



Mark Edward Buhler

October 16, 1952 - January 2, 2025

Mark Edward Buhler, 72, of Caledonia, passed away on Thursday, Jan 2, 2025 at Aurora Zilber Family Hospice in Wauwatosa.

Mark was born on October 16, 1952 in Racine to Edward and Blanche (nee: Lawrence) Buhler. He was united in marriage to Carol Knobel on June 25, 1977 at First United Methodist Church. Mark was a graduate of Washington Park High School, and UW-Madison. He spent his career of over 40 years as a pharmacist, working for Lange's, Kmart, and Aurora pharmacies.

He was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church and was involved with Racine Lighthouse Brigade. Mark was also a member of the Racine County Pharmacist Association, and served as president.

In his free time, he enjoyed playing golf, attending car shows, smoking barbecue at home, and traveling. Mark was a devout fan of his Wisconsin Badgers, always telling his family "not to worry" whenever they would play. He was a loving family man and a loyal friend, loved by many and will leave a profound impact on those lives he touched.

Mark will be missed by his wife, Carol; sons, Daniel (Allison) Buhler and Eric (Stephanie) Buhler; sister, Carole (Harv) Randecker; sister-in-law, Mary (Jon) Klema; nephews, Benjamin (Sarah) Klema and Scott (Claire) Randecker; grandpups, Huey and Gus; and other relatives and friends.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Blanche Buhler.

Memorial service will be held at Sturino Funeral Home on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 12 noon. There will be a visitation at the funeral home from 11

a.m. until time of service. Mark will be laid to rest at West Lawn Memorial Park at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. His family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Aurora Zilber Family Hospice for their wonderful care.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
Racine, WI 53404
(262) 632-4479
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Edward Buhler*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 14, 2025 at 09:33 PM

RM

*What a beautiful tribute video.
Thank you so much for sharing your memories!
Love, Vicki & Bob*

Robert Meredith - January 14, 2025 at 07:42 PM

JH

Beautiful 🥰

Love, Joe & Laura

Joseph A Hebert - January 16, 2025 at 06:57 PM

BF

“ *What a good friend-that's what I see when I think of Mark. He is a great friend to my Step-Father, Kurt Christensen. I am so thankful for their friendship, especially in this past 2 years with the loss of my mom, Marilee. We are so sorry to have heard of his passing and illness. Prayers from my family to yours in your grieving. Lean on God as He will see you through.*

Britany D Fisher-Kerns - February 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

BG

“ I worked with Mark when he was a district manager at Kmart, back in the good old days. The job wasn't always easy, but Mark was always optimistic, respected by his co-workers, and a pleasure to work with. I offer my most sincere condolences to Mark's family and friends.

Berkley Gamble - January 19, 2025 at 01:20 PM

JM

“ Mark was two years ahead of me in high school but that did not stop him from making a great impression on me. He was always a class act. Very active in high school in noble causes and meaningful clubs that required talent and leadership. Much later in life, we caught up with each other again when he and his wife, Carol, decided to build a home down the street from us in Auburn Hills. We were happy to have them as neighbors. Mark even when on a trip to Colorado with my two brothers, Todd Zierten, and others in the 70s during his college years. My brothers still talk about how meaningful--and fun--that trip was to them. Mark left a legacy of high integrity, excellence, and kindness. Mark will be missed. We offer our condolences to Carol, your children, and your entire family. Your neighbors, Jim and Karen Magruder. Please also accept the condolences of my brothers, Chris and Bob Magruder.

Jim/Karen Magruder - January 17, 2025 at 02:45 PM

TF

“ The Eggers Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mark Edward Buhler.



The Eggers Family - January 15, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JD

“ From: Joseph Eggers and Gaurav Doshi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Edward Buhler.

Joseph Eggers and Gaurav Doshi - January 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM

JD

“ Joseph Eggers and Gaurav Doshi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Edward Buhler.



Joseph Eggers and Gaurav Doshi - January 15, 2025 at 04:24 PM

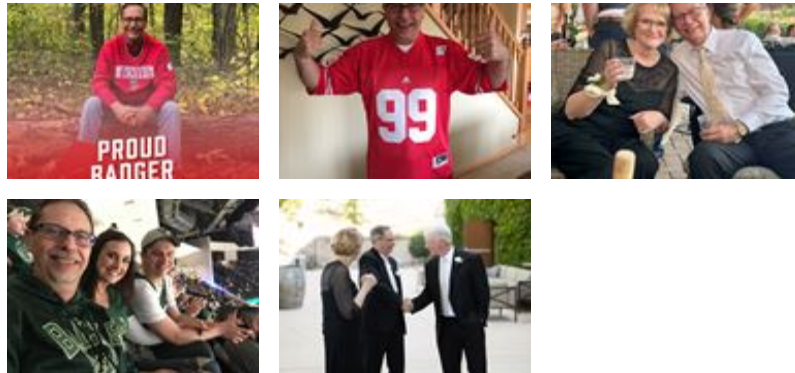
CB

“ Mark was a great help as I interned at Lange's Pharmacy 1977-78 and remained there. Mark left Lange's a few years later and we lost touch but were reunited about 5 years ago when fellow Pharmer Jeff Jensen met Mark while bicycling through Graceland Cemetery. We formed a foursome with my wife and golfed weekly at Johnson Park. He was always nothing but a nice and good guy, rarely downcast and mostly upbeat, even as he contemplated his illness when we pointed out that he was slurring his speech when I last saw Mark 9/23/24 during our last round of golf. Which was THE BEST he ever played in our five years and with a brand new set of clubs. Never saw him again and will count on seeing him in Eternity. Sincere condolences to Carol, Danny and Eric and family. He will be missed.

CRAIG BORGARDT - January 15, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ 139 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 14, 2025 at 03:07 PM

GG

“ *Mark and I went to Sunday School together. Our parents were also good friends. I was sad to learn of his death. My last memory together was at our 51st class reunion. He shared with me a photo of us in 1st grade. I will always remember what a wonderful friend he was. My condolences to the entire Buhler family. I regret not being able to attend the service. My prayers are with you.*

Gail Harnett Gross

Gail Harnett Gross - January 14, 2025 at 01:26 PM

JM

“ *Jenny & Mike, Mindy & Merlin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Edward Buhler.*



Jenny & Mike, Mindy & Merlin - January 13, 2025 at 07:54 PM

CG

“ *Mark was our Pharmacist at K-Mart for many years. He was always so helpful if we had questions and always so accommodating. I missed him when the store closed. I also had both boys Dan and Eric at Fine Arts School as their Music Teacher. My sincere sympathy to you Carol, Dan, and Eric and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Carolyn Gibson

Carolyn Gibson - January 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

“ Have you ever met a man with so much zest for life?
A man with an absolutely unique character?
A man who always looked after his family first?
A man who kept his word?
A man who found so much pride in the Lighthouse Brigade?
A man so youthful and spirited?
A man who worked with his utmost dedication in seeing the possibilities and success to the Lighthouse Brigade?

When have we ever not seen Mark with that glow around him? How about checking out some pictures of Mark and you will always see that smile of his!

My family and I have never had the opportunity to watch Mark golf, or attend car shows with him or see him barbecue at his home. We've not seen him at his job as a pharmacist.

But we did see Mark at his best! For us, that best was our times together with the Lighthouse Brigade.

We would hop on coach buses, with an awesome group of talented teenagers, and travel with Mark to many parts of our country for performances, competition and marching in parades.

I am still puzzled as to how it is that I ended up on the same bus with Mark for most of our road trips. After all, he certainly wasn't the most "chaperony" adult on the bus. But eventually, one realized that Mark's skills had a purpose, as he kept the bus entertained but sane. By the way, I need to mention that his favorite snack on our bus excursions happened to be beef jerky.

When our bus made stops along the way, you could always be sure that Mark was checking out the souvenir shops. If my memory serves me correctly, at one stop he had to be escorted out of the shop and back on the bus. (Didn't I mention earlier that he had a unique character?)

Mark was always quite amusing. If you asked him a question, he seemed to venture into deep thought with a "hmmmm" to follow. Other times, as we waited in anticipation for the most challenging part of a performance, Mark would decide out of nowhere that it was the perfect time to share a joke. You can imagine what happened after that.

So, if you wonder what Mark is doing in heaven right now, you can just about be sure that he's munching on beef jerky and telling knock-knock jokes while on a bus that's skimming the heavens and stopping at all the heavenly souvenir stops.

Did I mention that Mark had an absolutely unique character?

The Preischel family- Terry, Brittany & David

Terry Preischel - January 12, 2025 at 06:33 PM

FD

“ My wife Sandy and I first met Mark when he was a pharmacist at K-Mart. He treated us and his other clients very well, and we would spend a lot of time chatting at the counter.

We reconnected in later years when our sons were involved in the Mitchell Middle School and Racine Light House Brigade bands. It felt good to all of us that our sons had become friends.

I co-chaperoned several band trips with Mark and got to know him better. I remember one time Mark and I were on the Ferris wheel at Six Flags Atlanta during springtime. Both of us had allergies that were flaring up at that time. While on top of the Ferris wheel, we looked down over the trees and saw a big cloud of yellow pollen flowing every time the wind blew through the trees. We looked at each other and laughed, knowing why we were suffering.

Sandy and I offer our most profound consolations to Mark's family. Please know that our limited friendship with him means a lot to us. He will be missed but also remembered with a smile. The photo of Mark on this page is perfect for how we knew him. Smiling.

Frank DeCesaro - January 10, 2025 at 07:06 PM

WF

“ With love from Aaron Nielsen and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mark Edward Buhler.



With love from Aaron Nielsen and family - January 10, 2025 at 03:40 PM

EP

“ My deepest condolences to Mark's family. I also worked with Mark as a DM with Kmart. He was a good and honest man! RIP my friend..

Ernie Price - January 10, 2025 at 11:09 AM

KC

“ I met Mark at Park high School back in the late 1960s. We were in band, orchestra, and choir together. He was a year ahead of me. We became friends at school. We went our own ways in life. 30 years later Mark and I met again when our kids were in the Lighthouse Brigade of Racine. He came up to me and said hey Kurt. I was shocked he remembered me. We became fast friends in the Lighthouse Brigade as we chaperoned most outings together. We have been meeting for breakfasts for many years now. We talked about our families, politics, and laughed a lot. I really cherished those mornings with Mark. He is simply one of the best people I've ever met. He's honest to a fault. He's a person with no ulterior motives. When you see Mark, you know what you get. A great guy. You will certainly be missed Mark.
Kurt Christensen

Kurt A Christensen - January 09, 2025 at 10:09 PM

CZ

“ I have known Mark since I was born, and he was a very special Godfather to me. I have many fond memories of him. He will be greatly missed. I am sending hugs and love to his family! Love,
Courtney

Courtney Zukowski - January 09, 2025 at 01:32 PM

CZ

“ 3 files added to the album Mark Buhler photos



Courtney Zukowski - January 09, 2025 at 12:57 PM

KY

“ *Mark and I were Kmart Pharmacy District Managers together throughout the 90's, during the glory years of Kmart. There were around 50 of us DMs nationwide, 5 of them were named Mark - and Buhler was the first on the list! We had a really special group of colleagues, the knowledge and camaraderie we shared is unmatched and will forever be remembered. My sincere condolences to Mark's family and friends. May he rest in peace.*

Kim Young - January 09, 2025 at 05:03 AM

HK

“ *Mark and I worked together for some years with Kmart Pharmacy, and I sure enjoyed knowing Mark and working with him. Mark was a great pharmacist, an excellent Pharmacy District Manager, and just an all-around good man, with a huge heart. After leaving Kmart, we stayed in touch by Facebook, and the Packers and the Lions came up a few times...well, maybe more than a few times. We had great fun with that. In the last few years, when I was traveling in the area, we got together for dinner and a beer. I cherish those visits. Rest in peace, old friend, you will be so missed by so many.*

HOWARD KRAMER - January 08, 2025 at 08:57 PM

JW

“ Mark was a very good friend to me, both when we worked together at Kmart Pharmacy and after we both moved on to other pharmacies. We would have long chats on Facebook about the Badgers and the Tarheels, as well as the great times we had at our yearly DM meetings and such. Great person, great friend. He will be missed.

Jeff Whitley - January 08, 2025 at 04:34 PM

CS

“ I remember Mark taking me all around showing me the ropes as a new DM for Kmart. It was winter. Everything was frozen solid and he told me “ we don't thaw out around here till July”. 🥶. You will be missed my friend. Rest in a gentle Godly peace.

Cathy Stephenson - January 08, 2025 at 03:34 PM

CK

“ Mark was a great friend since high school. He delivered meds to my mom and we shared rides to Madison. I will miss his cheerful disposition. I'm so happy we had a chance to catch up in July. My sincere condolences to his family.

Carolyn Krause - January 08, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ You will be so missed Mark. You were fun to talk to at Park High School. Great to work with on 50th class reunion and so much fun to message to and say, Mark put your pharmacist jacket on I have a question.

Jan Larson - January 07, 2025 at 11:40 AM