



Mark L. Kambeitz

November 10, 1953 - November 2, 2012

Mark L. Kambeitz, 58, Bismarck, died on November 2, 2012, at St. Alexius Medical Center, after having suffered two brain hemorrhages earlier in the week. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, November 6, at 11:30 am, at Parkway Funeral Service with Fr. Ed Wehner presiding. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Per Mark's wishes, cremation has taken place. Mark was born on November 10, 1953, in Bismarck, the third child of John J. and Bertha Gross Kambeitz. He attended St. Philip Neri elementary and graduated from Napoleon High School in 1972. While in high school, he participated in basketball and baseball. After graduation, he moved to Ypsilanti, MI, where he spent several years working at different jobs, his last one being at Eastern Michigan University. He moved back to Napoleon and worked for a local carpenter, until he decided to continue his education. He enrolled at Bismarck State College, earning a degree in auto body tech. He later earned another degree at BSC in commercial art. After again working construction jobs, he attended the University of Mary where he graduated with a degree in social work. His later years were spent working for the North Dakota State Highway Department and Bismarck State College. Mark was a self-taught musician. He played drums for the Intruders, a Napoleon rock band which performed in the south central part of the state in the 70s. He taught himself how to play the guitar, piano, harmonica, and fiddle, eventually making a recording of a song he had written, playing all the instruments and providing the vocals. While in

Bismarck, he enjoyed getting together with fellow musicians for jam sessions. Mark never married and lived a simple life. He was proud of his over-twenty-five years of sobriety. He enjoyed a can of Coke, a motorcycle ride, a day hunting for pheasants or deer, an old cassette tape Moody Blues, another episode of CSI, and get-togethers, especially at Christmas so he could give a thoughtful gift to his special nieces and nephews. His final gift to others was a donation of his eyes to Lions Eye Bank. Survivors include his sister, Mary Jo Ron Goodman of Oakes; his brothers, John L. Delaine and Joe Rhonda of Bismarck; nephews, Eric Ellen and Chris Patti Goodman, Chad Lin, Kipp Sheena Kambeitz, and Luke Kambeitz; nieces, Kassandra and Karly Kambeitz; and great-nieces and great-nephews, Faith, Katie, Reid, and John Goodman, and Aaliya and Jasmine Kambeitz. He was preceded in death by his parents. The family wishes to thank the caring doctors and nurses at St. Alexius Medical Center for the efforts in surgery and following as they did their utmost to make him well.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ I meet mark about 20 years ago. we seem to hit it off right away. We both love to jam. Befor you knew it Mark brought his guitar& amp over &we made rock&roll. Mark&me both like Led Zepplin. I took my wife &Mark to a Robert Plant&Jimmy Paige concert in fargo. It was awesome. What a great friend. I miss you buddy. We will catch up again some day. Rock on Mark...

mark knudson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Sad to hear of Marks passing - he was one of the most talented individuals I have ever known and a lifelong friend. Everyone who knew him has stories about his creativity and adventures. Our deepest condolences to his family.

Dan & Mary Kuntz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To Mark's family...I will always remember Mark for his unwavering friendship with my brother Mike. They were "partners in adventure", time after time, as they explored life. Mark was so full of talent, creativity, adventure! I know that all of you will miss him so much, and I send you my sincere condolences... Happy Trails, Mark...

Sharon Fettig Shemon - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ For those of you that don't know me I am Marks godson and nephew. I want to thank you all for the kind words that were shared. He was a fine man that had many friends throughout his life. It was nice seeing the stories you wrote about our Mark. He is now happy and free. Thank you all again for the support. I was very lucky to have him in my life and will remember him fondly forever.

Chris Goodman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I so enjoyed having Mark as a classmate and good friend in grade/high school. He made us laugh so hard our stomachs hurt. I, too, visited his "music studio" in his parents home. He came to visit my husband and me when he lived in Rapid City for a short time. He was a great friend to have.

