



Mark Francis Daley

February 17, 1939 - June 3, 2024

Mark Francis Daley of Bloomington, MN passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 3, 2024 at the age of 85. He was born on February 17, 1939 in Middletown, Ohio.

Mark was well-liked by all who knew him. He had a sweet demeanor and an honest heart. Mark and his wife Linda celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2023.

Mark was Valedictorian of Bishop Fenwick High School, President of his senior class, and a star football player and recipient of the esteemed Catholic Athlete of the Year award. He was the youngest of 10 children from an Irish Catholic family and the first of his family to earn a college degree. He attended University of Dayton and earned a BS degree in Industrial Engineering. He was a First Lieutenant in the Army as well as a pilot and pilot instructor. He was honorably discharged after 3.5 years of service. He worked in purchasing and as a broker at various paper manufacturing-related companies for many years and then enjoyed semi-retirement as a courier for Quicksilver for a number of years after that.

Throughout his lifetime, he enjoyed playing golf, bowling, softball, playing card games, gambling in Las Vegas and at Canterbury Downs, all of these with his wife and dear friends, and of course, spending time with his kids and

grandkids. He loved reading about WWII and he also made many model airplanes and other amazing crafts. He was very fond of the many pets he had over the years - especially his dog Teddy. He was extremely well-traveled for business over the years and he and his family also traveled extensively. He and his wife enjoyed cruising in their later years - Alaska being their favorite. They also enjoyed trips visiting their son in Japan, Hong Kong, and Grand Cayman.

Mark was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus and he and his wife generously donated to many causes close to their hearts - most notably Wounded Warrior Project and they sponsored many children through ChildFund International.

Mark is survived by wife Linda, daughter Susan, son Kirby (Takaho), daughter Tracy (Adam Emanoff), 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, 9 siblings, and his daughter Kathi and her husband Tony (McClenney).

A private burial service will be held for the family at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Donations preferred to Wounded Warrior Project or ChildFund International.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mark and I were real good friends, we played football together and we did all of the crazy things together in school. Mark, Linda, Kathy and I enjoyed a vacation together in Hilton Head and that was the last time that I saw Mark. I was really sorry to hear of Marks passing and I will miss him

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“ What a wonderful life. He led a family of amazing humans that invited me in as a young highschooler. Special memories I hold and treasure to this day. Game night, dinners at the KC, Church on Sundays, Las Vegas, and so many laughs and life lessons. Sending you all strength knowing Mark will be missed dearly.
Carey Gorham

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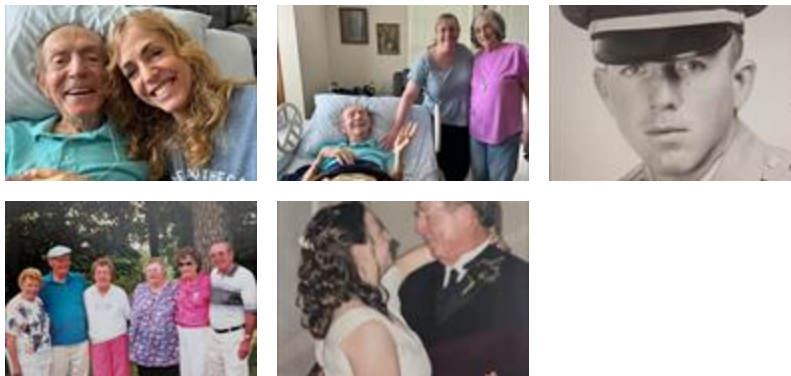
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“ *What a beautiful tribute written about your husband/dad. I never knew he was a pilot. I so enjoyed all the pictures. I was devastated when his new job relocated you to Bloomington. The tears two freshman girls shed as you drove away. What a beautiful life you all had in Bloomington, however. I cherish the memories of time spent at your house in Parchment. I do remember being very jealous about the number of Girl Scout cookie orders your dad was able to procure for you at work. Sue earned a 100 patch!!!! I had to go door to door to just get my 50 patch as my dad only had a small number of coworkers. I know, I can see you playing the world's smallest violin for me right now. Thank you Linda for leading our troop! It was good to see your parents a number of years ago when they visited Parchment friends. Celebrating a life well lived, but mourning a man well loved. Love to you all, Nanette*

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 Tracy Daley Emanoff

“ *60 files added to the album Mark Daley memories*



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