set an example of how to be a great community member for which I am grateful. We're really going to miss you every day Mark. Sending love to you and yours

Carrie Crossot - August 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ I always looked up to my big brother Mark. As a kid I thought Mark was so cool & smart. It was a huge surprise when Mark told me he was going to take me to a movie and out for lunch for my 14th birthday ~ on his scooter no less. Just so cool & grownup! I don't remember what movie we saw or where we had lunch. I only remember how loved I felt by Mark. And that's how it was with Mark . . . he made time for the people he loved. I often watched Mark engage with strangers . . . his warmth, friendliness & interest was the same as it was for people he knew all his life. A remarkable, multi talented man & brother alive forever in my heart.

Robin Elizabeth - August 19, 2021 at 12:00 AM