



## Mark Bergquist

May 1, 1959 - November 29, 2021

Mark Bergquist, 62, of Spirit Lake passed in peace on Monday, November 29, 2021, at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. A visitation will be held from 1-9 p.m. on Friday, December 17, 2021, at the Church with the family present from 3-8 p.m.

Mark was born on May 1, 1959, to Robert and Beverly (Franklin) Bergquist in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He graduated from Spirit Lake High School and went on to further his education at Iowa State University and earned his associates degree in Engineering from Iowa Lakes Community College. Mark and his wife, Roberta Berte were married on July 6, 1985, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. Together they raised four sons, Maxwell, Sydney, Mason, and Weston. This was a golden time of his life centered around his boys and supporting their sports endeavors through coaching, umpiring, and providing priceless words of wisdom.

A man of many interests, he thrived on fishing trips to South Dakota and deer hunting with friends but also enjoyed reading and Sundays at church. He attended sprint car races as often as possible, perhaps relishing his glory days of dirt bike racing, and spent countless hours tinkering in the garage on motorcycles and cars. Where Mark shined was with a tool in hand and a project ahead. A kind, generous, and patient man, he was always eager to help whether it be a friend, neighbor, or stranger.

Mark found success in many avenues throughout his life including drafting for Citation Homes, farming with dear friends, and truck driving which took him all over the country but perhaps his greatest achievement was the community of family and friends he built around himself. A loving husband and father, amazing grandpa, pillar of his church, and many would say the kind of friend most only hope to find in their lifetime. To be teased by Mark was to be loved by him and from coast to coast he always made a point to keep in touch with those he met along the way.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife Roberta Bergquist of Spirit Lake; four sons, Maxwell and his son Bremer of Spirit Lake; Sydney of Eagen, MN; Mason (Samantha) and their children Aiden, Ella, and Mia of Milford; and Weston of Iowa City, Iowa; mother Beverly Bergquist of Spirit Lake; sister Mary (Toby) Tobbler of Chicago, IL; brother Peter (Julie) Bergquist of Spirit Lake; niece Rachael (Paul) Johnson and their children Zadie, Kenzi and Huxley of Windom, MN; father-in-law Ernest Berte of Milford; step-father-in-law Richard Thompson of Ledyard, IA; and brother-in-law Tony (Susan) Berte of Lakota, IA.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert E. Bergquist; grandparents Elvira and Clarence Bergquist, and Emma and Burton Franklin; mother-in-law Ann Thompson; and nephew Spenser Bergquist.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
801 Hill Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

## Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church  
801 Hill Ave.  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

# Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - December 14, 2021 at 06:15 PM

MH

“ *Mary Halland lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Mary Halland** - December 22, 2021 at 11:27 AM

IL

“ *I was devastated to hear of Mark's passing and continue praying for Berta and all the family. So sorry I could not make it to the funeral as a result of a couple of unexpected challenges here at home. It's been more than 35 years since moving away from Spirit Lake but have always felt super close to Mark, Eugene and Pete as well as the entire gang as a result of our many great times together. I love you all and terribly miss not being able to help console you in your grief. Love and prayers coming for all the family! Take care and may God be with you always.*

*Ira Luplow*

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**Ira Luplow** - December 18, 2021 at 11:14 AM

BO

“ Mark and I had many fun experiences in junior high and high school. Bev was our Den Mother for scouts - so I spent much time at their home. We had sleep-overs too - watching western movies and talking about all manner of things. In high school, he was one of the guys that would ride around in my family's station wagon. He was a fine friend.

Brad Olson - December 17, 2021 at 03:18 PM

PE

“ Pam Edmunds lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Pam Edmunds - December 16, 2021 at 07:31 PM

PE

Roberta and family am so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers are with you

Pam Edmunds - December 16, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Bergquist.



