



## Mark Hildebrand

August 31, 1948 - October 28, 2024

Mark Hildebrand, a beloved brother, uncle, and community leader, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2024. Born on August 31, 1948, in Bremerton, Washington, Mark spent his formative years in Moraga, where he attended Campolindo High School, graduating with the class of 1968. A proud member of Boy Scouts Troop 212, he achieved the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout, reflecting his dedication and commitment to service from a young age.

Mark went on to earn a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in 1972 and later obtained his master's degree in Recreation Science from the University of Iowa. In 1980, he moved to Lynden, Washington, where he quickly became an active member of the Lynden Lions Club. His impact on the community was profound; he served as President from 1993 to 1994 and was honored as Lion of the Year three times. Mark received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions International and served on the Board of Directors for fifteen terms, playing a crucial role as a founding board member for Camp Horizon. His dedication to service earned him a lifetime membership in the Lions.

A devout member of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Lynden, Mark's faith guided him throughout his life. Despite facing personal challenges, he never allowed his disability to limit his enthusiasm for life. He approached every task with determination and shared in the same household responsibilities as his

brothers.

Mark is preceded in death by his father, Bernard, and mother, Helen. He will be interred with them at Greenacres in Ferndale. He is survived by his brothers, John (wife Nikki) and Vince (wife Marty), along with numerous nephews and nieces who cherished his presence.

Mark was an extraordinary individual who embraced life with joy and laughter. His legendary sense of humor and unwavering faith in the goodness of others touched the lives of many. He will be profoundly missed by his family and friends, but they take comfort in the belief that they will be reunited with him in heaven.

A memorial service and internment will be held at Moles/Greenacres in Ferndale November 7, 2024, at 10:00 AM. Reception to follow at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Lynden.

Donation in remembrance of Mark can be made to the Lynden Lions Club.  
Lynden Lions Club

# Tribute Wall

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“ I’ve been blessed and honored to know Mark and have always considered him a close and very dear friend for many decades. He had a way of bringing joy to others through his sense of humor, kindness and gratefulness. I am a better person because of him and am already struggling, knowing our visits are no more. He was definitely a gift from God and will always have a special place in my heart!!

Mary Claire Luther - November 11, 2024 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ When Roger and I joined the Lynden Lions Club, Mark was one of the first people we met. He was waiting just inside the door and greeted us with that beautiful smile and sparkle in his eyes. What a beautiful person and what a privilege is ours to have known him for the last few years. We will forever be inspired by Mark!

Roger and Maureen Dowling - November 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barbara and I always appreciated the special qualities that Mark possessed and considered him a dear friend. He was always cheerful, inquisitive, and positive despite the health challenges he dealt with daily. We will miss him and his infectious smile.

Gordon and Barbara Sund - November 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ A Humble approach and forgiving heart was a map for clarity in the inevitable hereafter. miss my family. And have recently been injury free 3 yrs. reminding me that I will be reunited to be with beloved

Bryant Vaughn Ziegler - November 03, 2024 at 12:00 AM

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“ Together with his mother, Helen, Mark was a dear and supportive friend to me and my family throughout our stay in Lynden and especially during the years we served together at St. Joseph Church. His hallmark laughter will always be remembered with joy and his supportive words of wisdom shared during some hard times we endured together will continue to carry me through any challenge which may lie ahead. Mark, dear friend, may you rest in peace in the arms of our loving God!

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**Tom O'Brien-Wilson** - November 02, 2024 at 12:00 AM