



Gerald "Sarge" Marking

September 8, 1937 - June 24, 2021

Gerald "Sarge" Marking, 83, passed away on June 24, 2021.

Sarge was born on September 8, 1937, in Baraboo, WI to parents, Nicholas Marking and Lila Zenfennig.

Sarge graduated from Baraboo High School in 1956, while in high school, he was Prom King his junior year, he played football, basketball, baseball, tennis and swimming. He graduated from UW Platteville in 1963 with an Industrial Technology degree. He taught Technology Education at Campbellsport High School from 1963 - 1995. In the summer of 1995, he received a call from Dick Bestor, Principal at Theisen Middle School in Fond du Lac, WI, Dick offered Sarge a position teaching woodworking at Theisen. Sarge taught at Theisen from 1995 - 2010. Sarge taught for a total of 48 years. He loved his students, his wrestlers and teaching.

Sarge was in the United States Army Reserves for 26 years and retired as a Major. He had graduated from Officer Training School at Ft. McCoy, Sarge started the Campbellsport High School Wrestling Program in 1966. His many teams over 29 years of being CHS Head wrestling Coach, won many Conference, Regional, Sectional Titles, and won 2nd place at the State Wrestling Tournament before high schools were divided into divisions. When the high schools were placed in various divisions, his wrestlers won the Wisconsin State Wrestling Title in their division. He had many Individual Wrestling Champions throughout the 29 years Sarge was Head Wrestling Coach.

Considering Sarge has never wrestled, starting the CHS Wrestling Program in 1966 - 1995, he is and always will be a Respected Coach and Person.

Sarge was inducted into the State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and also inducted into the Campbellsport High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

In his spare time, Sarge loved to go fishing on Long Lake where we lived for 35 years. He caught his quota of Blue Gills every day, yum! Long Lake was the perfect place for Sarge to take his boat out, go down to our pier, put his boat in and go fishing with his friends.

Sarge is preceded in death by his parents, Nick and Lila, his nephew, Brett Marking, many Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and his Special Aunt, Sister Mary Henry Marking; also his parents-in-law, Edward P. Kreuser and his wife Elizabeth, Brothers-in-law, Edward J. Kreuser, Laverne H. Kreuser and his wife, Shirley G. Kreuser and Richard "Dick" Scott.

Sarge is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beverly, his sons, Craig A. Marking, his wife, Tina and their daughter Haley R. Marking, Nicholas E. Marking, his wife, April and their twin daughters, Kaitlyn and Elena, his brothers, Charles "Chuck" Marking and his wife Jeanne, their 3 sons, Randy, Rob and Jon and their families, William "Jack" Marking and his wife, Sue, and sister-in-law, Mary Jane Scott and son, Kevin and his wife, Brittany and their two children, Connor and Emery Rose.

A Special Thank you to Mr. Don Kurki of Kurki Funeral Chapel in Fond du Lac, WI.

Sarge, until we meet again, Our Loving Memories of You will always be with us.

Private Memorial Services were held and Cremation has taken place.

Memorial cards may be sent to 464 Upper Main St. Lomira, WI 53048

Tribute Wall

RC

“ My condolences to the family and friends. He was my woodshop teacher in theisen middle school was always a very different teacher and very very caring I had been a bit of a trouble maker and instead of getting angry with me like most teachers her actually ask if I was OK or there was something he could do to help. For some reason there's one quote he said in class one day that's always stuck in my mind. He wrote 3 numbers on the chalk board and said does anyone know what this number means? It means "I love you" 1=i,4=love,3=you. Been burned in my memory ever since. R.i.p

Ryan Colon - December 09, 2021 at 03:02 AM

PM

“ Good Memories -- of my driving instructor. Many thanks for your many years in education. You made a difference for so many.

Polly M. - October 05, 2021 at 09:13 PM

JB

“ JEFF B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Gerald "Sarge" Marking.



JEFF B. - July 16, 2021 at 06:53 PM

JB

“ *RIP to a great teacher and role model. Sarge you were tough and honest with me and I appreciated it then and now. Thanks for being a guiding light.*

jeff d brandt, Class of 1970

Jeff Brandt - July 16, 2021 at 06:46 PM

MF

“ *One funny incident stands out among my memories of coach Marking at Campbellsport. It was the fall of 1966. I was a senior and Coach Marking was an assistant football coach. We were playing against Grafton, a school that always had a really good team. That year we were pretty good too and both teams faced off in Campbellsport. They had a guy by the name of Ken Peterson who was their star running back and also returned kickoffs. My job was to shadow him whenever he received a kickoff. Right before the half Campbellsport managed to drive the field for a touchdown. We then kicked off to Ken Peterson with about a minute left. Ken fielded the ball and ran it in for a touchdown. At halftime in the locker room the first thing Sarge said to me was “Floyd, you had one job and that was to watch Peterson and that is exactly what you did - you watched him go from one end zone to the other”.*