December 16, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark Bergquist.*



December 15, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Bergquist.*



December 15, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Berta and boys and family... we are so sorry for your loss of Mark... heaven definitely got a good one! ❤️*



**Dawn and Kevin Bice** - December 15, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ *Dean & Susan Reiser lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



**Dean & Susan Reiser** - December 14, 2021 at 09:50 PM

DE

*We enjoyed Saturday morning breakfast with Mark and Pete at The Family Diner. A good man taken too young.*

**Dean** - December 14, 2021 at 09:51 PM

CS

*So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to the Bergquist family*

**Carol Tousley and Tom Schiltz** - December 15, 2021 at 06:01 PM

AM

“ *Alan And Reba Munson lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



**Alan and Reba Munson** - December 13, 2021 at 08:15 PM

PA

“ *Roberta, Max, Syd, Mason, Wes, Bremer and family...words will never do justice to describe your husband, dad, brother, son, grandpa, uncle and friend. Mark was an amazing person and friend to everyone he met. His laugh, conversation and sincere friendship will be missed. He loved life and that was contagious. We feel very fortunate to have been a part of Mark's life. We have many wonderful memories over the years. Our kids loved Mark and he will have a place in their hearts forever. We know Mark has a special place in heaven as he was a very faithful servant and led by example. Well done my friend. We will love you forever and one day we will meet again. Rest In Peace Mark.*  
*Jeff and Penny Ashland and family*

**Penny Ashland** - December 12, 2021 at 10:21 PM

SM

“ *Condolences to the family of Mark Bergquist  
Friend and Neighbor*

*Neal & Sue Anderson Milford, iowa*



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**Sue mason** - December 12, 2021 at 03:30 PM

KK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Always enjoyed visiting  
with Mark when he came into FFO. ALWAYS  
had a story to tell. Rip*



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**Kent & Jo Kastrup** - December 12, 2021 at 03:29 PM

ML

“ *Max And. Lynn Lundt lit a candle in memory  
of Mark Bergquist*



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**Max and. Lynn Lundt** - December 12, 2021 at 02:44 PM

SK

“ *Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Mark  
Bergquist*



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**Sally Kness** - December 12, 2021 at 12:34 PM

TG

“ Twyla Garnmeister lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



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**Twyla Garnmeister** - December 12, 2021 at 10:16 AM

MB

“ Thoughts and prayers to Mark's family



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**Margerite Butcher** - December 11, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Bergquist.



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December 10, 2021 at 05:31 PM

PJ

“ Sincerest condolences to the Bergquist family. Mike and Pam Jordan, Spirit Lake

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**Pam Jordan** - December 10, 2021 at 04:33 PM

KG

“ Cherish the memories, so sorry for your loss, prayers for the family!  
Kathy Grienke

Kathy Grienke - December 09, 2021 at 05:54 PM

KA

“ Condolences to the Mark's family and friends.  
May you find hope for the future.  
God bless you all.  
Randy & Mary Kafer  
Spirit Lake



kafer - December 08, 2021 at 06:48 PM

OB

“ I was at Bob and Beverly's wedding. To me Mark was still that high school kid that worked for me on the farm after school and Saturdays.

Orville Berg - December 07, 2021 at 09:22 PM

JS

“ Bert and Family,  
Good memories of coaching baseball, little league a guy you just enjoyed being around. He was a good fisherman and always seemed to get alot of joy out of fishing. Sure could have learned a few things from him if you where fortunate enough to go with him.  
Will be missed though not forgotten. At times like these there no good words to ease the pain only God and time can do that.



Jeffrey W. VanDer Sluis - December 07, 2021 at 07:29 PM

PB

“ WORKED W MARK AT CITATION HOMES SUPER NICE GUY SHARED SOME FROZEN MUGS W HIM AT OLD BUBBLE INN. RIP MY FRIEND. KNOW YOUR GIVING MY MOM A HARD TIME. PAUL BAKKE

Paul Bakke - December 06, 2021 at 09:49 AM

EO

“ Elwin And Florence Orwig lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Elwin and Florence Orwig - December 05, 2021 at 09:45 PM

LM

“ Luann Mehan lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Luann Mehan - December 05, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MH

“ Mark Hunefeld lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Mark Hunefeld - December 04, 2021 at 08:41 PM

