



Mark Gregory Gearin

March 29, 1946 - December 20, 2020

Mark G. Gearin set sail on his final journey on December 20, 2020. Mark wasn't a life-long sailor, but he loved traveling, meeting new people and sharing stories with and about his many friends. Mark was born March 29, 1946 and attended elementary and secondary school in the St. Paul area before attending St. John's University in Collegeville, MN where he obtained a B.A. in Political Science in 1968. Mark served his country as an officer in the U.S. Army and spent a year stationed at the U.S. Army Depot in Thailand during the Vietnam conflict. He was Honorably Discharged as a 1st Lieutenant on November 12, 1970. Following his stint in the military, Mark obtained a Master's Degree. Mark spent much of his career in the trucking industry working primarily in the Kansas City area, where he was married and helped raise a family. After the events of 2001, Mark moved to Washington, D.C. to lend his experience to the nascent Transportation Security Administration. Ultimately his love of travel overcame his serving nature, and he commenced filling his passport, his diary and his photo log with adventures. Mark was a quirky guy who seemed to prefer acts of kindness rather than expressions of caring, even for those whom he loved deeply. When there was a job to be done, Mark was among the first to volunteer, often soon to become distracted by an engaging conversation or informative book. During his sailing adventures, Mark learned to disdain footwear in favor of the warmth of tropical surfaces, something that he had to adjust to upon his return to St. Paul where he spent his final years. He was an engaging raconteur who will be sorely

missed and fondly remembered for his optimistic attitude, love of life, sense of humor, being a voracious reader, and a good, kind man. Mark is survived by a daughter, Katie (Gearin) Lehn. He was the son of Robert and Eileen (Sweeney) Gearin, both of whom predeceased him. Mark was the oldest of three children. His remains will be interred at the Fort Snelling VA Cemetery in Minneapolis. Memorial donations may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about Mark. He and I served together in Thailand in 1970, and shared a lot of good times. I had reached out to him via email, and learned of his passing. Jim Johnson

James Johnson - March 10, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ Dear Katie, Family & Friends of Mark. I got to meet and know Mark through my husband Russ Jensen RIP. Russ was a very dear & close friend of his dad--Bob-- they were close 'golf-buddies'. Russ was honored to present the The Robert Gearin Tribute at the Ramsey County Bar Association Memorial Session. He continued the Gearin friendship with Mark. They golfed with two other attorneys. Monthly Russ & Mark attended the WW II History Roundtable after their dinner at Cecil's Deli in St. Paul. Mark had a soft, gently approach. He was kind and offered to do whatever Russ or I needed. He had a strong desire to get the necessary treatment and heal. Positive memories but--- So sad-- Julie Eszlinger Jensen

Julia Eszlinger Jensen - January 15, 2021 at 05:00 PM

RO

“ Dear friends and family of Mark: Mark and I had history. I went to st rose of lima and st john's university with Mark, but I was fortunate to see him for the 50 year reunion of st john's, when I was able to talk to him after decades of wondering what had become of him. Imagine you are in a foreign land and you are operating as military person. I'm sitting at a pharmacy window of the local hospital watching people parade by, mostly soldiers, and an individual in army officer attire who looks awfully like someone you spent a great deal of your youth, walks by. It was so out of context, and when I realized who it was we gave each other a fond embrace that made us look out of place in that war zone. We spent the next day at the beach, pattya beach to the locals. And then I said a prayer that he would be okay and we both would meet up again , who knew when. When we finally did come together at the reunion, my prayer I felt was answered. There are certain spirits in this world that are hard to find. No matter how much time may float away I know that I will always be welcome in Mark's friendship.

With deep. deep sorrow, Dick Oman

richard oman - January 04, 2021 at 08:30 PM

RL

“ While we knew each other in business, Mark and I developed a closer relationship later in life. We engaged in political discussions and emails - almost never agreeing - but gentlemanly agreeing to disagree. Mark was well read and well traveled and often shared his stories and experiences. He was a fascinating person and I will miss our occasional rounds of sparring very much. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Roamey Lathan

Roamey Lathan - December 29, 2020 at 08:38 AM

DC

“ *My deepest condolences on the passing of Mark. He and I worked together for many years at Yellow Freight and went on to work at TSA the same time. We were actually roommates for a couple of years in Arlington, VA. during our TSA days. I always enjoyed Mark's stories and I valued his wisdom on dealing with challenges.*

Dan Commiato

Dan Commiato - December 28, 2020 at 05:31 PM

DR

“ *So sorry to hear this. Mark was always a positive person, great to work with at Yellow Freight. Always contributing always interested in others. He will be missed certainly by his family but also those who had the benefit of working with him.*

Dan Robeson - December 28, 2020 at 12:43 PM

DB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Donald Bayer - December 24, 2020 at 01:36 PM

LB

“ A photo of Mark when visiting us in 2016. Such a nice man, thoughtful and packed with stories of his travels. RIP Mark Gearin.



Lisa Bayer - December 24, 2020 at 12:55 PM