



Mark Dean Brennan

April 5, 1958 - July 13, 2013

Mark Dean Brennan, long-time Saline businessman president of Harry's Furniture and Saline Super Soil, passed away on Saturday July 13, 2013 at the age of 55. Born on April 5, 1958, in Tecumseh, MI, Mark was the son of Harry J. Brennan and Lillian (Gonyon) Brennan, both deceased. He was a life-long resident of Saline. Mark was a member of the Saline Masonic Lodge #133 F&AM since 2001, where he was a 32nd degree Mason serving as Worshipful Master, Past Master and Secretary throughout his time as a member. He was also a member of the Saline Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #311, York Rite, Scottish Rite as well as a Shriner. Serving as a Shriner, one of his most memorable experiences was transporting children from their homes to a Shriner's hospital for treatment. He was also an active sportsman throughout his life. He began this love of the outdoors by hunting and continued it by pulling horses with his father. He also enjoyed farming and trap shooting. Mark was a devoted father taking his family on many trips as well as camping throughout Michigan. He will be truly missed by all of his family and friends. Mark is survived by his six children Heather (Dan LeBlanc) Hudson and Jennifer (Brandon) Kovell mothered by Debbie (Gholson) Burnham and Nathan (Ramona Sisson) Bates, Crystal (James) Ackron, Laura (Zachary) Parsons, and Harry John (Stephanie Cantrell) Brennan II mothered by Janet (Williams) Brennan. His nine loving grandchildren Patricia, Travis, Breanna, Taylor James, Jimmy, Maddie, Harry John Brennan III, Lily, and Tamara also survive him as well as his only brother, Harry "Mike" Brennan. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 19, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Saline with Rev. James E. Tuttle officiating. Burial will follow in Saline at Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family payable to Crystal Ackron or to the Shriner's Hospitals for Children. Envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling on Thursday, July 18, 2013 from 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a Masonic service beginning at 6:30 P.M. Visitation will also be held on Friday, July 19, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service at 11:00 A.M. To sign Mark's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Visitation

JUL 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Service

JUL 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Saline
1200 North Ann Arbor Street
Saline, MI
<http://www.fumc-saline.org/>

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Mark was a genuine individual and very good friend. Saline has lost an angel. My condolences to the family, Will miss you my brother .*

cynthia wilkinson - July 25, 2013 at 06:53 AM

DB

“ *To the entire Brennan family we send our condolences on Mark's passing. We remember the good times spent at Jellystone in Traverse City. Dave, Yvonne, and Mike
Banning*

Dave Banning - July 22, 2013 at 09:37 PM

LS

“ *How awful we feel at learning of Mark's death! Although we have not seen him in a few years we think of him often. Our thoughts and prayers go to all the family.
The Lance Smith family*

Lance Smith - July 22, 2013 at 11:31 AM

VG

“ *An untimely death for a wonderful person, who shared his time and kindness with all. He was always there for others and always willing to go "above and beyond" for friends and family. He was particularly supportive of my teenage sons, and for that I will be forever grateful. Mark will be greatly missed, but definitely never forgotten!
Love and Peace to the Brennan Family,
Valerie Greaves*

valerie Greaves - July 18, 2013 at 10:57 AM

AE

“ *Our family has known the Brennan Family from "back in the day" of Harry's Auction which my parents faithfully attended! Mark & Mike were in my Sunday School Class at St. James Church. Mark always went out of his way to acknowledge any one he knew, whether it was at church or "out and about" in the community. Most recently (a year ago) when he was at Glacier Hills Rehab Center at the same time as my husband, Don .He was kind enough to convince Don to go to activities outside his room. My sympathies to the family on the loss of this good man. Ann Norcross Esterbrook, Saline*

Ann Norcross Esterbrook - July 18, 2013 at 10:43 AM

JK

“ *The Brennan family has been in our lives throughout our time in the Saline area, from late 1964 when Harry moved our family here so my father could work in the Furniture store, through our experiences with our donkeys, horses, parades, auctions, picnics, on and on, and very dear to us, when Mark reached out to us in our hour of need and sat in the hospital with us all night the night our sister passed, being by our sides.*

Mark - life isn't what we expect sometimes but I believe you received the most generous Heart and shared it with everyone, RIP brother, we will all miss you!

*Although unheard we thank you
for always being there
For years we will remember you
and what you used to say*

*You meant so much to all of us
you were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day
and even the greyest sky*

*Our friendship is forever
until death, did we part
Although your away physically
you're always in our Heart*

*My thoughts and prayers to all of your children, their families, and Janet, with
Love,
David and Joanne (Ingersoll) Klanke*

Joanne Klanke - July 17, 2013 at 11:28 PM

AP

“ *Ardyth Mohr, Robert & Debra Henry, Mark & Kathryn Prielipp purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Dean Brennan.*



Ardyth Mohr, Robert & Debra Henry, Mark & Kathryn Prielipp - July 16, 2013 at 09:36 PM

PR

“ Mark was the guy everyone loved, he was always jolly and fun to be around. The family has loving thoughts and prayers from our family to their families. Such a loss in their young lives is a hard thing. I hope only the best for all of his children, and grandchildren. remember allthought he is gone physically he will always live on in your hearts and memories.

Pam and Roger Rutherford, Danny and Donnie Binney,



Pam Rutherford - July 16, 2013 at 07:07 PM

PR

“ Our sympathy goes out to all of Marks children, grandchildren, and to Mike and his family. Our family will keep the Brennan family in our prayers.

