



Mark Prim

September 12, 1949 - May 28, 2004

Mark Alan Prim, age 54, of Topeka, passed away of cancer, at his home, Friday, May 28, 2004.

Mark was born September 12, 1949 in Livingston, MT to Albert and Lorraine Prim.

He graduated from St. Mary's Grade School and Park High School in 1967 both in Livingston, MT where he excelled in both track and football. Mark served in the Air Force from 1968-72 and was stationed at the Grand Forks Air Force Base in Grand Forks, ND. In October of 1972 Mark went to work for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Mark also drove school bus for St Mary's School and the Grand Forks School District from 1990 through 1997. In 1997 their family moved to Topeka. While in Grand Forks Mark was a member of St. Mary's Parish, served on the St. Mary's Parish council and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

On September 19, 1970 he married Carol Jean Nelson. Mark shared his life with her and their children, Amy Erickson and her husband David, Topeka; Dustin Prim and his wife Tonya, Bemidji, MN; Anne Wardner and her husband Eric, Topeka, Dylan Prim and Alexis Prim, both of Topeka; grandsons, Adam & Ian Erickson and Elijah Wardner, all of Topeka until the time of his death.

Mark is also survived by his sisters, Marcia Abbott, Ridgefield, WA; Marie Kinnick, Livingston, MT; and Marilyn Applegate, Cody, WY; brothers, Michael Prim, Spokane, WA; and Miles Prim, Gilbert, AZ. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Mitchell Prim.

Visitation will be Tuesday 6-8 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church with a parish rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at St Matthew's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be sent to American Cancer Society, St Jude's Childrens fund, or Midland Hospice

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Prim*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Carol and Family, Our deepest sympanthy to you and your family. We read about Mark in the Grand Forks Herald and was shocked and sadden about his illness. He was always kind and friendly to us. We bought our first home from you and Mark next to Mr/Mrs. Belker. May God give you strength and comfort today and always. We are thinking about you all. Carol and Roland Mayhair*

Roland&Carol Mayhair - June 07, 2004 at 09:14 PM



“ *Oh, Carol, we are so sorry to hear about Mark. We have many pleasant memories of him and your family; all of you lined up in the first row, tabernacle side, at St. Mary's on Sundays and us in the second row, softball games etc. God bless all.*

Evie & Ed Rerick - June 07, 2004 at 12:47 PM

KB

“ Dear Family,
I am not probably know to any of you except Mark's immediate family. Not only were the Scanlan's in the neighborhood, but so also were the Wright's. We lived only one home south of the Prim family. What a time we would have!!!! Mark was always a joy - even when we weren't getting along. Kids arguing, kids playing, all going to school together. I graduated in 1968 but will always have extremely fond memories of sharing some years as neighbors of the Prim family. They were ALL good people and the world has lost another ray of sunshine and love with the passing of another from this family. May God continue to be your comfortor.

Kathy (Wright) Batson - June 05, 2004 at 11:28 AM

AS

“ Carol and family. I was so sorry to hear and read about your loss. I remember the days from across the alley when Shelly and Amy would run back and forth. God will give you strength and I will keep you all in my prayers. Aileen (Fahey) Sandwick

Aileen Fahey Sandwick - June 03, 2004 at 11:55 PM

JW

“ Carol and family,

We were shocked and saddened to see Mark's obituary in the paper yesterday. We have had so much fun with your family in the past and know you will all miss Mark tremendously and so will we. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.

Jim and Sherryl Weisenberger

Jim and Sherryl Weisenberger - June 03, 2004 at 01:42 PM

JW

“ *Mark Prim*

Jim and Sherryl Weisenberger - June 03, 2004 at 01:38 PM

BH

“ *Carol and family -- I'm sorry to hear of Mark's passing and wish to extend my condolences to all of you. While it has been awhile since I was a child playing at the Prim household, those fun days will be always be positive memories for me. You are all in my thoughts through this difficult time. Ben Hadden*

Ben Hadden - June 03, 2004 at 12:20 PM

MB

“ *Carol,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. May the memory of Mark and his life be your strength.
Mark & Kathy Brickson*

Mark & Kathy Brickson - June 03, 2004 at 09:10 AM

JF

“ *We are very saddened to hear of the great loss you all have suffered. Mark is truly loved and miss. We are praying for God to comfort you at this time of sorrow. You all are in our thoughts. We love you guys!! -The Noye family*

Jill (Noye) Cormier and family - June 02, 2004 at 11:19 PM

JW

“ Dear Carol and family.
What can one say but how very sorry we are. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers. We will never forget all the fun times we had at your house. Mark was the best father. So full of life. His memories will never be forgotten.
Our deepest sympathy,
Johanna, Melissa, Daniel and Benjamin Watne

Johanna, Melissa, Daniel and Benjamin Watne - June 02, 2004 at 10:30 PM

SM

“ To the Mark Prim Family,
I grew up in Livingston, and as kids do, hung around, and spent a lot of time with Mark, Mike, and the rest of the family. We had such fun! Life goes on, we lose touch, but the connection is always there. I was deeply saddened to hear of Mark's death. I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Carol, his children, and his grandchildren. Mark's spirit will be carried forth by all of you.
Sincerely, Sally MacDonald

