



Mark McCalley

October 12, 1961 - October 16, 2024

Mark Alan McCalley, son of David and Mary McCalley, was born October 12, 1961 at Sartori Hospital in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mark entered eternal life on October 16, 2024. Raised in Cedar Falls, Mark lived an amazing life filled with many firsts and was a gentle friendly person with an infectious smile.

Mark attended River Hills School and integrated into the community through several living settings, held a 20-year Wal-Mart career, and enjoyed a variety of music genres and sports. After confirmation at First Presbyterian Church, Mark said “now I have three families – McCalley’s, group home, and church.” Mark leveraged the life skills he learned at Rivier Hills to bring joy to those around him through singing, dancing, family celebrations, holiday parties, and travel. Mark enjoyed bike rides, participated in a softball league, was an accomplished bowler and swimmer, and shared a love for the Cubs and UNI. Mark’s swimming skills earned him a trip to International Special Olympics in 1979. Mark was politically astute and met multiple federal and local candidates. Mark’s travels took him across the country, Caribbean, Hawaii, Disney World, and Ireland. Mark was generous with his friendships and shared a deep love for his entire family near and far. If you knew Mark well, you were likely to be considered part of his family.

Mourning Mark’s passing are mother, Mary McCalley, sisters Lisa McCalley and Ann McCalley (Petros Levis), brother John McCalley, niece Krista and

grandnephew Aidan McCalley, aunt Diane (Dick) Lesh and family, aunt Judy (Claire) Newton and family, aunt Janis Taylor and family, great aunt Lois (Stan) Schleuter and family, and many more relatives and friends. Preceding Mark were his father David McCalley, uncle Richard "Dick" Taylor, cousin William "Bill" Taylor, paternal grandparents Ray and Idene McCalley, maternal grandparents Floyd and Leona Taylor, aunt Donna (Fran) Luse, and cousin Richard Luse.

There will be a visitation at 10:00 am with celebration of life at 11:00 am, November 9th at First Presbyterian Church of Cedar Falls. Fellowship and lunch immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials to River Hills School or Cedar Falls First Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
902 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-3930
<http://www.firstprescf.org/>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark McCalley.*



November 06, 2024 at 12:47 PM



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

November 06, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *Dearest All,
I am so sorry for your loss of Mark. I knew Mark from the time when John and I dated back in high school. Such good memories! I'm so glad that I was able to have gotten to know him back then. It's been many years since I've seen him, but I know Mark will be missed.
Love to you all!
Tracy Lorenzen*

Tracy Lorenzen - November 05, 2024 at 06:08 PM

CL

“ Dear Mary, Lisa and family. Deep sympathy to you all on the passing of Mark. I didn't really know him except through Lisa, when she was one of my students at Hawkeye Community College, years ago! And then Mary and David sat near us at Gallagher Bluedorn events. I saw Mark with family many times at various events in Cedar Falls. He was always involved, interacting with others and smiling. What a wonderful full life he had! Thinking of you all. Chris Hohl Lorenz

Chris Lorenz - November 05, 2024 at 12:25 PM

MW

“ Fifty years ago I was privileged to interact with Mark during the River Hills summer recreation program - the world was a richer space for all of us because of Mark

Mark Walker - October 31, 2024 at 09:13 AM

GG

“ To Ann and the entire McCalley family. I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved brother, Mark. He touched the lives of everyone around him with kind and joyful heart, and will be greatly missed. May your cherished memories of Mark bring you comfort. Sending you my love and deepest condolences.

Gloria Guldager - October 30, 2024 at 06:44 PM

DJ

“ Mary: I didn't realize all of the things Mark had done during his lifetime, but I am sure it was because he shared his life with a great mother and family. In my limited contact with him, he always had a smile. Here is hoping you are doing well.
Darrell Jobman

Darrell Jobman - October 26, 2024 at 02:21 PM

JH

“ Dear Mary and all your family, Mark was such a joy to know. We met at a friend's celebration, where Mark and I danced together! I came to know him much better during his time at our clinic. Always a smile that lit up his face and the faces of anyone who interacted with him. What a remarkable life Mark had, and what a remarkable family. My deep sympathy to you all.

Judith Harrington - October 26, 2024 at 10:41 AM

SA

“ Silvana and Antonio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark McCalley.



Silvana and Antonio - October 23, 2024 at 10:48 PM

DK

“ Mark was always sharing a smile, song, joke and we were so lucky to get to know him. He will be very missed. WDM Covenant Presbyterian Church loved getting to know him and share in his love of Jesus.

Deb Kellogg - October 23, 2024 at 09:55 AM

DH

“ Dear Mary and family, My sympathies to you in the loss of your beloved Mark. He brought much joy to our world! And you have been such a tender, loving family for him. I'm sure my mom, Opal Walther, would also want to give you a hug....but since she has also crossed over into the next life, she joins in welcoming him to his heavenly home. Love and prayers for Christ's comfort, Diane Heindl

Diane Heindl - October 21, 2024 at 08:21 PM

SC

“ *Mary and family.
I'm so sorry to hear of Marks passing. With all the challenges he had in his life it certainly was full of opportunities and love.
My prayers are with all of you
Sandra Cavin*

Sandra Cavin - October 19, 2024 at 11:13 AM

AD

Mary and family, Mark was a lucky boy to be born into your family. He was given so much love and respect by all of you and that carried over to others who witnessed your actions. One of my best memories of Mark is back to grade school age when he faithfully walked his dog after school: sunny, windy, rain, snow, etc. That was excellent parenting.

*With admiration,
Anita Dowell*

Anita Dowell - October 28, 2024 at 03:32 PM



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



October 18, 2024 at 08:27 PM

DB

“ *Devin Boyd planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark McCalley.*

Devin Boyd - October 18, 2024 at 08:27 PM