



## Mark L Kirschner

October 27, 1944 - March 7, 2022

Friends, we are here today to support Carolyn along with Mark's mother, Florence as we share in their grief and celebrate Mark's life. Our friend, Mark Kirschner, died on March 7th, 2022 at The Villages Hospital.

Mark had a great attitude and a zest for life, even though he suffered with Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy.

He was born on October 27, 1944 in the Bronx, New York, to loving parents Florence (Marvisch) and Jack Kirschner. Mark and Carolyn fell in love and got married on September 6th, 1970 in Huntington, New York. They spent 51 happy, marvelous years together. Mark is also survived by his 102 year young mother Florence Kirschner of Oxford, Florida. He is also survived by two nephews as well as many dear friends.

Mark was dedicated to caring for his mother and encouraged her to move south, so he could take care of her. He and Carolyn threw a wonderful party for her 100th birthday, where she was surrounded by family and friends, enjoying lots of laughter and fun. Mark was preceded in death by his father Jack and the untimely death of his sister Robin Brant (Kirschner). Mark served our country, with honor, as a proud soldier in the Army, serving 13 months in Vietnam. Later, after his service, he studied electronics and was a field service engineer for many years, working for Panasonic and many other large corporations. He later worked for American Airline Vacations as a travel agent. Mark volunteered at The Villages Hospital for 5 years, shuttling guests from the parking lot to the hospital. He also drove for the American Cancer Society,

driving patients to and from their many appointments. In his community of Del Webb Spruce Creek, Mark volunteered for Angels on Call. As many of you know, Mark was a proud and very active member of Temple Beth Shalom of Ocala, where he served on the Board of Directors and started a Men's Club. He was an active member of the Caring Committee of our temple where he spent many hours performing the mitzvah calling single members to check on them and along the way developed many friendships. Mark also wore many different hats over the years, here, at Temple Beth Shalom and attended services often with Carolyn.

As far as hobbies, Mark was a pilot and also enjoyed scuba diving. He loved riding his motorcycle. Mark was really into Ham Radio, starting this passion at age 13 and continuing it all his life. Carolyn joined him in enjoying these hobbies and activities. Carolyn knew him as a wonderful, loving spouse and a good friend to many. She couldn't imagine a better husband, kind and with a very good sense of humor. In spite of his disabilities later in life, he was an eternal optimist. His favorite expression was "Every day above ground is a good day and today qualifies."

Mark will be especially missed by Carolyn, Florence, his nephews and his many friends, who were grateful to have him in their lives. Carolyn, we are so very sorry about Mark's death and we love and support you.

May Mark's memory be for a blessing.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 15. 1:30 PM (ET)

Temple Beth Shalom Located at The Ocala Tree of Life Sanctuary  
6140 SW 78th Ave Rd.  
Ocala, FL 34474

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am at a loss of words, not surprised but still have tears. Carolyn if you see this PLEASE reach out look me up on a callsign database K4GPS for an email address. I met Mark in the mid 70's as a 9yo geek, I am now 59 hence I am not surprised since he was already married to Carolyn and out of the Army for a few years by then. Mark was a member of the Ramapo Mtn Amateur Radio club and was teaching an adult education class at I believe at a Pequannock NJ school which I could not attend, but my Dad could and I could "tag along". Eventually my dad stopped going but kept taking me and through his instruction some months later I became a licensed amateur radio operator. I too became active with the club as a kid but eventually work and girls took over and losing track of everyone since it was before the days of cell phones, internet or social media. In 1991 or 2 I did a lot of leg work and managed to find Mark's phone number in Metro Dallas and we spoke a bit. I hit some hard times very soon after and life took over and we lost touch. Again prior to the popular internet and emails and such. I did tell Mark thank you for taking the time and "Elmering" me back then as a little kid and I hope he knows what a HUGE and I MEAN HUGE impact those few months at adult school had on my life! He allowed me to go even without my Dad and it's ripple effect. At 14 I found myself working P/T selling electronic components and amateur radio gear at a local store my start in the workforce because of the license he helped me get.

Many years down the road out of work for 2 years I managed to do odd jobs under the table, some electrical and computer work due to the electronics he taught me about, often wondering where the next meal would come from for my GF at the time and myself. Eventually we left NJ for Florida and 2 weeks later I landed a job at a 2-way radio shop because of that license he helped me get in 1976! For 4 years I built police cars, ambulances, repaired radios and police radar and laser units. Was able to buy a home and have a child with my now wife. That led to a change in jobs going to work for a large cellular company as an engineer which I have been with now for 27 years and added another child. All of this was because of Mark who

*took the time to mentor a 9yo boy who was tired of CB and was interested in Amateur radio. I eventually mentored my wife and Dad once he retired and they both got their amateur radio license.*

*At 59 now I am trying to mentor my youngest in electronics, hopefully that will serve him well as an adult and allow him to have a good job and life as little did Mark know would help me. If it were not for him helping me with electronics and getting my license I would have never had the opportunities I have had in life and who knows what would have happened to me and the family that I now have. THANK YOU MARK AND I am sorry we were not able to stay in touch years later, that is my fault. :-(*

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**Rich Garcia K4GPS** - April 30, 2025 at 09:41 PM