Sally MacDonald - June 02, 2004 at 09:11 PM

AD

“ I would like you to know that I am saddened to hear about the loss of your father. I was just thinking about you today, Anne, while I was moving into the building next to the one you used to live in, in Grand Forks. And then I read in the newspaper that your father passed away. I was in shock and disbelief. May God give you the extra strength and comfort that you need during this difficult time. I can't imagine what you're going through. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.
With deepest sympathy,
Amy DePaolo

Amy DePaolo - June 02, 2004 at 08:19 PM

MI

“ Carol & Family,
We're so sorry to hear about Mark's passing. May the promise of the scriptures be your hope today, your peace tomorrow, and your comfort always. With deepest sympathy.
Mike, Mary, Tim and Tony Iwan

Mary Iwan - June 02, 2004 at 07:42 PM

JF

“ Carol, Amy, Anne, Dylan and Lexi,
I'm so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I was reading other things in the paper and his picture jumped out at me. I know that it has been hard on all of you, but he doesn't hurt anymore. I know that it's not fair and there is a lot of things you think that he is going to miss, but he won't . He will be right there every day, every step of the way. He seemed to be so proud of all of you kids and everything you've done and he will continue to be proud of you. I'm here for all of you if you need me, just call.

Jamie Shore and family - June 02, 2004 at 05:44 PM

AW

“ Dear Carol and family - We were so saddened as we read of Mark's death in the GF Herald. We cannot even imagine how difficult this must be for all of you. Please know that there are lots of prayers going your way - prayers for peace and strength during this time of loss. I'm so glad we got to chat with you the last time you were up visiting St. Mary's. Do take care!

Annella, Steve, Amy, and Sarah Winger - June 02, 2004 at 04:39 PM

RF

“ On behalf of all the employees of Cities Area Transit (formally Grand Forks City Bus), we would like to extend our sincere condolences during the loss of Mark. Several of the drivers remember Mark very well and are saddened of his passing.

Roger Foster - June 02, 2004 at 11:47 AM

SW

“ Dear Carol and family,

What wonderful memories I have of Mark. I think back on when I first started working at St. Mary's and here came along this wonderful man willing to drive a bus load of kids to Youth Convention in Fargo. For two days, each morning and night he covered just about every area of Fargo, picking up and dropping off kids, which took about an hour each trip. Most people would have thought....This is nuts, but guess who volunteered to go to convention the next year, as well as took us on a tubing trip as well. Right then and there I knew he had a very special place marked in heaven just for him!!!

The last time I talked to Mark he spoke of how much all of you meant to him. I enjoyed that conversation so much, and when getting off the phone, I thought, "what an inspiration he was". I want to let you know that each of you hold a very special place in my heart, and that I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

All my love,

Sharon Wilhelmi

Sharon Wilhelmi - June 02, 2004 at 11:42 AM

DH

“ Dearest Carol, Amy, Dave, Anne, Eric, Dusty, Tonya, Dylan, Lexi and Grandbabies,

Please know that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with you. I hope you take comfort in knowing that now Mark can be watching over all of you at the same time and that you will always feel his love for you. You are the most important part of his life.

We have wonderful thoughts and memories of Mark and all of you. May God's arms hold you all close.

With Love, Dana, Deb, Dusty & Devin Hillebrand

Dana & Deb Hillebrand - June 02, 2004 at 09:56 AM

TS

“ Carol and family: We are so sorry to read of Mark's death. May God comfort you in His loving arms. With love and prayers, Tony and Joan Scheett

Tony & Joan Scheett - June 02, 2004 at 09:53 AM

JS

“ Carol and family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your husband and father. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jean & Butch Skari

Jean & Butch Skari - June 02, 2004 at 09:07 AM

GK

“ Dear Carol and family,
We are so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. The Prims and the Scanlans grew up in the same neighborhood in Livingston and we have so many fond memories of Mark and the rest of the "Prim kids." Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Grace Scanlan and Nancy Scanlan Kelly - June 01, 2004 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ Carol and family, I am so sorry to hear about Mark's death. This is a very sad time for you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy

Judy Bonjour - June 01, 2004 at 03:14 PM

RJ

“ Dear Carol, I was so very sorry to hear about Mark's death. You and your family are in my prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time. Rita

Rita Jones - June 01, 2004 at 02:32 PM

VF

“ Dear Carol and family,
Brad and the kids send their love. We are all saddened by this whole ordeal. I'm just so sorry tht you are having to go through this. But you have each other and you have so many friends to lean on. We love you.

Valerie Walthall and family - June 01, 2004 at 02:20 PM

BS

“ Anne and Lexi-

I am so sorry about your dad. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call.

Becky and Kymberly

Becky Siemens - May 31, 2004 at 11:29 PM

KF

“ Carol and family,

We are sorry to hear about Mark's death. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Karen and Paul Felzien

Karen Felzien - May 30, 2004 at 10:52 PM

JF

“ Amy

I am so sorry to hear of your Father's passing. I know it is hard at this time. My own father was only 54 when he died. You are in our prayers - we love you.

Call if you need to talk.

Jennifer

Jennifer Friedley - May 30, 2004 at 01:57 PM

AT

“ Anne and Amy,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a great man and I'm positive he is in heaven watching over all of you. Your family is in our prayers as you go through this tough time. Please know I'm hear if you need me. Give all the boys kisses and hugs from us.
Annie Tobyne

Annie and Brad Tobyne - May 30, 2004 at 12:06 PM