



Mark Arends

September 18, 1970 - October 8, 2023

Mark Arends, 53, of Alden, passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023 at Hansen Family Hospital. A public visitation will be held from 1-4 PM on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the River's Edge Church in Iowa Falls with a 3 PM prayer service. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls is caring for Mark and his family.

Mark Cleve Arends was born on September 18, 1970 to Sherman Paul and Marcia Anne (Stripling) Arends.

Mark grew up in LuVerne, Iowa. He pitched in high school where he was given the nickname "Shark". He graduated from Corwith-Wesley-LuVerne High School class of 1989.

After high school, Mark moved to Iowa Falls and attended Ellsworth Community College. He was a member of the baseball team. During the summer of 1990, he met Kris. She learned that if she wanted to spend time with him, she better learn how to play golf, as he loved to golf. They later wed on July 30, 1994. The couple had three boys: Brannon, Kyle and Carter.

Mark worked and managed Sieg Auto Parts in Iowa Falls starting in 1990 then Iowa Falls Implement and Marine until 2014. He became owner of Iowa Falls Marine in 2014.

Mark enjoyed being busy. He joined several leagues early on: golf league, pool league and bowling league. When the boys were young, he coached them in soccer, little league and YSF football. For several years Mark was a youth group leader at the IMUCC church. He went to Kansas City every year with them on mission trips.

Mark was very dedicated to the Iowa Falls Alden Little League program. Besides coaching for several years, he also served on the board and eventually as board president. He played an integral role in the construction of the Floyd Burton Little League Field in Alden. He took pride in that, and even when he was done serving on the board, he continued to help with field maintenance and upkeep.

Mark and Kris always looked forward to their annual trip to an MLB game. Their goal was to attend a game at all 30 major league ballparks. He enjoyed hunting, the outdoors and grilling. He loved his business, Iowa Falls Marine. He took pride in his work. It was an extension of him.

Mark was good humored and witty. Always enjoyed giving people a hard time. He never met a stranger. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. His greatest joy was his three boys and he absolutely loved being a grandpa to Adalee. She had him wrapped around her finger. He said he would never tell her no.

Mark Arends is survived by his wife, Kris Arends of Alden, Iowa; children, Brannon (Cadie) Arends (and their daughter Adalee) of Humboldt, Iowa, Kyle (Emily) Arends of West Des Moines, Iowa, Carter Arends (Bridget Berven) of Alden, Iowa; sisters, Joni (Dave) Torkelson of Humboldt, Iowa, Lori (Will) Woodruff of Boone, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Sherman Arends; mother, Marcia Arends and paternal and

maternal grandparents.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

River's Edge Church
204 College Ave
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Sheryl Luppen lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends*



sheryl Luppen - October 15, 2023 at 12:41 PM

AG

“ *Mark was the kindest most pleasant Customer. He will truly be missed.*

Alice K Gilliard - October 13, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 13, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.*

October 13, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.* ”



October 13, 2023 at 02:53 PM



“ *Such a great man and friend. Rest in Peace my friend.* ”

Dave Pomeroy - October 13, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.* ”



October 13, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.* ”

October 13, 2023 at 10:07 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.* ”



October 13, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 13, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 13, 2023 at 09:08 AM



“ *On behalf of the Ellsworth College Foundation we extend our deepest sympathies to Kris and boys as well as so many friends grieving Mark's passing. There will be an empty spot in many Foundation events! His memory will always be cherished.*

Gwen Groen, Ellsworth Foundation Directo - October 12, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *John and Kim Kluesner purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Arends.*



John and Kim Kluesner - October 12, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 12, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 12, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 12, 2023 at 05:50 PM



“ Kris & Family, so very sorry for your loss. Prayers abundantly coming your way!

Gary, Dee, Katy Lynk

Dee Lynk - October 12, 2023 at 05:05 PM

NW

“ Nic and Amy Hampton & Delta Waterfowl purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mark Arends.



Nic and Amy Hampton & Delta Waterfowl - October 12, 2023
at 04:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 12, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 12, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 12, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 12, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ The St. Louis Woodruffs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Arends.

The St. Louis Woodruffs - October 12, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ The St. Louis Woodruffs purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mark Arends.



The St. Louis Woodruffs - October 12, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 12, 2023 at 01:18 PM

JB

“ Joyce A Borcharding lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends



Joyce A Borcharding - October 12, 2023 at 10:52 AM

JB

keeping you in our prayers!

Joyce A Borcharding - October 12, 2023 at 10:53 AM

BP

“ Brad, Connie, Ben and Paul planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Arends.

Brad, Connie, Ben and Paul - October 12, 2023 at 10:33 AM

BP

“ Brad, Connie, Ben and Paul purchased the Comfort & Light 30" Sonnet for the family of Mark Arends.



Brad, Connie, Ben and Paul - October 12, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 11, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 11, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Scissors &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Arends.*

Scissors &. - October 11, 2023 at 03:14 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 11, 2023 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 11, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 11, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 10, 2023 at 09:20 PM



“ *Evelyn Tirevold lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends*



Evelyn Tirevold - October 10, 2023 at 09:06 PM



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.*



October 10, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Arends.

October 10, 2023 at 08:50 PM



“ W & H Cooperative Employees and Board purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Arends.



W & H Cooperative Employees and Board - October 10, 2023 at 10:56 AM



“ Laura Nassen lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends



Laura Nassen - October 10, 2023 at 12:39 AM



“ Rachelle Renken Dolan lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends



Rachelle Renken Dolan - October 09, 2023 at 11:19 PM

CJ

“ William Johnson of ECC Baseball (Graduate 2022) shares his sympathy and sadness with Carter and his family.



Carol Johnson - October 09, 2023 at 09:00 PM

MR

“ Marcia Renken lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends



Marcia Renken - October 09, 2023 at 07:12 PM

MB

“ Mike & June Bartlett lit a candle in memory of Mark Arends



Mike & June Bartlett - October 09, 2023 at 06:06 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark Arends.



October 09, 2023 at 03:52 PM

TW

“ *Mark grew up across the street from me in LuVerne. He was one of my older brothers good friends so he was everywhere we were growing up. He is gone too soon. Prayers for the family*

Tiffany Walter - October 09, 2023 at 02:30 PM

JW

“ *Mark was one of the first and by far the nicest people to welcome me to Iowa Falls when I relocated a few years ago. His presence will definitely be missed. Prayers for comfort during this tough time.*

John Whitehead - October 09, 2023 at 02:20 PM