

## Remembering the Life....

James “Corky” Mark, 75, of Fergus Falls, died Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at Fairview Health in Minneapolis.

He was born March 24, 1947 in Parkers Prairie to Henry and Angela (Conn) Mark. He was baptized in Parkers Prairie and confirmed at Tordenskjold Free Lutheran Church. At a young age, he moved with his family to Dalton. He attended country school at District 20 and graduated from Underwood High School in 1965. He joined the Army Reserve in Fergus Falls and was enlisted for 4 years. He went to work for Mark Sand and Gravel, Burgess Construction and Johnson Brothers Construction. During his time with Johnson Brothers, he was sent to Nigeria to work on a bridge project for 6 weeks. He then went to work for Ames Construction out of Burnsville, MN. Corky enjoyed his work building roads and bridges. He worked for 20 years as a superintendent for Ames Construction and hired many local people. He retired in 2008. On May 5, 1973, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Finkelson at Zion Church in Dalton. The couple made their home in Dalton.

Corky enjoyed hunting and fishing, elk hunting in Colorado and his final elk hunting trip to New Mexico where he was successful in harvesting an elk. He loved his morning coffee with friends. He enjoyed his Sunday dinners with family and spending time with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed all of his “toys.” Corky also raised beef cattle and farmed for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Fergus Falls; his children: Amy (John) Busko of Fergus Falls and Jason “Buck” (Lindsay) Mark of Fergus Falls; four grandchildren: Harlow “Harley”, Brynlee “Brindle”, Dayton “Bud”, and Baylee “Bumper”; two brothers: Curtis (Donna) Mark of Dalton and John (Kim) Mark of Dalton and numerous relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Milton and Ethel Finkelson.

**Blessed be the Memory of Corky**

Celebrating  
the **Life** of



**Corky**

## My Farm

My farm to me is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand-  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil  
My hands in endless dreary toil  
But where, through seed and swelling pod  
I've learned to walk, and talk with God.

My farm, to me, is not a place  
Outmoded by the modern race  
For here, I think, I just see less  
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's a haven - here dwells rest,  
Security and happiness-  
Whate'er befalls the world outside  
Here faith and hope and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land  
Where bare unpainted buildings stand-  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**James Cornelius Mark**

March 24, 1947 - August 3, 2022

### Funeral Service

Monday, August 8, 2022 at 2 PM  
Zion-Sarpsborg Free Lutheran Church  
Dalton, Minnesota

### Officiating

Pastor Mark Johnson      Pastor Dan Hurner

### Music

*"A Place In The Clouds"* - Rory Feek  
*"My Way"* - Elvis Presley  
*"Oh Come, Angel Band"* - Pastor Mark Johnson and Emily Juhl  
*"The Lord's Prayer"* - Pastor Mark Johnson

### Congregational Hymns

Laurie Jensen, organist  
*"In The Garden"*  
*"On Eagle's Wings"*

### Honorary Urn Bearers

Jerry Hansen ~ Ron Ames ~ Daryl Ecker ~ Terry Leitch  
Mike Mark ~ Shane Finkelson ~ Jay Mark ~ Chris Mark  
Joshua Mark ~ Dan Ames ~ Tim Ames  
Rud Wasson ~ Mike Pederson ~ Paul Sonmor

### Interment

Zion Lutheran Cemetery  
Dalton, Minnesota

### Appreciation

Corky's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.  
Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply  
appreciated. Please join family and friends for lunch and  
fellowship following the service.

### Arrangements by

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