



Mark W. Fransdal

February 20, 1960 - December 28, 2021

Services for Mark Fransdal, 61, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls with Pastor Scott Keele Kober officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the church. Attendees will be required to wear masks at all events at the church. There will be a luncheon after the service. A private family burial will be at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City following the luncheon.

Mark Waldemar Fransdal was born on February 20, 1960, in Willmar, MN, the son of Merrill and Mariene (Sather) Fransdal. He was raised in Charles City, Iowa and graduated from Charles City Community High School in 1978. Mark married Nancy Lee Hutchins at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charles City on May 19, 1984. They had two children, Samuel David and Carolyn Joy.

Mark graduated from the University of Iowa in 1982 and from the University of Iowa Law School in 1985. Mark had been employed by Redfern, Mason, Larsen, & Moore in Cedar Falls since July of 1985. Mark and Nancy were very involved in their church and Mark was a lay minister on many occasions. Mark passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, unexpectedly at home.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Nancy; his children Sam (Erin Dietzenbach) Fransdal of Cedar Falls and Carolyn (Joshua Wilkerson) Fransdal of Cedar Falls; grandson, Harrison Oliver Fransdal; his father, Merrill Fransdal of Estherville, IA; his brother Mel (Andrea) Fransdal of Charles City,

IA; his sister Marcia (Dan Fitzpatrick) Carrigan of Rochester, MN; brother-in-law Jim (Jackie) Hutchins of Sleepy Eye, MN; two sisters-in-law, Carol (Mark) Tynan of Las Vegas, NV and Sarah (Ross) Hawker of Greene, IA; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mariene Fransdal; his mother-in-law, Judy Hutchins; father-in-law, Dave Hutchins; and all his grandparents.

Cards and memorials may be sent to Richardson Funeral and Cremation Services, 615 Main St., Cedar Falls, IA 50613. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com. Service will be livestreamed at: www.aboutfirst.com/fransdal.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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718 Clay Street
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<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Claudia, Cedrick, Sebastian, Bill Haugen purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



Claudia, Cedrick, Sebastian, Bill Haugen - April 05, 2022 at 11:47 AM

JB

“ *My deepest sympathies to his loved ones. I just learned of his passing. I only met him briefly at the law office, and yet it was evident that he was not only an excellent attorney, but also a kind and compassionate person. Peace be with you.*
Jenna Zalk Berendzen

Jenna Zalk Berendzen - February 08, 2022 at 04:26 PM

JH

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of Mark's family. I have known Mark as a lawyer and friend since we entered the legal profession at the same time. We had litigation cases with one another throughout the years and most recently, worked on cases where I was the mediator working with Mark and his clients. He was such a gentleman and always a kind person. He was also an extremely talented and hardworking lawyer and I admired how he worked for his client's benefit in everything he did. Mark's word really was his bond and the pressures of the case never interfered with his sense of justice or respect for others. I will always remember Mark as a Christian gentleman and I pray that God's perpetual light will shine on him forever.* *Joe Happe*

Joseph A. Happe - January 14, 2022 at 03:18 PM

DJ

“ Am sorry to hear of Marks passing. He was in My Sons Class in School . My son was Jamie Jacobson. Jamie went to heaven at age 46. Jamie always called Mark "Bookie" because He was so intelligent in school. He really liked Mark. So hard to accept. May God Be With You At This Time Through His Tender Love And Divine Understanding, May God Grant You The Comfort He alone Can Give. God Bless!! Love Diann and Glenn

Diann Jacobson - January 04, 2022 at 04:31 PM

CM

“ Nancy and family...I was very shocked and saddened to hear of Mark's passing. Seeing his smile was always so warm and friendly.. He will most certainly be missed. GOD BLESS..C.J and Mac McCunniff

Carol McCunniff - January 03, 2022 at 06:22 PM

TB

“ I was saddened to hear about Mark's passing. The "Bookie" nickname took hold real early. I remember in seventh grade basketball, even Coach Worrall took delight in calling him "Bookie". Mark was always a motivated, optimistic, and good-natured guy. We shared some good times together socially and in athletics. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the whole family dealing with the tremendous grief of him no longer being in his physical form.

Tony Brunzman - January 03, 2022 at 04:34 PM

DL

I only had the opportunity to know mark professionally..what an extremely nice man..so sorry for the family and friends loss

Denise Lough - January 04, 2022 at 10:37 AM

AW

“ Nancy and family, We hold you in our hearts and thoughts these days. We just returned from Mark's in Arizona and learned of Mark's passing. Our sincere sympathy to all of your family. Alan & Marilyn Walker

Alan & Marilyn Walker - January 03, 2022 at 01:54 PM

DP

“ Nancy & family, we were deeply saddened to hear of Mark's passing. Please know that we were blessed to have known him. Curt & Deester Petersen

Deester Petersen - January 03, 2022 at 09:13 AM

WB

“ Nancy & Family, I was shocked and saddened to learn of Mark's death. I always enjoyed working with Mark at the law office. The best memory was when one of his clients sent him a box of baby chick's, in appreciation! Mark spent much of that morning trying to find someone to take them out of the office! We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Wanda & Jess Burkholder

