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Mr. Mark Alan VandenBosch, age 36, passed away early Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Poppen Residence. Mark was born in March of 1978 to Paul and Paula (Garzelloni) VandenBosch at Hackley Hospital in Muskegon. He was the second of three children. Mark grew up in Norton Shores on Lake Michigan and spent countless hours climbing the sand dunes, making campfires, running in the woods and down by the water with his brother, Craig and all of the neighborhood boys. He graduated from Mona Shores High School in 1996 where he was a member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band and was involved in various other extra-curricular activities. He went on to graduate from Muskegon Community College and eventually transferred to Northern Michigan University in Marquette where he completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts with high honors in 2007. During his college years Mark also lived out west for a short time in Oakland, CA. where he worked at a guitar repair shop and a print shop. Because he loved the pristine environment and all of the friends he made while attending NMU, Mark ultimately decided to remain in Marquette, until illness forced him to return to Norton Shores last fall. At the time that he left Marquette he had worked for four years as a produce clerk at the Marquette Food Co-op. He also worked on various art commissions, most notably, fourteen portraits of the chairmen of the Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community, which are installed at the Island Casino Convention Center in Harris, MI. Some of his other work involved community art, local businesses, and regional musicians. Just before leaving Marquette, he and his friend, Tim Rundman, had a show at the Oasis Gallery there, where Mark displayed many of his recent posters. Mark was a talented artist, musician, audiophile, comic collector, and a good friend to so many. Words can't describe the depth of our sorrow at the loss of his presence in our lives. Mark leaves behind his father, Paul (Denise); mother, Paula; brother, Craig (Aerin); sister, Laura; maternal grandmother, Mona Garzelloni; aunts and



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uncles, Tom (Marisue) Garzelloni, Nilda (Dove) Dovale, Dan (Barb) Garzelloni, Tina (Bob) Versaw, Maria (Troy) Pashak, Frank (Kristi) Garzelloni and Rose (Steven) Shupp; cousins, Julie (Kevin) Barclay, Wendi (Steve) Grasman, Scott (Heather) Garzelloni, Dan Garzelloni Jr., Brianna Garzelloni, Dylan Dovale, Mike Lallo, Aaron Lallo, Alex Pashak, Fran Garzelloni, Vincent Dovale, Emma Versaw, Wyatt Pashak, Eric Versaw, Nick Lallo, Kevin Pashak, Jillian Garzelloni, Molly Lallo, Frank Garzelloni III, Giada Garzelloni. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Kenneth and Marjorie VandenBosch and Frank Garzelloni. A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Mark will be held 10 AM Saturday, September 27, 2014 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 2929 McCracken St., with Rev. Fr. Philip P. Salmonowicz presiding. VISITATION will be 2-4 & 6-8 PM Friday with the Rosary being prayed at 7 PM at The Lee Chapel, 6291 S. Harvey Street, 231 798-1100, and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Harbor Hospice.



Events

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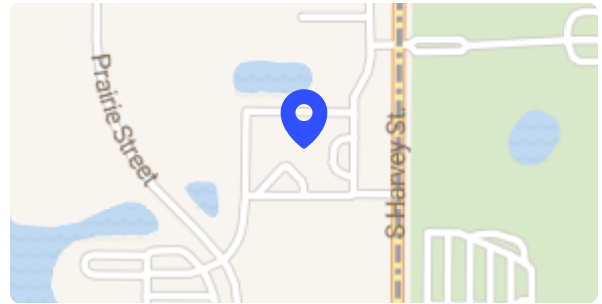
Visitation

 **Friday**, September 26, 2014

 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel**

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



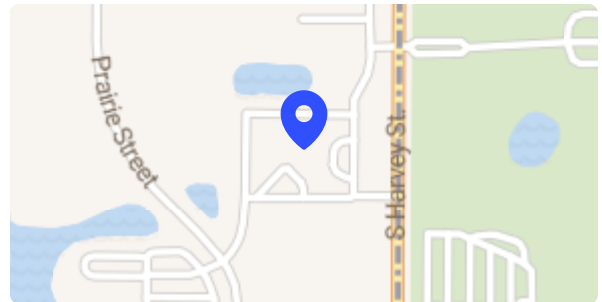
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 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


