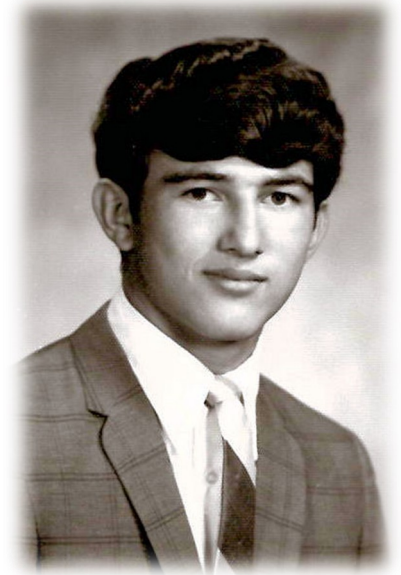




God grant me the *Serenity*  
 to accept the things  
 I cannot change,  
**COURAGE** to change the things I can,  
 and the **WISDOM** to know the difference.  
 Living one day at a time;  
 Enjoying one moment at a time;  
 Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.  
 Taking, as He did, this sinful world  
 as it is, not as I would have it;  
**TRUSTING** that He will make all things right  
 if I surrender to His will;  
 That I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
 And supremely  
*Happy*  
 with Him forever  
 in the next.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Mark Nathan Block*

WHO WAS BORN  
 December 12, 1951  
 Ortonville, Minnesota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME  
 June 16, 2023  
 Akron Township, Big Stone County,  
 Minnesota

FUNERAL SERVICE  
 Friday, June 23, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.  
 First English Lutheran Church  
 Ortonville, Minnesota

OFFICIANT  
 Rev. Melanie Reiners

MUSICIANS  
 Kathy Haukos, Organist  
 Paula Tobin and Jena Schulte, Vocalists

EULOGUY  
 Paulette Wiley

BELL RINGERS  
 Great-Nieces and Great-Nephews

CASKET BEARERS  
 Steve McMahon | Greg Knutson  
 Gary Beachem | Doug Anderson  
 Kirby Athey | Ron Athey  
 Russ Thielke | Jason Whitham

HONORARY BEARERS  
 All of Mark's Grandchildren  
 Paulette Wiley

INTERMENT  
 Mound Cemetery  
 Ortonville, Minnesota  
 Carmen Zupfer, Percussionist

APPRECIATION  
 Mark's family is grateful for your attendance at  
 this service. Your many expressions of  
 kindness and love are deeply appreciated.  
 Following the interment, please join the family  
 for food and fellowship at the Ortonville Armory.

*Mundwiler and Larson Funeral Home - Ortonville, Minnesota*



**M**ark Nathan Block was born on December 12, 1951, in Ortonville, MN. He was the son of Marvin and Joan (Beachem) Block. Mark grew up on the family farm in the rural Correll, MN, area. He attended country school through the fifth grade and graduated from Ortonville High School with the Class of 1969. Mark was united in marriage with Terry Nelson on January 4, 1972, in Big Stone City, SD.

Mark and Terry made their home in Ortonville. They were blessed with three children: Mark, Jennifer, and Matthew. They lived in the Ortonville area until 1986, then moved to the Block Homestead near Correll, MN. In 2016, they returned to Ortonville.

Mark started working at L.G. Everist in 1970 and retired after 45 years. During that time, he operated a tree trimming business for a few years. He also farmed for 13 years. He was a faithful member of First English Lutheran Church and served on several church boards. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 407. He assisted with Skeeziks Youth Center. Mark was involved with the Gamblers Anonymous Program and served on the finance committee at Sunscape RV Resort in Arizona. He was a member of the Men's Holiday Coffee Club and always loved to play cards, especially with his grandchildren.

Mark and Terry enjoyed spending their winters in Arizona, and for the past 14 years have stayed in Casa Grande. Mark loved the warm winters with his "winter family."

Mark's parents were hard working folks who taught Mark the value and ethics of working hard. He passed these traits onto his children and grandchildren. It was important to Mark that things were done "correctly". He adored his family and grandchildren. He always wanted them by his side while he did projects, turning it into a teachable moment. In his younger years, Mark's idea of family bonding and vacations was combining and baling hay with his family! He taught his grandchildren to drive and was only a phone call away if they needed help fixing something.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Terry of Ortonville, MN; his children: Mark (Amy) Block II of Correll, MN; Jennifer Block (Jason) of Ortonville, MN; and Matthew (Layla) Block of Omaha, NE; grandchildren: Mason Block, Miley Block, Kori Block and Wyatt Sherod, Xavier Block, Madisyn Block, and Matthew Block II (Noah); step-grandchildren: Max Weinke, Courtney Woehrle, Samantha Appleman; step-great-grandchildren: Matilda, Lennon, David, Paisley, Evelyn, and Gabriel; sisters: Dawn (Doug) Leger, Ronda (Russell) Thielke, and Ginger (Ron) Athey, all of Ortonville, MN; brother-in-law, Gary (Jean) Nelson of Arizona; and half brother-in-law, Charles Nelson of Washington; uncle, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents: Marvin and Joan; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Gordon and Betty Nelson; brother-in-law, Kim Nelson; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.