Wanda Burkholder - January 02, 2022 at 09:19 PM

LH

“ I first met Mark when I was newly hired at the County Attorney's Office. Mark was with the Redfern Law Firm and working part time as an Assistant County Attorney handling Cedar Falls simple misdemeanors and traffic violations. That was back in the day when Cedar Falls traffic court was held once a week in the Cedar Falls City Hall. Mark was so kind and approachable; he wore his heart on his sleeve. I remember meeting Mark and Nancy at their first home in Cedar Falls. They (like me) had a golden retriever. We talked about our dogs and how wonderful golden retrievers are. I last saw Mark at Hy Vee just before Christmas and we exchanged holiday greetings. I will miss Mark. My deepest condolences to Nancy and family during this difficult time.

Linda Hall - January 02, 2022 at 07:40 PM

DW

“ Mark was a good man. We enjoyed knowing him. Nancy, our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.
Doug and LuAnn Widen

Doug Widen - January 02, 2022 at 06:48 PM

RH

“ It is always a sad moment for the heart when of the young people you knew when teaching and coaching pass away. In this case it is doubly sad since his parents were my colleagues and I enjoyed his brother and sister. Although we have lived in the same town I did not see Mark often but I enjoyed several brief encounters over the years. I am sure his impact on others will be sorely missed and I send my very best wishes to all his family during this trying time.
Robert Huber

Robert Huber - January 02, 2022 at 12:13 PM

BC

“ Remembering a kind, positive, pleasant, always smiling man from church. Sending love and condolences to his family. RIP Mark.

Barb Carlson - January 02, 2022 at 07:40 AM



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



January 01, 2022 at 10:33 PM

DB

“ Dear Frandsals-

Our hearts go out to your family as we hear of Mark's passing. Mark has always been a wonderful model and contributor to our church, and community. He has always been friendly, kind, and welcoming. Please know we are praying for your family!
The Bevings

Deb Beving - January 01, 2022 at 02:06 PM

RI

“ Our sympathies to Nancy, Sam and Carolyn- Rick and Debbie Morris and family.

Rick - January 01, 2022 at 01:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



January 01, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Alan, Susan, Daniel, Betsey, and families purchased the Cherished Memories for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



Alan, Susan, Daniel, Betsey, and families - December 31, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. Mark was a very good friend of mine and an amazing human being! May God's glory and healing grace cover you at this most difficult time. He's walking in heaven with his mighty lord and savior Jesus Christ! He was a faithful servant and left a impression on everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him personally and professionally. I'm one of those blessed people who knew him in both formats. I will miss him. See you when I get there Mark!!*

Judy Johnson - December 31, 2021 at 05:50 PM



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



December 31, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Mark is a good friend, a good servant, with personality in mission work. In Nigeria, most especially the Banyam Theological Seminary (BTS), Mark left a footprint during his service to God and humanity at BTS. I am so blessed to work with Mark during his mission work in Nigeria. Mark would be missed but, his footprint at BTS would remain forever. May his soul rest in peace with the Lord.*
~Davidson Adams

Davidson Adams - December 31, 2021 at 09:23 AM



I am a court reporter in Mason City. I worked with Mark reporting depositions from time to time over the last many, many years. I always enjoyed when our paths crossed. He was a master at taking Depos for sure and was always professional and kind to everyone involved. I am so happy to hear he is with his Savior in his glory. May God be with you all as you say goodbye to Mark for now this side of heaven. Terri Pals

Terri Pals - January 02, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



December 31, 2021 at 08:24 AM



“ *Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Mark W. Frandsdal.*



December 30, 2021 at 09:04 PM



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



December 30, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. A good friend, a good man and a great father.*

Joe Burum

Joe Burum - December 30, 2021 at 07:38 PM



“ *Richard Jensen and family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mark W. Frandsdal.*



Richard Jensen and family - December 30, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



December 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.

December 30, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



December 30, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sunny Memories was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



December 30, 2021 at 01:48 PM



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



December 30, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



December 30, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Mark was a friend and an important influence in my life. He and Nancy lead both of my children through confirmation at church and lived wonderful examples of the life Jesus desires us to live. Mark lead many committees at our church always with integrity, discernment, and a bit of humor. I believe with all of my being that Mark is now with our Lord. How glorious that must be! I pray now for comfort and peace for Nancy, Sam, and Carolyn.*

Jan Benson - December 30, 2021 at 11:15 AM

GR

“ *Bookie, as he was affectionately known, was a classmate that we all knew would be successful in life. He contacted me, out of concern, after he had heard that I had heart issues. It was at that time that we reconnected. That led to attending some college basketball games and Twins games together with other classmates. He was a kind, generous and gentle soul. We'll miss you Bookie. Until we meet again in Gloryland.*

Galen Roberts - December 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MF

“ *Mills family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mark W. Fransdal.*



Mills family - December 30, 2021 at 09:09 AM

BU

“ *We are heartbroken!!!!
We love you all!!!
Bruce and Susan*

Bruce Ursin - December 30, 2021 at 07:40 AM