Mark John Pronek was born the youngest of our family on 2-6-62. He was welcomed home to heaven by his friend, Jesus along with our parents-Charlie and Helen (Mrnak-Hanson) Pronek, and our brother, Wencil on August 6, 2020. Mark will know a lot of family and friends on the other side. Mom always told the story of the Dr. diagnosing Mark with Downs syndrome, he guessed his life expectancy to be early teen years, I guess Mark disproved the theory living to be 58 years 6 months.

Most of Mark's life was spent south of Alexandria on the family farm near Maple Lake. He went to School in Alexandria and accepted his graduation certificate from his friend John Knowles the spring of 1983.

Markie was always a helper and liked to work. On the farm there isn't a shortage of tasks to accomplish, but he especially liked the hay season as it was a joint effort with our cousins; Frank, Irene and the girls next door. Mark could be counted on to hold the hitch to be connected to the tractor. Routine was his friend, and you could be assured that if it was Saturday he had the mission of cleaning his room. Other prized tasks he enjoyed, if you can believe it, was washing windows and detailing the vehicle. Sundays Mark enjoyed going to church, not always the same one so he had a wide circle of friends to greet during his visits.

Alexandria Occupational Center was where Mark worked for 15 years, he was awarded "employee of the month" several times. It was his home away from home, he loved the staff and fellow workers equally. His favorite day was PAYDAY!

Our special boy had a loving happy heart. He gave great hugs to anyone who would let him, social distancing is difficult for people like us. Mark was kindhearted and polite, he enjoyed meeting new people. Dancing, playing cards, jenga and bingo all made him happy. Mark had a knack for remembering birthdays.

Pinehouse, in Alexandria was his home since moving in full time in 2009. He will be missed by his house mates; Ron, Arnold, Karlin, his house mother LuAnn Bullock. The entire staff of PCS was kind and good to both Mark and I. God bless you in your important mission, thank you.

He will be missed by his family. Gary B. Hanson & wife Kathy. Monica Pronek, Myself & John Stellner. His 6 nieces and 1 nephew, Jody Norris, Becky (Brian) Bogart, Tessa (Ryan) Spencer, Kayla (Joe) Conrad, Jenna (Scott) Nosbush Cassie Pawlicki and Brian Hanson. Their children: Justin, Matt, Ian, Gannon, Charlie, Cooper, Parker, JR, Dantae and Mila Marie. The Great niece count is 1, Great nephew count 9. Two Aunties, Lorraine Mrnak, Mary Pehan many cousins. Family was important to Mark. I love you, rest in peace dear brother, Marie.

# Remembering the Life Of



Mark John Pronek 1962 - 2020

Jesus Loves Me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so; Little ones to Him belong: They are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus Loves me! Yes, Jesus Loves me! Yes, Jesus Loves me! The Bíble tells me so.

Jesus love me! This I know
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His Knee,
Saying "Let them come to Me"

Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way, Wanting as a friend to give, Light and love to all who live.

## In Loving Memory Of

## Mark John Pronek

February 6, 1962 & August 6, 2020

### **Graveside Service**

St. John's Nepomuk Cemetery Lake Reno Township, Minnesota Friday, August 14, 2020 10:30 AM

#### **Officiants**

Father Peter Kirchner Pastor Greg Billberg

## **Casket Bearers**

Mark's Nephews

Arrangements
Anderson Funeral Home

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