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Mark Thomas Haberer, 72, of New Hartford, Iowa, passed away on June 4, 2026.

Born on December 16, 1953, to Ferdinand and Geneva (Gonnering) in Waterloo, Iowa,

Mark was a man of strong convictions, sharp wit, and devotion to the passions that shaped his life. Known for his Scrabble skills, pun-filled humor, and ability to fix nearly anything with a bit of ingenuity (and a lot of duct tape), Mark lived with a spirit that was both practical and deeply heartfelt.

A graduate of West High School, he proudly served his country for eight years in the United States Air Force. His career path was as varied as his interests from Software Specialist, Network Manager, Licensed Practical Nurse, and most recently, Campground Host, yet in every role, he was the same steady presence: curious and always willing to help. Mark never met a problem he didn't want to understand or a challenge he wasn't ready to MacGyver his way through.

Mark is survived by his wife, Rhonda; his children Aaron (Dina) Haberer,

Bethany (Hatef Yamini) Haberer, Bettina (Brian) Golwitzer, and Kathryn (Jason) Buxton, each of whom proudly claimed to be the favorite. He is also survived by his brother, Fredric Haberer; his grandchildren Reese, Brayden, Gray, Emily, Ivy, Geneva, Milo, and Calder; and his former spouses Christina Kenkel and Darla Newton. His three loyal dogs, who provided endless companionship and were arguably the actual favorites, also remain part of his story. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Mark was a man of distinct tastes. He was an avid camper and fisherman who believed life was best lived “in tents.” He found peace outdoors, loved a good book, admired every John Wayne Western ever made, and held a lifelong appreciation for the Second Amendment. Speaking of literal tastes, if a meal didn’t make you sweat, it simply wasn’t hot enough.

To know Mark was to know a man who despised suits, adored Velcro, and believed comfort was a virtue. In honor of his wishes, please dress casually and comfortably for his service. He would not want anything fancy or a “fuss made.”

Service Information

Committal Service | Military Honors will be Rendered

Monday, July 13, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery

Memorial Donations

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Cedar Bend Humane Society (<https://www.cedarbendhumane.org/donation>) or Serenity House (<https://www.serenityhouseoflibertyville.org/membership-donations>) in Mark’s honor.

Cemetery Details

Waterloo Memorial Park Cemetery

3430 W 4th Street
Waterloo, IA 50701
(319) 232-4165

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

JUL 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

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