SH

“ Roberta and family,  
So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during  
this difficult time. 🙏  
Sandy Hanson

sandy Hanson - December 04, 2021 at 01:08 PM

SE

“ Shar Eckard lit a candle in memory of Mark  
Bergquist



Shar Eckard - December 04, 2021 at 07:58 AM

BD

“ Brad & Jill Droegmiller lit a candle in memory  
of Mark Bergquist



Brad & Jill Droegmiller - December 04, 2021 at 06:56 AM

MC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Roberta, the “boys”,  
Bev, Pete, Mary and families! Our great  
memories of Mark go back many years when  
he was active in Luther League, and we were  
sponsors! We enjoyed watching Mark grow  
into a fine young man, then family man! Words can't express how  
deeply saddened we are! May Mark Rest In Peace 🕊️🙏❤️



Mary & Jim Christianson - December 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

BE

“ *Our sincere sympathy and prayers for all the family. Dale remembers Mark when he was driving truck for Stylecraft.*  
*Dale and Bonnie Eakin*



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**Bonnie Eakin** - December 03, 2021 at 06:21 PM

BE

*So sorry for your loss, Roberta and family. Praying for you and your family.*  
*Cyndee Eakin*

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**Bonnie Eakin** - December 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM

CS

“ *Cheryl Bruns And Dorothy Sidles lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Cheryl Bruns and Dorothy Sidles** - December 03, 2021 at 05:50 PM

CW

“ *Cathy And Denny Worden lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Cathy and Denny Worden** - December 03, 2021 at 04:58 PM

RV

“ Roger And Carmen Vigdal lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Roger and Carmen Vigdal - December 03, 2021 at 01:53 PM

BS

“ Bev Sill lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Bev Sill - December 03, 2021 at 11:59 AM

GB

“ Greg & Dee Baloun lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Greg & Dee Baloun - December 03, 2021 at 11:02 AM

TL

“ Tim Long lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Tim Long - December 03, 2021 at 08:33 AM

NJ

“ *Nancy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



Nancy Johnson - December 03, 2021 at 07:04 AM



“ *I Remember that Sweet Impish grin from the Cutest Little boy when he came to Church and Sunday School with Bob and Beverly Years ago! He Grew up to be a Handsome, Loved & Respected Husband, Father and Grandfather. And Member of the Community. We will All Miss Mark! RIP 🙏*

Ruth Albrant - December 03, 2021 at 12:52 AM

TS

“ *Terry Seney lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



Terry Seney - December 02, 2021 at 10:54 PM

TS

*So sorry for your loss Roberta and family.*

Terry Seney - December 02, 2021 at 10:56 PM

DB

“ *Deb Bockman lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Deb Bockman** - December 02, 2021 at 09:36 PM

DB

“ *Roberta and family, So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers.*

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**Deb Blom** - December 02, 2021 at 06:04 PM

DS

“ *Roberta, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dan and Shirley Dickinson*



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**Dan & Shirley** - December 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM

DS

“ *Berta, Pete and Rachel - My deepest sympathies to all of you and your families. I will never forget the fun my sister, Denise, and I would have when we would head to Jackson to watch the races from the pits! I don't think I will ever forget the laughs and jokes that Mark and Pete would share with us. Please know that you are all in my prayers. God will heal your broken hearts. Diane (Olson) Clasing-Steger*

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**Diane Clasing Steger** - December 02, 2021 at 12:13 PM

DD

“ Berta so sorry for your loss. Mark was always a happy guy and fun to work with at the church. He will really be missed.

Doug Duus - December 02, 2021 at 09:11 AM

AM

“ Berta and family, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers for each of you.

Reba and Alan



Alan and Reba Munson - December 01, 2021 at 11:41 PM

EG

“ I appreciated Mark's sense of humor and and appreciated his volunteer spirit in coaching his boys and others, including Jeffrey. He'll be watching Bremer from above and cheering from above. You can tell he was a special man in your family from the several posts I read on Facebook by Rachel. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Berta, Syd, Max, Mason, Wes and Bremer. Also Beverly, Pete, Mary and all the family. May all of your memories help you through this difficult time.