Marian Bitz Gates - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ I just learned of Mark's passing. I am shocked and greatly saddened. I have so many memories of Mark it would take pages to write them down. But the memories of the summer of '71 are the most precious. I remember Mark, Bruce Essig, Steve Sahli, myself and others hanging out in his psychedelic "Man cave" in his parents basement or cruising the countryside in my '60 Ford Falcon, or camping trips and gopher hunts on Shell Butte. Mark knew how to have fun and was always fun to be with. I'm so glad I could spend time with him at Napoleon's Quasquicentennial. It was the last time I saw him. "Beitz".. know that you are loved. Enjoy your trip to your final home and rest well my dear friend, rest well. Ed

Terry Kramer - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Boy, just got the news. Mark was "cool", a interesting guy, and always interested. Saw him a few times around Bismarck, he could do the 20 questions about where and how everyone was doing with great flair. I hope your wandering soul has found it's home. John Sperle

John and Diane Sperle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Kambeitz family Mary Jo and John during these days of sorrow.

John Heisler - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I remember Mark in class and how artistic he was. He would do my name in psychedelic & I would tell him wow! Do John, Paul, George & Ringo! Every request I would ask he would make it for me. He gave me his Junior picture and wrote something awesome on the back. I lost the first one and asked for another which he kindly obliged. He made me laugh and made me feel special.

Stella Nolz Hanson - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Kambeitz family. Ran into Mark at our 30th High School Reunion. We laughed until we cried. I reminded Mark of the time back in grade school, Mark, Molly and I snuck into the Catholic Church went up to the choir loft and Mark played 96 Tears on the pipe organ. Someone must have been watching over us because if we had been caught I wouldn't be writing this. Rest in Peace

Donna Glatt Aberle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are unable to be there for Mark's funeral-a time to remember, celebrate, and pray together. Mark and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Darrell and Danita Bitz - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Spent many days with Mark in Napoleon from 1st grade on. Mark was truly one of a kind. Rest in peace now!

Ron Schumacher - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ It was so nice to see Mark at Napoleon's centennial. I had such a nice visit with him. He remembered so many things from grade school that I had long forgotten. I read the write up about him....what an amazing guy he was. I knew of his musical talents but didn't realize he had accomplished so much as far as continuing his education. You must all be very proud of him. I am thankful for the time I spent with him at the centennial. I will cherish it. He is in a better place now and will be watching over the family he cherished.

Molly Kuhn TenBroek - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Mary Jo and Kambeitz Family, condolences from Ron and me on the loss of Mark. Mary Jo, I remember you talking about Mark so often when we were students at Mary.

Joyce Ebert Gerhardt - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To Mark's Family.....I will always remember the fun times growing up and knowing Mark in Napoleon. All the good times we had at our home and Mark's sense of humor and wit will always bring a smile to me. Please accept our sympathy and grief for your loss of a loved one. Tim & Lee Ternes

Tim Ternes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ To the Kambeitz Family, Cousin Mark lived a very simple life and never asked for much, something we might all learn from. He was a very kind, caring and understanding man. I will miss Mark stopping by and having hearty meals with us of which he was so appreciative of. He would stop by often to visit his Aunt Elizabeth of whom he was very close to. He cherished many memories and remembered friends and family. He had many self taught talents in music that he could be proud of. We will remember Mark for his big heart and his humbleness. Peace and love to all, Mike and Sandy Kambeitz Kienzle

Sandy and Mike Kienzle - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the Kambietz family. Mark and I went to grade and high school together and he was one of my closest friends. Even though we lived miles apart, we kept in touch regularly by phone or e-mail the last 12 years. I regret I was not able to see him or my other classmates this summer at our 40th class reunion, but I had previous family plans. Mark, I love and miss you. Via Con Dios.

John Ternes - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Although Mark wasn't able to find a career that suited him and did not find the "success" that American society wishes upon us, he accomplished many things in his life. The well-written obituary speaks of some of these. Mark was a good man who never intentionally hurt anyone as far as I know. He was dearly loved by his parents and his family.

Eric Goodman - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Went to St. Philips Grade School with Mark and Napoleon High School---Nobody could match the distance he could put on that softball when he hit it or threw it--then there was the music, drums. piano, organ, guitar, harmonica and trumpet trap drums where his best all before we got out of grade school--Mark was very well liked and very popular through both schools--He was voted Senior Class President 1972, I think that says it all---He has provided many memorable and fun moments--I know this friend and classmate won't ever forget him--Jeff Reis

jeff reis - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM