



Mark S. Heinz

July 7, 1954 - March 3, 2025

Mark S. Heinz, 70, of Ackley, passed away Monday, March 3, 2025 at Grand JiVante in Ackley. Funeral services will be 10:30 AM Monday, March 10, 2025 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Mark will be laid to rest at the Oakwood Cemetery in Ackley. Visitation will be held from 2-4 PM on Sunday, March 9th at the church. Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Mark and his family.

Mark Steven Heinz was born on July 7, 1954 to Harold and Mary Jane (Harrington) Heinz in Iowa Falls, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm where he learned the value of hard work, family and the love of farming. Mark attended Ackley-Geneva Schools and was a proud member of the Class of 1973. He continued his education at Hawkeye Community College. Mark left the farm for a time to work on the wheat harvest throughout the western United States and returned to the farm to continue his 50-year career farming land in Hardin, Franklin and Audubon counties.

Mark met PJ at the Iowa State Fair in August of 1989. They dated for three weeks before being engaged, and married on December 23, 1989 in Des Moines. Mark supported PJ's career and happily "voluntold" her for many school events and projects. Twin daughters, Madison and Meghan joined them in 1995 making their family complete.

Mark's perfect day started with his coffee buddies and ended at the farm. Mark loved the farm and everything about it. He bought his first tractor, a John Deere 4430 at the age of 18. He enjoyed auctions, machinery lots and junkyards as he could always find a project. He loved all aspects of agriculture and traveling to different regions to see the crops raised and the type of machinery used. He loved a good bargain and was a frequent visitor to the bargain bin and scratch and dent showrooms. Mark thought every kid needed a toy tractor, and he especially enjoyed spoiling his nieces and nephews and their children. He generously donated to his church and community.

After his diagnosis of glioblastoma of 2022, Mark was determined to live life to the fullest and made memories through travel and cherished time with family and friends. His greatest joy was the birth of his two grandchildren, Wyatt and Avery who adored their "Papa".

Mark Heinz is survived by his wife, PJ of 35 years; his daughters, Madison Sawyer (Austin Sawyer) and Meghan Heinz (Chad Mennenga); grandchildren, Wyatt and Avery Sawyer; siblings, Tom (Brenda) Heinz, Judy (Rolland) Crawford; mother in-law, Prudy Campbell; sister in-law, KC Rottinghaus (Bob Russell); a foreign exchange student brother, Mike (Velia) O'Hare of Australia; beloved cousins and his precious nephews and nieces and their families. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Mary Jane Heinz; his brother, Bobby Heinz and father in-law, Robert Campbell.

The family thanks the staff at Grand Jivante, Cedar Valley Hospice, Holden Cancer Center, MercyOne Cancer Center, MercyOne Rehabilitation and the Ackley Medical Center for their kindness, care and support. Memorials received by the family will be used to support community projects.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

Ackley, IA 50601

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ
716 3rd Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Service

MAR 10. 10:30 AM (CT)

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716 3rd Avenue
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Tribute Wall

TS

“ Thinking of your family. Always enjoyed visits with Mark when he would call or stop in. Keep your great family memories close to your heart. Tracy Shreckengost

Tracy Shreckengost - March 10, 2025 at 09:42 AM

MH

“ 2 files added to the album Family



Meghan Heinz - March 08, 2025 at 10:19 PM



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

March 07, 2025 at 04:22 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



March 07, 2025 at 04:22 PM

DF

“ Dale & Linda Harrington & family purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



Dale & Linda Harrington & family - March 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

LF

“ Love, Tom & Celine Wahlert and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark S. Heinz.

Love, Tom & Celine Wahlert and family - March 06, 2025 at 11:45 AM

LF

“ Love, Tom & Celine Wahlert and family purchased the *Ocean Breeze Spray* for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



Love, Tom & Celine Wahlert and family - March 06, 2025 at 11:45 AM

CS

“ Courtney (Clark) Sargent purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



Courtney (Clark) Sargent - March 05, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BL

“ Buscher's, Jaspers, Ahrens and Lammers purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



Buscher's, Jaspers, Ahrens and Lammers - March 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM

BL

“ Buscher's, Jaspers, Ahrens and Lammers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark S. Heinz.

Buscher's, Jaspers, Ahrens and Lammers - March 05, 2025 at 05:38 PM



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

March 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark S. Heinz.



March 05, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark S. Heinz.*



March 05, 2025 at 10:57 AM



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March 05, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *What a great neighbor on Cerro Gordo & 7th Ave! Memories of building the silo pool in backyard, bringing Bambi to the house after cutting hay, & Kole using his red spray paint to paint his bedsheets on clothesline & north side of our house!!! Hahaha He was a wonderful & patient man who will be missed by many!! My sympathies to your families.*

Steph Knipfel - March 03, 2025 at 08:43 PM



“ *Dirk Frerichs and Mary Rameyer*

Mary Jo Frieden - March 03, 2025 at 04:56 PM