Craig and Patty Richter

Patricia Richter - July 16, 2013 at 11:55 AM

DR

“ My heart, thoughts and prayers go out to all that knew Mark, especially his family. I know what a difficult time this is for you all. i remember riding my 4 wheeler around his house and going up north with him and John, so many great memories, he will be missed!! So sorry I will not be able to be there.

“Love is stronger than death even though it can't stop death from happening, but no matter how hard death tries it can't separate people from love. It can't take away our memories either. In the end, life is stronger than death.” Authour Unknown

David Radecki

David Radecki - July 16, 2013 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ Our sincerest condolences at this most difficult time. Mark was truly a "character," and he had one to match. His will be large shoes to fill in the community. He will definitely be missed.

The West Family

Robin West - July 16, 2013 at 09:00 AM

KG

“ *My sympathy goes out to your family. It is so hard to believe he is no longer with us. I grew up as one of his families neighbors, and Mark and I used to ride the school bus together. I never knew Mark well. The last time we had any contact was when he allowed the "Varsity Blues" group from Saline store some of their sets, costumes etc. in one of his buildings. He was a great person, and would help anyone in need.*

Ken Glatz

Ken Glatz - July 16, 2013 at 07:49 AM

BL

“ *Prayers for your family. His larger than life personality will be remembered.*

Babs

Barbara Schmid Losee - July 16, 2013 at 07:29 AM

 Beth
Howell

“ *So sorry to hear of Mark's untimely passing. We are so sorry we can't be there on Thursday. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

Paul & Beth Howell, Maricopa, AZ

Beth Howell - July 15, 2013 at 11:44 PM

JI

“ The Brennan family has been apart of the Ingersoll Family for more than 50 years. I remember when we got together in July 2004 and Mark and Mike put aside their busy schedules and came to the park in Saline to share memories and re-acquaint after so many of us had not seen them for sometime, self included. It re-ignited a long-time friendship that started between our parents and solidified the fact how important the people in our lives, specifically, Mark & Mike Brennan were to our family over the years. I remember Mark opening his home up to allowing us to store items once owned by our sister, Judy, who passed away in December of 2004. How he opened his home to us when we all got together around Easter time in 2005. How he opened his home up to me (Jimmy) when I came back in the summer of 2005 and stayed at his home, he offered to let me use one of his vehicles instead of getting a rental car. I remember after giving the eulogy at my sister's funeral how Mark came up to me and said: "I hope there is someone who can speak about me in the way you spoke about your sister. I don't think I will have anyone like that." Well, I think that there will be plenty the day of your memorial. I want to say from the bottom of my heart. The Ingersoll Family from California to the east Coast of Baltimore, Maryland and everyone in between will miss this man. Even during difficult times Mark always remembered to laugh at himself and laught with others. I believe God has tri-focal vision when he looks at his children. He puts people in our lives because He sees where we have been. He sees where we are currently in our lives. He sees where we are yet to be. The Brennan family was THAT family for the Ingersoll's. Now he is home in Heaven with his mom and dad and all those that have gone before him. We all definitely were influenced by Mark Brennan in our lives and he has definitely made me stop, drop and connect with my family because he definitely tried to do his best with his own direct family. To all of his children, grandchildren and the parents of his children. The Ingersoll's definitely have all of you in our thoughts and prayers!

In His Grip!,

*Jimmy D Ingersoll & Family
Claremont, California*

Jim Ingersoll - July 15, 2013 at 09:21 PM

RH

“ We knew Msrk from the famiky buiness ans being a member od ST. Paul. Our daughter baby sst his children. A nice individual and always knew you. Rev. and Mrs. William Hainstock. Condolences to the family.

ruth hainstock - July 15, 2013 at 06:52 PM

DG

“ To the Brennan Family:

So very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a kind, helpful person. I went to school with him, and had known him since kindergarten.

Please accept my sincere condolences on this painful loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers during the difficult time.

David Gailbreath

David Gailbreath - July 15, 2013 at 05:13 PM

LP

“ So very sorry for your loss. Mark was always a freindly face whenever we met.
The Rob Poet family

Lynda Poet - July 15, 2013 at 04:10 PM

PA

“ My prayers and thoughts are with Mark his family and to all those who knew and loved him! He was always so kind and always made me feel welcome into his home and with his family. He was a very generous soul and will be truly missed.....RIP my friend...? Love you forever and always...
Pam.



Pamela - July 15, 2013 at 04:04 PM

LB

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mark he was a kind and generous man. I have many fond memories of visiting him on his farm with my late husband (Jeff) and our children Becky & Jeff. We would come up from Chicago to attend the annual "Brennan" family reunion in Port Huron. We enjoyed the time that we shared with Janet and their children, they welcomed us into their home with love and kindness. Those are memories that I will cherish forever! He will truly be missed by us all. God bless his family!

*Sincerely,
The Brennan-Creen Family,
Laura, Jim, Becky & Jeff
Wilmington, NC*

Laura Brennan-Creen - July 16, 2013 at 06:36 AM

PA

So very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. We went to school together and grew up in the same area. My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May the love of family and friends along w/ many happy memories, give you peace in the days and weeks ahead.

Patsy Robison Aiken

Patsy Robison Aiken - July 17, 2013 at 11:34 AM