*Rest in Peace Coach Marking,
Mike Floyd*

Mike Floyd - July 14, 2021 at 04:26 PM

MS

“ Hi Bev,

I have often thought about you and Sarge since you moved. Please forgive me for not calling you. I was honored to have known the both of you as my friends and neighbors. I enjoyed getting to know the both of you and to learn about Sarge's accomplishments in life. From all of the tributes that have been written, it is evident that he was a very caring person, and had a great impact on the lives of those he touched. I will always remember whenever Sarge would see me he would greet me with, "Hi Santa!" Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort, strength and peace in the Lord as you mourn the loss of your soulmate.

Michael Schaalma - July 09, 2021 at 12:59 PM

DM

“ *Mr. Marking, as I knew him, was my Industrial Arts teacher from 1964-1967. He was such a positive influence that I later became an Industrial Arts teacher myself. I went on to teach for 32 years at a private school in Dallas, Texas. I feel blessed to have known him.*

Donald Moser - July 07, 2021 at 05:35 PM

WD

“ *Our son, Brett, spent his summers in middle school doing woodworking with Sarge. Brett loved spending time with him. Not only did Brett learn woodworking he also learned about respect and kindness. RIP*

Wendy Dille - July 06, 2021 at 11:38 AM

SG

“ I was a wrestler for 4 years for Sarge but was never a champion on the mat. In fact, I never had a varsity match. In drafting class that Sarge taught, he suggested I look into engineering as a profession. I had never heard of it but looked into it and made it a career. Sarge’s words still inspire me to be a champion in my profession to this day. I send my deepest condolences!

Sam W. Gudex - July 04, 2021 at 09:17 AM

GF

“ Bev....sorry for your loss. Jerry was well liked by everyone who knew him. Not only was he a good wrestling coach, he was a good person. Roger & Ginny

Ginny Flitter - July 04, 2021 at 03:15 AM

PK

“ He was a wonderful person to know had a special connect to all you people was very glad to know him. Phyllis Keyser

Phyllis Keyser - July 03, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JH

“ My name is Jon Hodorff. I am 56 years old.. A few years ago I felt an urge to write him a letter to let him know how much he meant to me in my high school years. Unfortunately I never wrote him. I was a fat kid coming into my freshman year in high school and CHS needed a heavyweight wrestler....well I apparently fit the bill and Sarge talked me into wrestling. I never wrestled in my entire life..... I got pinned every match my freshman year. If it would have been up to me I would have quit. Well Sarge had other plans. It doesn't matter what his reasons were . I ended up wrestling 4 years. I am telling this not because of my wrestling or lack thereof... Sarge instilled a no quit attitude in me I use even this very day in my life. He wanted the best for me. He guided me and kept me in line.. He was my disciplinarian at school.. am forever grateful that God put him in my path. (Other than my parents) I am the man I am today to my church, my family, my work, my friends because of you Sarge. Love you dude...
I just wanted your family to know he influenced my life in a super positive way.

Jon Hodorff - July 03, 2021 at 06:34 PM

 Jim
Vollmer

“ Deapest sympathy to the family, especially Bev and Nick.

"Sarge" brought great fame to the Campbellsport community as head wrestling coach, over many years.

Everyone remembers his challenge to the boys, "What do you want to be?"

And they answered, "champions."

RIP, Sarge.

Jim Vollmer - July 03, 2021 at 06:25 PM

JG

“ RIP Sarge! I've made a pretty decent living driving truck so I must have learned something from him in driver's ed! I also still have the gun rack that I made in his class and it is still in the same unfinished condition that I brought it home back in the late 80s. I was positive I would have it varnished or stained by this time. My sympathy to all of you. He had a way of getting through to those of us that were not really enthused to be in School

Joe Goebel - July 03, 2021 at 06:24 PM

LM

“ Sarge, I have so many memories of you and all you have done for kids and wrestling. It would take a book to share only a few. You were the very first area coach to visit with open arms upon my arrival in Fond du Lac. You were my first mentor and taught me what it takes to help kids rise to the top. We filled many Gym's with our Fond du Lac vs Campbellsport rivalry dual meets over many years. God Blesses us with you Gerry Marking and he has not taken you home. RIP my friend and mentor!

Lawrence Marchionda - July 03, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BM

Thank you everyone for your kind thoughts and memories of "Sarge". I, Nick, Craig and families miss "Sarge" forever with all our hearts.
Beverly M.

Beverly Marking - July 09, 2021 at 02:47 PM

SE

Sarge, thank- you for being a big part of my life. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about our time together. I will always remember. You were an big part of my life. Steven Engelland

steven engelland - July 11, 2021 at 04:48 PM