

Mark S. Gietzen, a devoted advocate for the rights of unborn babies, patriot, and adventurer of the globe, tragically lost his life while piloting a Cessna on May 14, 2023. Born on Feb 9, 1954, Mark lived a life committed to making a positive impact on society. His untimely passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Mark was one of 15 children born to William F and Mary Gietzen who are. William Russell, Glenn & Gene (twins, Gene deceased), Mary Kay (deceased), Margaret, himself, Greg, James (deceased), Anna Brown, Aaron, Hilary, Virginia Saiki, Peter, Catherine Holle, and Fred. Mark served as a US Marine Corps Embassy Guard, circling the Earth and gathering many diverse experiences which he shared with others. Following his honorable service, Mark wholeheartedly pursued his passion for aviation. Acquiring his first small plane, he embarked on a journey of learning to fly. Determined to enhance his skills and knowledge, Mark graduated from the esteemed Spartan School of Aeronautics. His dedication and expertise led him to excel in his career, as he took on roles such as a Boeing procurement quality auditor and a respected flight instructor. Mark founded The Christian Singles Information-exchange, a service that passionately aimed to reduce the prevalence of divorce and troubled marriages throughout the United States. He was an active member of the Kansas Republican party. As the founder and president of the Kansas Coalition for Life, Mark fought for the protection of innocent lives and championed pro-life initiatives. His unwavering commitment left an indelible mark on the Wichita, KS community and the World. Mark is survived by Anna (daughter), John (son), Greg (son), Mary (mother), 4 grandchildren, and his siblings.

Mark S. Gietzen

February 9, 1954 - May 14, 2023



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FUNERAL MASS:

Saturday, May 27, 2023 10:00 am
St. Clement's Oratory
Haymarsh, North Dakota

ROSARY & VIGIL:

Friday, May 26, 2023 6:00 pm
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Glen Ullin, North Dakota
Rosary - Hilary Gietzen
Liturgy - Deacon Lance Gartner

CELEBRATING:

Father Gary Benz

MUSIC:

Mark's Family and Friends

SERVERS:

Simon Jacobson & Eli Gietzen

READERS:

Adam Gietzen & Sarah Heinle

GIFT BEARERS:

Layla & Michelle Gietzen
Elizabeth & Theodore Simon

MILITARY HONORS:

Dakota Leathernecks Detachment #1419

PALLBEARERS:

John Gietzen	Greg Gietzen
Aaron Gietzen	Joe Wanner
Richard Gietzen	Fred Gietzen
Hilary Gietzen	Gabe Gietzen

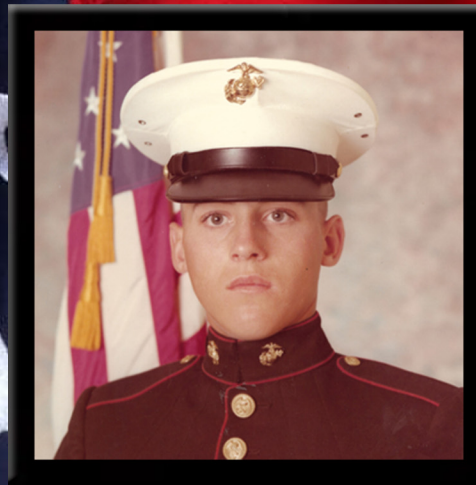
INTERMENT:

St. Clement Cemetery
Haymarsh, North Dakota

ARRANGEMENTS BY:

Stevenson Funeral Home
Glen Ullin, North Dakota

*Lunch will be served in the Sacred Heart Parish
Hall following the graveside service.
Everyone is welcome.*



Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.