



Mark Harold Swenson

August 11, 1954 - July 17, 2010

Mark Harold Swenson, 55, passed away July---, 2010 hiking to the top of Mount Cashmere, near Leavenworth, WA. It was a trip he was looking forward to for some time.

He was born August 11, 1954 in Renton, WA to Harold (Swede) and Norma Swenson. Mark grew up in Renton and especially loved the time he spent with his Grandparents camping as a child. He graduated from Renton High School in 1972 and graduated also from ITT in Computer Sciences.

Mark moved to Winthrop, WA to be close to the mountains that he loved, working at Sun Mountain Lodge. When Matthew, Mark's son, went off to college, Mark took a job in Las Vegas for two years, then returning to the Twisp/Chelan area where he worked for North Cascade National Bank. Mark loved the mountains and had a passion for running , (often straight up), bicycling, hiking, snowshoeing, fishing and camping. He also loved photography and many of his favorite photos can be seen on his web site. Some of the most magnificent, he has developed into panoramas. He was very proud of his Irish heritage, loved God, practical jokes, tennis ,reading, movies, Christmas, eagles, and US history. Family was very important to him. He would do anything for those he loved without wanting anything in return. He was a very honest quiet spirit who showed his love by his actions.

Mark is survived by his wife Lois, his Father Harold Swenson, his sister Kathleen Swenson-Rooks of Gig Harbor and his son Matthew Swenson and his wife Meagan and special granddaughter Hailey Paige of Twisp, WA. Mark has 3 neices, Erin (Katie), Sonna and Kallie Rooks. Mark also has 3 step-children, Jody McCreary, Eric Smith, and Kelly Costello, along with 4 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his Mother Norma Jean Kenealy-Swenson. God knows your entire story, from first word to final breath, and with clear assessment declares, "To win without risk is to triumph without glory" Those who knew you, Mark, are so thankful for the way you showed us how to love. A Celebration of Mark's life will begin at 1:30 PM Saturday, July 24, 2010 at Covenant Community Church 710 N. Methow Valley Hwy Twisp, WA. Arrangements are by Telford's Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee, WA

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family,
I was so sorry to hear of Mark's death. I heard about it on KOMO news and didn't realize Mark had a website, so I didn't know how to get ahold of the family. I grew up with Mark and we went to elementary, middle and high school together. We had many good times. We were both on the high school tennis team, he got to play but I didn't. He was better than I. We used to go out to play tennis as friends and as friends he used to beat me soundly. But we still had some great times. We went to movies and hung out and it was Mark that turned me onto Marvel comics. In turn I'm turning my grandchildren onto Marvel comics. The comic knowledge Mark gave me has put me in a position of superiority with my grandchildren. Thank you Mark. I lost track of Mark after high school and missed an opportunity to reconnect. Which I have regreted for years. During this time of loss I wish you all the best. Having known Mark, enriched my life as I'm sure it did to everyone who knew him.
Sincerely, Dave Bonham

David Bonham - July 31, 2010 at 07:35 PM

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“ To Mark's family,
I just wanted to let you know how sorry I was to hear of Mark's passing. I worked with him at Sun Mountain Lodge, and have fond memories of Mark with his quiet sense of humor. My heart goes out to you for this loss.

Karen Schmidt - July 28, 2010 at 02:59 PM