



Mark J. Sanders

April 1, 1952 - December 1, 2017

Mark J. Sanders, 65, Kearney, died December 1, 2017 at C.H.I. Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney. Memorial Services will be 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl Funeral and Cremation Services in Kearney, with Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Memorials are suggested to the Kearney Animal Shelter.

Mark was born April 1, 1952 at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland to Lt. Col. (ret) Sidney and Carol Sanders. Mark graduated from Fort Hunt High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

Mark, a single parent, devoted his life raising his son Chance in Kearney.

Mark grew up in a military family and traveled the world amongst his father's numerous duty stations in Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland; Oberammergau, Germany; Fort McClellan, Alabama and Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colorado. Many of his early years were formed in Alexandria, Virginia, where his father had retired and began a career with the US Treasury Department in Washington, DC. These were turbulent times with the Vietnam War at its height which helped form his rather restless nature.

With the 'travelling' genes in his blood, Mark had lived and worked in other states including Venice Beach, California in the middle 1960's (height of the

hippie years), in Denver, Colorado with his wife Margaret and Roanoke, Virginia. In the middle 1970's Mark had a brief stint in the US Navy, but later joined the US Army and had the honor of his father enlisting him.

Mark had married once before to Lisa Heritage in Alexandria, Virginia and was divorced a few years later. Eventually, Mark met his wife Margaret Weston in Kearney, Nebraska and they were married on September 22, 1995. Upon their separation some years later, Mark took care of their only son Chance to date. He and Chance enjoyed a great relationship, with both actively pursuing their interests in Science, Physics, Cosmology along with other ethereal subjects. They were both great lovers of pets as well.

During the years Mark became an avid Ping Pong player and competed in the Cornhusker Games in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mark was also a tremendous athlete and meticulously studied the Martial Arts eventually becoming a Black Belt in Karate, winning second place once in the Cornhusker Games. He was also devoted to studying anything to do with Physics, Quantum Mechanics, History, Mathematics and the Universe in general. He often compiled books including his own research of many subjects.

Mark's rather rebellious nature, sometimes led him down the path less traveled and could get him into trouble now and then. However, he understood life's learning experience as God-given and made the best decisions he knew how in his own way. Two of his heroes were the physicist Albert Einstein and the great American Indian Chief Geronimo.

A long-time lover of God's furry creatures, he never seemed to be without his rabbits, hamsters or Guinea Pigs, which provided great fun for him and his family.

Mark is survived by his wife Maggie Sanders of Kearney; son, Chance

Sanders of Kearney; brothers, Scott Sanders of Kearney, Jim Sanders of Kearney; sister-in-law, Shirley Webster of Kearney.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents and his ex-wife Lisa.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Horner Lieske McBride & Kuhl
2421 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 237-2259
<https://www.hlmkfuneral.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark J. Sanders*

January 29, 2023 at 11:14 AM



“ *JoAnn Crider lit a candle in memory of Mark J. Sanders*



JoAnn Crider - December 09, 2017 at 10:07 PM



“ *Scott & James so sorry for the loss of your brother. If there's anything I can do please let me know. Saying prayers for each of you. With love & sympathy, JoAnn.*

JoAnn Crider - December 09, 2017 at 10:06 PM