



Mark Eugene Huber

April 2, 1956 - July 15, 2022

Mark Huber, 66, of Bonita Springs, Florida and formerly of Havana, Illinois passed away on July 15, 2022 at his home. Mark was born April 2, 1956 at Canton, Illinois, the son of Robert and Louise (Stufflebeam) Huber. He married Deedee Peterson, and they have one daughter, Cassie (Juan Antonio) Rodriguez, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and one grandson Joaquin Antonio. He later married Kathy Hartman. Also surviving are three brothers, Randall Huber of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Daniel Huber of Bonita Springs, Florida, Dave (Jeanny) Huber of Chatham, Illinois, and one sister, Jennifer (Jerry) Cekander of Mahomet, Illinois. He is also survived by the many members of his extended Huber Family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mark graduated from Havana High School in his hometown of Havana, Illinois where he was a stand-out athlete in basketball, baseball and football. He later studied Criminal Justice at Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois and at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. While at ISU, Mark excelled as a pitcher for the Redbirds, and following his senior season, he ranked third in career earned run average and first in career wins. He was inducted into the ISU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004. Following his career at ISU, Mark signed as a free agent with the Chicago White Sox. Mark also played for the Eau Claire Cavaliers baseball team from 1978 through 1985 during which time he was involved in numerous community service activities.

Mark was a long-time professional golf caddie on the PGA, LPGA and Champions Tours, working with such notable players as Phil Blackmar, Larry Rinker, Raymond Floyd, Doug Tewell, Bob Murphy, and Bob Gilder. Mark was highly respected for his work on and off the golf course, and the Huber family fish fries became legendary among players and caddies alike. Later in life, Mark also became an accomplished writer, during which time he published a number of blogs and articles, including his popular KaddieKorner blog. While living in Bonita Springs, Mark worked for the Bonita Bee, driving cars to/from the airport sharing his knowledge of all the good spots in the area to travelers from across the country.

In Late 2017, Mark was diagnosed with Triple-hit Lymphoma, a serious form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. While the prognosis was not good, with the help and support of family and friends, Mark courageously beat this illness and was able to return to work on the PGA Tour. Fighting and beating Lymphoma was a true testament to just how strong he was.

As good an athlete and competitor as he was, Mark was an even better friend. He would go to any length to help someone in need, and he always did it out of the spotlight. Despite his many successes in life, Mark remained very humble about his accomplishments, preferring to just visit about good times and good friends. Mark never knew a stranger, and for that reason, he has countless friends all across the country. And he never forgot his roots, traveling back to the Havana area whenever possible to visit friends and family, and to attend the annual Huber-fest in Easton. There is indeed sadness at a time such as this, and we will greatly miss Mark, but we also know that he would want us to carry on and remember the good times.

A visitation will be held on Friday, August 12 from 4:00-6:00pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, Illinois. The Huber Family will have a private family service at Hurley Funeral Home & Easton Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will

be held at Mark's favorite watering hole, The Stag Tap at 106 N. Plum, Havana, Illinois on Saturday, August 13th at 4:00pm. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Huber Memorial Fund to help cover funeral expenses and other needs of the family. Donations can be sent to: 306 Eagle Ridge Dr Chatham, IL 62629. Hurley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Easton Cemetery

Easton, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *had the good fortune to play along side of Mark at ISU baseball. great competitor and great teammate. May ngod bless the family. sorry for the lateness of the message*
Mike bonczyk ISU baseball

mike bonczyk - October 04, 2023 at 06:21 PM



“ *Mark Eugene Huber*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *I was deeply saddened to learn from my brother, Jeff, of Mark's passing. To the Huber family, please accept my condolences.*

Steve Perbix - October 06, 2022 at 01:02 PM

DS

“ My brother Denis, Mark and me played baseball together during the summer of 1975, for the North Chicago Red Sox. We all new each other from our days growing up in Havana. Mark and I would make the drive north weekly to play, then head back home Sunday nights. Polo's dad Bob, trusted us with his 19 year old son. All we did was play baseball, never had a beer or stayed out late...that's our story and sticking to it....I was his catcher for all the games he pitched for us....this was a very good league and scouts would always ask us how old Mark was....the rest of us were about 10 years older than this talented young man from Havana...I lost my brother Denis (Jones) this spring, so losing Mark (Polo) really breaks my heart, I know they're in heaven laughing and telling old stories. We stayed in touch for the last 47 years. Getting together for a round of golf or just hanging out playing pool and having a few cold ones. We both had lymphoma, but his level was extremally more difficult to handle....we had many conversations during the past several years, he was amazing in his faith and we'd talk about others who were going thru that horrible disease. Polo was with me the night I met my wife Carol...just another memory I'll always carry with me. We are all so Blessed to have known Mark.....rest in peace my brother....I will always love you and miss you
David Specketer

