

Donald (Mark) Odland, Jr., 71, of Carlos, MN, passed away on February 18, 2022.

Mark was born on October 26, 1950 to Donald and Mary Odland in Milwaukee, WI and grew up in Luverne, MN, where he was an outstanding four sport athlete. After graduating from Luverne High School in 1968, he went on to attend Augustana College where he played basketball and, like his father before him, studied pre-med. After college, he enlisted in the National Guard. Mark went on to graduate from medical school at the Autonomous University of Guadalajara and completed his internship and residency in Sioux Fall, SD.

In 1974, Mark met Patricia Johnston. They wed in 1975. After Mark completed his medical training, he and Pat moved to Alexandria where they fulfilled their dream of building a home on Lake Carlos. Mark joined the Alexandria Clinic where he practiced family medicine and served as an on-call physician at Douglas County Hospital for fifteen years. He helped generations of countless families and delivered hundreds of babies. In 2000, he transitioned to full-time emergency medicine at the hospital where he served for the remaining twenty years of his career. Mark retired in 2020.

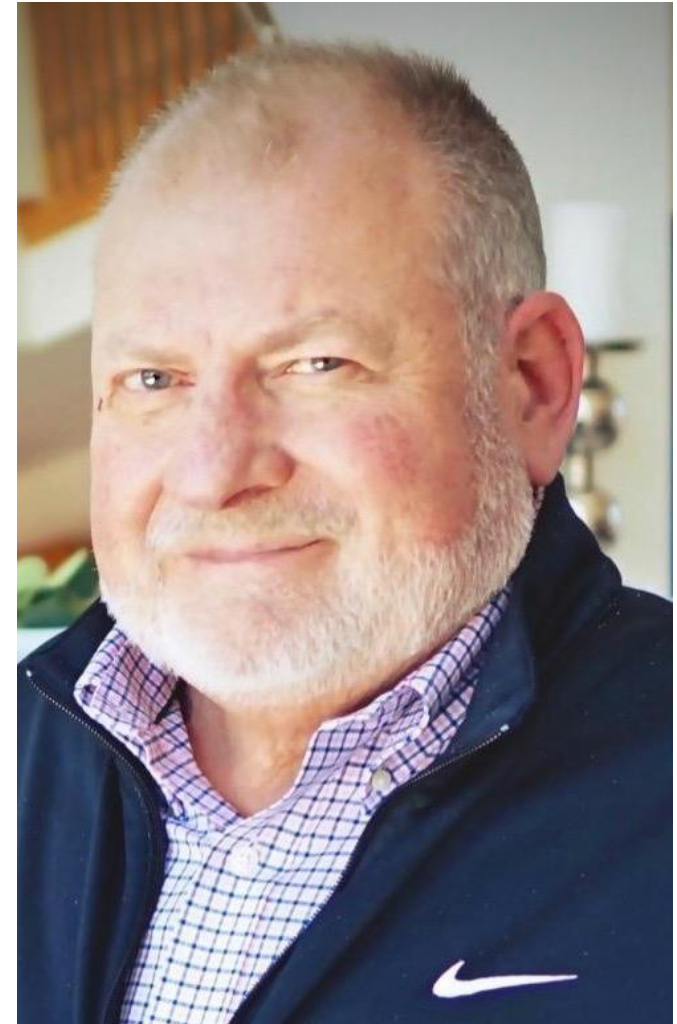
Mark's expertise and calm, caring demeanor was felt by the staff and patients alike. One of his co-workers recounted that when Mark entered the exam room, we had confidence that "everything was going to be okay." The ER staff viewed him as a mentor, a friend, and a father figure. EMTs expressed feeling reassured when Mark was working. A colleague and friend shared, "Everyone here likes Mark. No, they love him". His patients remember him as a caring physician who made time for them and really listened to their concerns. Through the years, He answered phone calls from concerned patients at any hour. Mark made many house calls for friends and neighbors and showed genuine compassion for those he served.

He loved the outdoors and had a passion for hunting pheasants and waterfowl, especially with his sons and brothers. Mark was an avid fisherman, eagerly anticipating his annual trips to Canada for over fifty years. He enjoyed countless hours of activities on Lake Carlos with his family. Mark found serenity being surrounded by nature. He once shared with Pat his love for solitary moments watching the sun rise at the farm.

Despite his quiet manner, Mark enjoyed playing practical jokes on his family, friends, and co-workers. He was an enthusiastic fan at his sons' sporting events and other school activities, and in recent years, "Papa Mark" cherished his ten active grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and felt pride and joy as he watched them grow.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Donald Mark Odland, Sr. and his mother, Mary. Mark is survived by his wife Pat, their three sons; Mark, (Rachel), Matthew (Kristin), and Anthony (Ashley), and his ten grandchildren; Brooke, Oliver, Charlotte, Jack, Magdalena, Isabelle, Evangeline, Henry, Barron, and Thea. He is also survived by his siblings; David (Sharon), Paul, Steven, and Debra, and his nieces and nephews.

Remembering the Life of



Dr. Mark Odland

1950 ~ 2022

Do Not Weep For Me

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.

I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the star shine of the night.

I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room,
I am the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.

~ Mary Frye of Baltimore, Maryland in 1932

In Loving Memory of

Dr. Mark Odland Jr.

October 26, 1950 † February 18, 2022

Memorial Service

Calvary Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, February 28, 2022, 11:00 AM

Officiants

Pastor George Gilbertson
Pastor Angie Larson

Musical Selections By

Mark Odland
Steve Odland

Honorary Pallbearers

Dr. David Odland	Dr. Paul Odland
Steve Odland	Debra Odland
Paul Colon	Jerry Klasen
John Hermanson	Dr. Sohail Mehmood

Burial

Carlos Prairie Cemetery
Carlos Township, Minnesota

