



I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
to laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks undone must stay that way.
I found that peace at close of day.
If my parting has left a void
then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
ah, yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts and share with me
God wanted me now:
He set me free.



Memorial Service

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 ~ 2:00 p.m.
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
McIntosh, Minnesota

Officiating

Rev. Keith Zeh

Organist

Rachel Roggenbuck

Congregational Hymns

"Here I Am, Lord"

"Amazing Grace"

Honorary Pallbearers

Adam Bergman ~ Bruce Grundyson ~ Steve Carlson
& The BC Crushers (Beer Can Crushers)

Active Pallbearers

Coby Burslie ~ Al Johnson ~ Mike Aakus
Steve Massmann



*Please join the family in the church basement immediately
following the service today for a bite to eat, coffee and visiting.*



Mark's tribute video QR
code. Simply hold your
phone's camera over
the code and press the
link that appears.





Mark was born on March 30, 1963, to Harald and Adella (Sylvester) Thompson of McIntosh, MN. The youngest of four children, he spent equal parts being doted on and tormented by his three older sisters. After high school, he attended Northland Community College and Metropolitan State. He married his long-time sweetheart, Karen Dillon, on September 17, 1983 and they moved to the Twin Cities area. Mark worked in the IT Industry for years before moving back to McIntosh to raise his family in the same home he grew up in. Mark was an active

community member serving on the school board and volunteering on the Fire Department. He was a Network Supervisor at Garden Valley Technologies for 26 years until his early retirement in 2020.

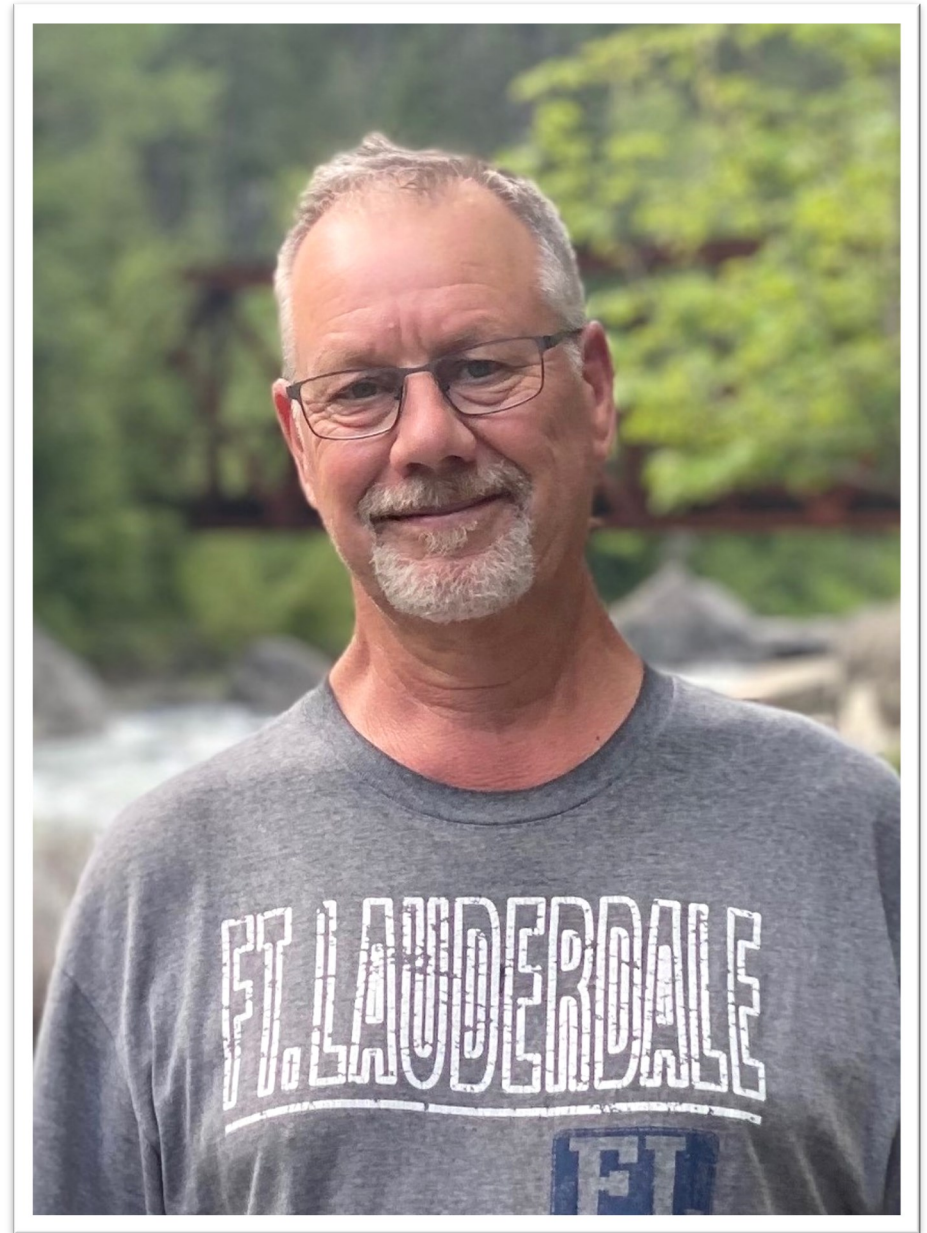
Mark packed so much life into his fifty-nine years. He fell in love, raised a family, held his grandkids close, traveled frequently, golfed and fished with his friends, worked in a profession he loved, volunteered in his community, played pinochle with his dad every Thursday, and visited with friends and family for countless hours in his shop. When others may have given into the pain and frustration of ALS, Mark put on his best Hawaiian shirt and battled what he knew from the start was an incurable disease. He did so with grace, dignity, integrity and courage. ALS did not beat Mark. Mark faced ALS head on, unafraid and armed with the love of his family.

He will be missed by his wife Karen, of 39 years, their four children Kelsey Mahlum (Travis), Nicole Vettleson (Josh), Jordyn Zahn (Daros) and Matt Thompson (Paige Bellefy), 6 grandchildren Easton, Bristol, Hudson and Watson Vettleson and Emree and Jude Zahn, his father Harald Thompson and three sisters Ann Vesledahl (Bob), Naomi Hillgartner (Dennis) and Ruth Vetter (Wes).

He is preceded in death by his mother, Adella Thompson and his dog Bo.

Throughout Mark's life, he made many special friendships and memories. We are especially grateful for the loved ones who reached out, and helped Mark make the most of his ALS diagnosis and find a new normal for him.

Blessed be his memory



Celebrating the Life of
Mark Allen Thompson

March 30, 1963 - November 3, 2022