Elaine & Scott Greer - December 01, 2021 at 10:08 PM

PR

“ Roberta and family, my heart breaks for you all. Mark was one of a kind. I can still see him walking in church with Bremer and being so proud of his sons. May all the memories embrace you through this loss. Prayers and hugs !

Peggy Rick - December 01, 2021 at 09:48 PM

RC

“ *Ron And Sharon Crowley lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Ron and Sharon Crowley** - December 01, 2021 at 09:46 PM

SW

“ *Berta and family- we are so very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a wonderful person. I remember his patience in coaching many baseball teams. We will keep you all 8n our thoughts and prayers. Sandy & Mike Watts.*



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**Sandy Watts** - December 01, 2021 at 09:22 PM

WK

“ *We want Mark's family to know that Mark was synonymous with kindness, ever surrounded with humor! We are saddened for all of you knowing how wonderful Mark was to you all. Our sympathies!*



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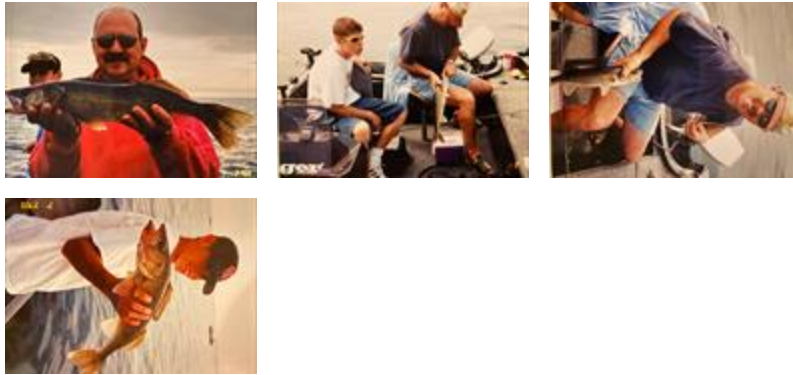
**Wayne and Diana Doocy Koppen** - December 01, 2021 at 09:15 PM

GF

“ We're so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. We all really enjoyed talking about motorcycles, racecars, fishing and life with him. He will be missed.

Here are some pictures we found from a fishing trip years ago. One of my favorite memories. -Paul

-Gene Rosenberg Family



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**Gene Rosenberg Family** - December 01, 2021 at 09:05 PM

TJ

Our deepest sympathies & prayers during this sad time. Mark was a great customer we will miss him in the store. Thane & Tanya - Kabeles Trading Post

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**Tanya Johnson** - December 01, 2021 at 09:10 PM

JK

“ Mary, Mark, Pete, Kathy Bilney Gerring and myself used to play and mess around the lake together. We ice skated, sledded down the big hill, swam and skied in the summer behind the boat and played kick the can. We also played a lot of games at the Bergquist home over the years. Very fond memories. I am very sorry for your loss.

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**Jackie Reeser Kramer** - December 01, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JK

“ Jackie Reeser Kramer lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Jackie Reeser Kramer - December 01, 2021 at 08:19 PM

SK

“ Susan Kuhlman lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Susan Kuhlman - December 01, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JH

“ Berta, so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you and your family.



JoLynn Harms - December 01, 2021 at 06:59 PM

LB

“ LeAnn Budrow lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



LeAnn Budrow - December 01, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Wes,  
So sorry to hear about your dad. Know that we are keeping you in  
our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.*

*Bernard & Jacqueline Connolly  
Lucas Hoover*

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**Jacqueline Connolly** - December 01, 2021 at 06:07 PM

JW

“ *Jessie Warburton lit a candle in memory of  
Mark Bergquist*



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**Jessie Warburton** - December 01, 2021 at 05:38 PM

ST

“ *Wes and Family,  
Sorry for your loss.  
Steve & Nancy Lorenz*

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**Steve** - December 01, 2021 at 05:30 PM

MS

“ *Roberta and Family...I am so, so sorry to learn of Mark's passing.  
May the joyous memories of your time together aid you in getting  
through this very difficult time.  
Marci Stoller*

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**Marci Stoller** - December 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM

BB

“ *Sharing my thoughts with you Berta and your family. Mark will be missed!*



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**Brenda and Lee Bendixen** - December 01, 2021 at 04:21 PM

