Mark, also known as Uncle Mark, and affectionately 'Big Mark', was a deeply kind soul who was generous to a fault. Though born in Omaha, Nebraska, on January 25, 1959 he moved with the family to Tucker, Georgia where he spent most of his elementary and high school years, attending Tucker High School, and settling there for work after graduation. Mark always enjoyed the company of good friends and family and loved to be surrounded by people. He formed many friendships in Georgia and worked several years there in the newsprint industry. Mark was a great lover of music and had a talent for remembering even the most obscure lyrics to songs and could easily identify the 'artist and album'. It was a game he enjoyed with his eldest niece and they were both big fans of bands like the Allman Brothers, Bob Seger, and many other 70's rock icons. Mark also loved being out in his boat on the waters of Lake Lanier in Georgia and many happy memories were made there with family and friends. In his later years, Mark would return to the family's native North Dakota to work as a journeyman printer up until his retirement in 2021. Hebron, North Dakota held a special place in Mark's heart and he enjoyed his last years there being with friends and extended family. Mark's booming voice and infectious laugh will be missed dearly. But this year we will especially miss his annual Christmas Eve phone call to the Georgia family to wistfully sing "I'll Be Home for Christmas". Mark is survived by his brother Scott Helferich of Monroe, LA; sister Penny Richards and husband Frank Richards of Social Circle, GA; Nieces Christy Radbourne (Dwayne) of Thunder Bay, ON, Canada; Ashley Smith of Homer, GA; and Jennifer Squires (Paul) of Monroe, GA; Niece Kathryn Brown; Nephew Wendall Brown; and several grand-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Raymond Helferich of Cumming, GA; his mother Agnes Gates of San Diego, CA; his sister Lynda Brown of Centerville, GA; and Aunt and Uncle Verna and Jim Haring of Hebron, ND. Mark's grandparents were C.M. and Dorothy Helferich and Katherine and Andrew Roth of Hebron, ND.

Mark Helferich January 25, 1959 - November 12, 2023



He Is Not Gone

Ease your grief, he is not gone, For in your heart he lingers on. His smile, his laugh, his special way, Will comfort your from day to day.

You'll feel his presence in the breeze, That dances gently through the trees, And it's his face that you will see, When you're in need of company.

At any time, you can recall, The love you shared, you saved it all. And in time, more than anything, You'll find peace in remembering. -Genie Graveline



Mark Helferich

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, November 17, 2023 11:00 am Stevenson Funeral Home Hebron, North Dakota

> **OFFICIATING** Pastor David Ling

MUSIC

"Sentimental"- Kenny G "Moon River" – Andy Williams "Exodus" – Ferrante & Teicher "To Where You Are" – Josh Groban

> **EULOGY** Christy Radbourne

PALLBEARERS All of Mark's Family and Friends

> **INTERMENT** St. John's Cemetery Hebron, North Dakota

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