



Mark Hopewell McClain

May 4, 1952 - May 30, 2009

Mark Hopewell McClain, 57, died from complication of Huntington's disease on May 21, 2009, at Harbor Haven in Fond du Lac, where he resided. He was born on May 4, 1952, to Kenneth R. and Nelda M. (Hopewell) McClain. Mark grew up on the family farm near Brownsville. He attended schools in South Byron and Oakfield, graduating from Oakfield High School in 1970. He had been a member of Oakfield Methodist Church and later attended Fond du Lac Assembly of God Church. Mark loved music and in his younger days, he played rhythm guitar in several local bands including Executive Branch and Manchester. Music remained an important part of his life, and even as his disease progressed, he enjoyed singing nursery rhymes with his grandchildren. On November 4, 1972, he married Mary Kahlhamer at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waupun. They were married 18 years and had two children who meant the world to him. Prior to being diagnosed with Huntington's disease, Mark was employed as a cutter operator at Wright Brothers Paperbox Company, Fond du Lac. He is survived by his son, William McClain (fiancée Jacqueline Geissler) of Minneapolis, and his daughter, Jennifer (Travis) Beek of Oshkosh; two grandchildren: Allison and Alexander Beek; his mother, Nelda McClain of Brownsville; two sisters: Kay (Gerald) Seliga of Illinois, and Roberta (Roger) Zarnowski of Brownsville; three nieces and one nephew. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth, and his grandparents. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2009, at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond

du Lac, with Rev. Brian Hastings officiating. Burial will be in Avoca Cemetery, Oakfield. The family will greet friends and relatives on Saturday at Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial in Mark's name has been established for Huntington's disease research.

Tribute Wall

SS

“ Jenny, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless!

Sara (Cardinal) Szatkowski - May 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Will & Jenny, I am very sorry about the loss of your father. I can't even imagine the heart-ache caused from the loss of a parent at our age. If there is anything I can do to help either of you get through this let me know.

Adam Kempf - May 28, 2009 at 04:13 PM

SM

“ We are so sorry about your Dad and your childrens Grandpa. Losing a parent is always hard. We sure enjoyed meeting you all at the McClain picnic. All God's children have a place in the choir. Take care. Love, Cousin Susie,

Susan (McClain) Montney - May 28, 2009 at 09:31 AM

SW

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Susan (McClain) Montney of Waukesha, Wi - May 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Will & Jenny,
You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Losing a parent is not easy at any age, but is especially hard when you have so many wonderful things in your life that you would like to be able to share with them. Know that he is finally healed and you will see him again one day.
Love, Cheri & Bob

Bob & Cheri Pater - May 27, 2009 at 07:28 PM

CB

“ Our deepest sympathy to Nelda and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cindy Baier Boelk - May 27, 2009 at 07:22 PM

SA

“ Jenny and family~ So to hear of your loss. I will be thinking of you and your wonderful family.

Sara - May 27, 2009 at 07:21 PM

BK

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Betty Krenz - May 27, 2009 at 01:01 PM

EC

“ Our hearts is with you all. We wish you peace, strength, and joy knowing that Mark is in full health and with his Heavenly Father. We will be making a donation towards the Huntington disease research.

Edwin & Ellen Cespedes

Edwin & Ellen Cespedes - May 27, 2009 at 12:02 PM

KB

“ Mark,we will miss you and pray that we will meet again in the future.

Kathy Bird - May 27, 2009 at 09:25 AM

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Edwin & Ellen Cespedes of Lenexa, KS - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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Sara (Cardinal) Szatkowski - January 01, 1753 at 10:04 PM