CP

“ *Roberta and family,  
Keeping you in my prayers during this difficult time.  
Cyndy Powers*

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**Cyndy Powers** - December 01, 2021 at 01:49 PM

RD

“ *Rosemary Davis lit a candle in memory of  
Mark Bergquist*



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**Rosemary Davis** - December 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM

RD

*We are so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He had the best smile and never met a stranger. Mike and Mark did lot of coaching together and against each other with the 6 boys between us. Mark just enjoyed being with his boys and all our boys. Roberta and boys - what a wonderful man he was. We are blessed to have known him and share in his humor and love for sports and family. May we always look for the good in people like Mark did. I sure will miss that laugh!!*

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**Rosemary Davis** - December 01, 2021 at 01:17 PM

DK

“ *Denise Kastner lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Denise Kastner** - December 01, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JL

“ *Julie Louderback lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Julie Louderback** - December 01, 2021 at 11:57 AM

KN

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Bergquist family. May your faith give you strength in the upcoming days.*  
*Ken & Annette Netsch*



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**Ken & Annette Netsch** - December 01, 2021 at 11:34 AM

KA

“ *Berta and Boys – I am so very sorry for your loss. Mark was a great man loved my so many. Life is not fair! I believe that Mark will be with you every day, and I know his spirit lives on. That is something that you all can hold close to your hearts. I know he will be driving his semi in heaven and looking over all of you forever. Drive on Mark!!*

*Hugs and love you all for healing and comfort, Jeff and Karen Anfinson*

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**Karen Anfinson** - December 01, 2021 at 11:26 AM

MT

“ *So many good stories of his adventures shared in the old FS office , lots of laughs for sure. Great memories of this crazy fun loving guy. He was always so proud talking about his wonderful family. Rest in peace Mark, and peace to everyone in the Bergquist family.*



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**Mike and Deb Travis** - December 01, 2021 at 11:22 AM

FF

“ *Fred Kaminska And Karrie Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Fred Kaminska and Karrie Ferguson** - December 01, 2021 at 11:20 AM

JC

“ Jeff And Linda Christoffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Bergquist



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - December 01, 2021 at 11:06 AM

TJ

“ So sorry to hear of this lose. Mark had a contagious enthusiasm for life. My prayers are with you and the family. Tom Jewett

Tom Jewett - December 01, 2021 at 10:42 AM

LJ

“ Larry /MaryAnn Jansen lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist



Larry /MaryAnn Jansen - December 01, 2021 at 10:42 AM

DB

“ This is such a sad time for all who knew Mark. He meant so much to so many. His legacy is his sons ,grandson and amazing wife. Our sympathy, Dayle,Andrew and Renee



Dayle Broocks - December 01, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark Bergquist.*



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December 01, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Rex Ondler lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Rex Ondler** - December 01, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ *Berta I'm sorry to hear about Mark. My thoughts are with you and your family.*  
*Karen Sampson (Eckerman)*

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**Karen Sampson (Eckerman)** - December 01, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ *Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Doug and Barb Ricke** - December 01, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MH

“ Berta and boys we are so sorry to hear about Mark. He always had a smile and a kind word to say. Mary  
Hey good buddy, you will be missed! Terry  
Our deepest sympathies,  
Terry and Mary Heidebrink

Mary and Terry Heidebrink - December 01, 2021 at 09:08 AM

DR

“ Don & Jean Reed lit a candle in memory of  
Mark Bergquist



Don & Jean Reed - December 01, 2021 at 09:07 AM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Mark  
Bergquist



Beverly Atwell - December 01, 2021 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ Jim And Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory  
of Mark Bergquist



Jim and Annie Bauer - December 01, 2021 at 08:48 AM

KS

“ *Karen Ingwersen Sikora lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Karen Ingwersen Sikora** - December 01, 2021 at 08:27 AM

DK

“ *Doug & Sally Kness lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Doug & Sally Kness** - December 01, 2021 at 07:23 AM

AL

“ *Art & Lorelei lit a candle in memory of Mark Bergquist*



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**Art & Lorelei** - December 01, 2021 at 07:18 AM