



## Mark Petersen

February 28, 1957 - November 30, 2021

Mark Kenneth Petersen, 64, of Denver, Iowa, died on November 30, 2021, after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mark was born February 28, 1957, in Riverton, WY, the son of Kenneth and Mary Lou (Post) Petersen. Mark's family moved to Sioux City, IA, in 1967, where he attended grade school and junior high. In 1971, his family moved to Whiting, IA, where he attended high school. After high school, Mark joined the Air Force and was stationed at Loring AFB, ME and Offutt AFB, NE. He served about two years in the Strategic Air Command Elite Guard, after which he left active service and attended Iowa State University, earning his BSEE and MSEE degrees. Mark remained in the Air National Guard until 1983. While in Ames, Mark met his beautiful, wonderful wife Donna Irwin. They were married in 1983 and lived there until 1985, when Mark accepted a position in semiconductor research and development at IBM in East Fishkill, NY. While in NY, they adopted their two precious daughters, Amber and Arielle, and entered the busy blessings of parenthood, including eventual involvement in music, dance, gymnastics, and soccer. Church was a central part of their lives, where they were an active part of two dear church families. They lived in NY until 2008 when they moved back to the Cedar Falls, IA area to assist in caring for aging parents. Mark continued working remotely for IBM until his first retirement in 2015. He then worked remotely for another 5 years at GlobalFoundries, another microelectronics fabrication company, retiring in 2020.

The most important priority in Mark's life was his faith in Jesus Christ, whom he asked into his life at 21 years of age while stationed at Loring AFB. Mark sought the Lord's guidance at every step in his life, including what degree to major in, who to marry, where to live, what job to take, how to spend money, and countless other aspects. Mark knew he was in Christ and Christ was in him. He was blessed to serve as elder and teacher for many years. Mark also enjoyed volunteering with Love INC and helping participants. The Petersens' church families, in all their locales, were vitally important to them.

Mark is survived by his wife Donna, daughters Amber and Arielle, his sister Sue Carlisle, and his brother Kevin Petersen. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Mary Lou Petersen, and his brother Jay Petersen.

Service times are Tuesday, December 7 at 11:00 at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls, IA with luncheon and graveside services, with military honors, to follow. Services will be preceded by a private family visitation at 10:00.

Arrangements will be handled by Richardson Funeral Home in Cedar Falls, IA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Love INC of the Cedar Valley (<http://loveinccv.org/>) or Cedar Valley Hospice (<https://www.cvhospice.org/get-involved/donate>)

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church  
1907 Viking Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-2655  
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

## Burial with Military Honors

DEC 7. 1:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I worked with Mark for 25 years at IBM. My, and my families prayers go out to Donna and the girls. I am blessed to be able to call Mark my friend.

*Mike Longstreet*

Mike Longstreet - December 07, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mark Petersen.



December 04, 2021 at 02:45 PM

LD

“ Love, Steve & Deb (Ry, Julia, PJ, Dani) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Petersen.



Love, Steve & Deb (Ry, Julia, PJ, Dani) - December 04, 2021 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Petersen.



December 04, 2021 at 08:46 AM

JM

“ My roommate and my friend from 40 years ago in Ames, Iowa. Mark has held a special place in my heart throughout the decades. (I got the worst sun burn of my life when Mark and I spent too much time on the beach of Hickory Grove Park.) I'll see you on the other side, my old friend. God's grace to Donna and the girls.

*Jim Munday*

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**Jim Munday** - December 03, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mark Petersen.



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December 03, 2021 at 05:13 PM

LC

“ Love from - Gary and Irene Cruz purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Petersen.



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**Love from - Gary and Irene Cruz** - December 02, 2021 at 09:51 PM

BL

“ Mr Petersen was my ex father in law, he was a great man, treated my son from a previous marriage as his own. He helped teach my nephew how to be a man and work for what he wanted. Was always there to help and give advice. As a veteran myself I salute him.

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**Brian Long** - December 02, 2021 at 09:04 PM

BB

“ *Brian and I will always remember Mark's incredibly gentle, godly spirit. His devotion to the Lord and his loved ones was exemplary and refreshing. He had a captivating smile that I believe he resorted to even when he may have disagreed with me because he was so kind. We are blessed with warm memories.* 💜

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**Brenda Bovee** - December 02, 2021 at 08:58 PM

MG

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Monica Gilliam** - December 01, 2021 at 05:36 PM

GC

“ *May his memory be forever eternal and cherished forever. Much love to Donna and the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Love and hugs,  
Georgia and Bill Crawford*

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**Georgia Crawford** - November 30, 2021 at 10:31 PM