



Mark Peter Kellar

July 17, 1952 - November 23, 2023

Kellar, Mark Peter age 71, of Minneapolis, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2023. Survived by daughters, Marcella (Brandon) Ward, Grace Kellar, Meagan Kellar; granddaughter, Audrey; siblings, Dawn Kellar McCoy, Scott (Dana) Kellar; also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Preceded in death by parents, Earl and Gloria Kellar; sister, Sharon Kellar. Mark graduated from Northern Illinois University where he played collegiate football as a fullback. Mark led the nation in rushing at NIU in 1973 with 1,179 yards. He went on to set (then) school-record career 3,745 ground yards, 33 TD's, and 20 100-yard rushing games. Became the 18th player in major- college history to crack the 3,000 yard career mark. Mark's nicknames included "Baby Bull" and the "Carpentersville Cruncher". Mark's #31 jersey was retired at the end of his senior season and he was inducted into the NIU Hall of Fame in 1983. Mark was drafted by the Chicago Fire and the Minnesota Vikings in the 6th round. Mark chose to play for the Chicago Fire where he set scoring records and most yards gained in a season. After playing for the Fire, Mark played 3 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings where he completed his NFL career. Mark enjoyed traveling, being on the golf course and playing any card game that was offered. He was always happy to be with his friends and family, especially his daughters. He was truly a big man with an even bigger heart. Memorial Service 2 pm Friday, December 1st with visitation beginning at 1 pm at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St., Edina. Memorials preferred to the Alzheimer's Association of MN/ND.

washburn-mcreavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Cemetery Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Chicago IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Chapel Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Peter Kellar.* ”



November 30, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Peter Kellar.* ”



November 30, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *44 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Washburn-McReavy - November 28, 2023 at 03:26 PM

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“ I went to school with Mark for years. He was always a “nice” guy. I remember him in a lot of sports. It seemed like there was a group of boys that were in sports together. I talked to Mark at our 25 class reunion. He was trying to explain how our class was. I said that we had an athletic and academic class. We excelled at both. He agreed totally. Glad to see he did get sometime in the major leagues. He will be missed. Sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Nancy Hendrickson Tuman - November 28, 2023 at 12:12 AM

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“ Mike Quigley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Peter Kellar.

Mike Quigley - November 26, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Peter Kellar.



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