



Mark Gilbertson

May 27, 1954 - August 9, 2024

Mark Stephen Gilbertson, 70, of Ocala, FL passed away unexpectedly August 9, 2024. Throughout his life he walked with the Lord, and now he is with his creator.

Mark was born May 27, 1954, to parents Walter S. Gilbertson and Audrey (Quam) Klemmer, in Austin MN. The family moved to Owatonna, where he grew up and graduated from Owatonna High School in 1972. From there he went on to the University of MN.

Mark began his sales career at Team Electronics as Assistant Manager. He then worked at OTC as District Sales Manager and finished his 44 year career as Market Sales Manager at Enerpac, retiring in 2019. His career took him from his hometown in Minnesota to California and finally to Texas. After his retirement he moved to Arkansas and then Florida, where he resided until he passed.

He was nationally ranked in knee boarding for many years when he was younger and loved being on the water. He enjoyed kayaking, bowling, cars, music, and writing. He loved spending time with family and friends. And never missed a chance to watch an Indy car race. Mark was a friend to everyone he met. He was always encouraging and optimistic. He always wore a smile.

He is survived by his three children, daughters: Bryce Gilbertson of Dallas, TX, Erin (Andy) Brose of Dodge Center, MN and son: Eric Gilbertson of Blooming Prairie, MN. Grandchildren: Victoria Gilbertson, Verlin Gilbertson, Emma Esplan and Jack Brose. His mother: Audrey Klemmer (significant other, Gene White) of Owatonna, MN; His siblings: Peggy (Rich) Frelich of Prior Lake, MN, Craig (Cindy) Gilbertson of Tampa, FL, Ron Gilbertson of Oroville, CA, Wendy Klemmer of Rochester MN, Lori (Korey) Kamholz of Owatonna, MN, Michelle Klemmer (significant other, Tim Jertson) of Fairmont, MN; and from Fayetteville, AR siblings: Wayne (Mary) Gilbertson and Sherry (Michael) Gilbertson-Thomas. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father: Walter Gilbertson; step-father: John Klemmer; brother: Craig Klemmer; sisters: Renee Holzapfel and Christine Schocker. Daughter-in-law: Marti Gilbertson.

We will miss you forever!

There will be a celebration of life held in Ocala FL on September 15, 2024 at 10 AM at the Candler Hill Community Center.

And, a Celebration of Life held in Owatonna MN at New Life Community Church on October 26, 2024 at 1 PM, Pastor Joel Stauffer officiating.

Tribute Wall



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



October 22, 2024 at 11:29 AM



“ *Nupohn I. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark Gilbertson.*



Nupohn I. - October 21, 2024 at 03:18 PM



“ *I was fortunate enough to have worked with Mark over my 21 year career at Enerpac. Not only a great friend but a passionate person that looked out for everyone in the business as well as the best interests of the business.*

I was jealous he retired before me. We stayed in touch to talk about family, road racing, cars and life in general. The world is now short one terrific person. He'll be greatly missed. My sincerest condolences to his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Steven Dellos

Steven Dellos - August 27, 2024 at 08:24 PM



“ Grandpa mark. I will miss you forever. I wish I would have gotten to spend more time with you. I really want to get to know you better than I did. I always loved getting to see you when I was younger at the MOA and the Steele county fair. I really wanted more time with you. I will always hold you in my heart. Love your granddaughter-
Victoria

Victoria Gilbertson - August 27, 2024 at 04:09 PM

BS

“ Mark was the Enerpac Territory Manager for 23 years in North TX & Oklahoma. Mark's first act of kindness to me was when he strategically planned his retirement around me taking over his territory.

This was significant for two reasons...

1.) I was in a tough spot (which Mark knew) where work was trying to decide where to place me coming out of a (2) year training program

2.) Mark cared about his customers enough to vet out the individual who would be taking over what he had built in the last 23 years.

Mark was extremely patient with me as I learned the ropes, and even answered his phone off-hours and through his retirement when I had questions.

He invited me to his house in Arkansas and showed me around the area he first decided to retire to. He was the kind of human that genuinely cared about people and wanted the best for the next generation to come.

I'm incredibly sorry for the Gilbertson family loss, and will be praying for you all.

-Brady Sutton



Brady Sutton - August 26, 2024 at 01:18 PM

WB

I met Mark after he moved to Arkansas. One of the sweetest people I've ever met. So very sad to get this news. RIP Mark. You will be missed. My sincere condolences to his family.
Wendy Brocato

Wendy Brocato - October 10, 2024 at 09:49 AM

CM

“*My condolences to your family. I worked with Mark at Enerpac for many years. He was the territory manager and I was the customer service rep for his territories. He was one of the best to work with!! I can remember talks with him about his surgeries and his move to Florida. Many talks that I will cherish forever. May you find strength and peace with the loss of Mark... Hugs and prayers go out to you all. He will be missed by many!!*

Cary

Cary Mueller - August 21, 2024 at 08:30 PM