David Specketer - August 13, 2022 at 11:55 AM

CJ

“ I got to now Mark better then I dream of my being on of baseball team managers .The friend ship you make between the guys on the team special those in same grade as you . You can not find words to explain . A few times I need someone to help me out because of my back surgery Mark was there when no one else was ..My prayer to he,s daughter and her family and he,s wife and he,s brothers and sister . You last someone very special. As did all of use who called him friend and the HCHS class of 74 lost on of there great ones

Carl Jarrett - August 12, 2022 at 06:35 PM

YH

“ *Condolences to the Huber family.*

Yvonne Hilst - August 12, 2022 at 10:18 AM

KW

“ *My sympathies to the family and friends of Mark.*

I played baseball with Mark for the Cavaliers from 1981-83. It was enjoyable watching him pitch. First because, most assuredly we would win. Secondly because, his mastery and control was just brilliant. He loved the game, telling stories and jokes, just being at the ballpark made him happy. He was always steady; I can't ever remember him having a bad game. Win or lose it was always appropriate to celebrate with a beer. Pitching back-to-back games during a double header will always be legendary. A feat befitting Hubs and his persona.

It was a pleasure playing with such a talent, yet humble and fun to be around. I wish I could be at the Stag Tap one last time to raise a glass to Mark.

Kevin Weaver

Kevin Weaver - August 12, 2022 at 12:08 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Eugene Huber.*



August 11, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mark Eugene Huber.*



August 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM



“ *The Eau Claire Cavaliers send our sympathies to the Huber Family.. We have wonderful memories of Mark and his parents in the days of his pitching some awesome games for the Cavaliers. He also spent a great deal of time in our community helping folks at the treatment center. A Memorial donation is on its way.*

Eau Claire Cavaliers - August 09, 2022 at 10:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Eugene Huber.*



August 08, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Eugene Huber.*



August 04, 2022 at 12:46 PM

GW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have so many great memories of hanging out with the Huber boys at the “jail”. Mark was so nice to a pesky younger kid! May his memory be a blessing. Georgia (Craggs) Winson.

georgia winson - August 01, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ Sorry for your loss.



Kim Baker - July 27, 2022 at 06:14 PM

JC

“ Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Mark Eugene Huber



Julitta Carpenter - July 26, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MA

“ Mark was such a nice person and I have many fond memories of him. I met him in Eau Claire, WI when we were working at an adolescent treatment center. He and my husband shared camping trips together and plenty of beer! My husband, Jon passed away four years ago, and I cant help but smile when I think of the two of them meeting up again and raising a little hell in heaven! My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.
Warm Regards, Mary Comeaux

Mary - July 24, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DC

“ As one of many who could never catch up to Mark’s fastball, I am very sorry to hear of his passing. From a wonderful family in the county where I was raised, he obviously touched people in a positive way throughout his lifetime. My heartfelt condolences to the Huber family. Dave Conklin

Dave Conklin - July 24, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MT

“ We met Mark 36 years ago when he stayed at my parents house in New Orleans while in a tourney. I quickly became sis! He visited many times after in New Orleans and Atlanta. I will miss Mark tremendously
Meri and Donald Tazier

Meri Tazier - July 22, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PS

“ I am very sorry for your loss. I have many good memories of Mark and the entire Huber family. Harlan will be welcoming Mark to the greatest golf course of all.



Patti Specketer - July 22, 2022 at 05:24 PM

NE

“ So sorry for your loss. He was a great guy and it was always fun giving each other a hard time on Facebook. He will be missed.



Nancy Elliott - July 22, 2022 at 02:09 PM

RR

“ It's been years but I have good thoughts about Mark and all the Huber family. My deepest sympathy to you all.

Randy Rutledge - July 22, 2022 at 12:19 PM

SR

“ So many great memories of Mark. We met him in Seattle and stayed in touch while we lived there, then Hawaii and then Texas. The world will be a little less funny without him in it. Our sympathies to Cassie and the rest of Marks family.

Scarlett & David Riebe - July 22, 2022 at 11:05 AM

BL

“ Brad & Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mark Eugene Huber



Brad & Melody Lynn - July 22, 2022 at 11:02 AM

LH

“ Larry And Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Eugene Huber



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 22, 2022 at 07:51 AM

TS

“ *Father Abraham will not sound the same without him.*

Tim Suminski

Timothy J Suminski - July 22, 2022 at 12:47 AM

LT

“ *Sorry for your family's loss! Lisa Ulrich
Thompson*



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - July 21, 2022 at 07:21 PM