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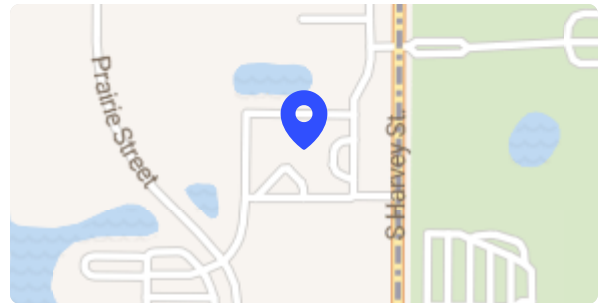
Rosary Service

 **Friday**, September 26, 2014

 7:00 PM ET

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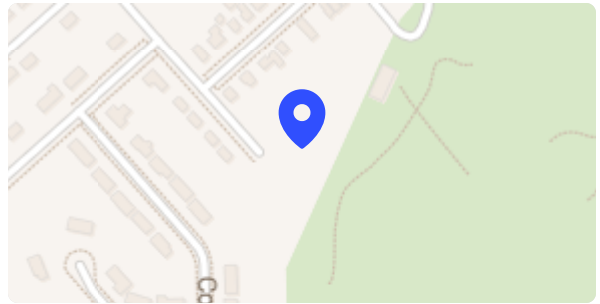
Visitation

 **Saturday**, September 27, 2014

 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ET


 **St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church - Main Church**

2929 McCracken, Norton Shores MI 49441



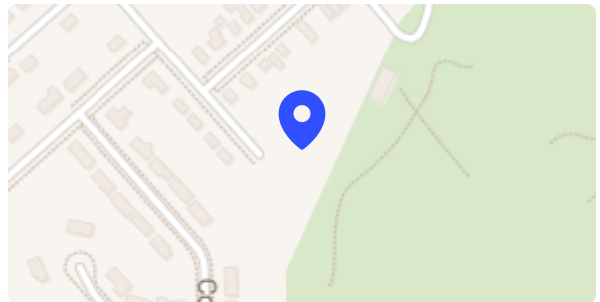
Mass of Christian Burial

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 10:00 AM ET

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TD

Torrey Dupras shared an album called **New Album Name**.



April 2 at 6:54 AM

JH

Josh Huffman posted:

I remember back n 2005?, Mark and I started illustration school at the same time at NMU. We were both the same age, 28 in a class made up mostly of students considerably younger than us. In the 2 years I remained in Art School I got to see Mark develop as an artist. He was the hardest worker in class. He was a real artist and it showed. I was always impressed by how thoughtful Mark was . He was the type of person that was authentically interested I what you were saying while in conversation. He was an all around great, great human being. It breaks my heart to hear of his passing. May God Bless the loved ones he left behind. Love you brother, Josh Huffman

February 5 at 4:52 PM

JM

Jane Milkie posted:

To the family of Mark Alan VandenBosch,Wishing to express my deepest sympathy in the the passing of your beloved Mark, a talented artist and alumnus—may he rest in peace. Will keep you in thought and prayer as you celebrate his life and morn his loss. Jane Milkie, Professor of Art and Design, NMU.

October 6 at 9:45 AM

PV

Paula Vandenbosch posted:

Our family is so grateful for the outpouring of love and expressions of condolence from everyone. It still seems so unreal....

October 5 at 3:48 AM



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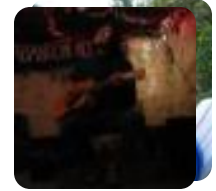
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MM

Mary Mugford shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You performed with me at my very first music show in Marquette. You sat directly in front of me on the floor so I could see someone was listening (and eagerly). We found a common ground at the shore and in the pine. Every walk we went on, you would find time to ask "Can you believe we live here?!" and we'd laugh. I fell even more in love with Marquette because I got to share love for it with someone who appreciated it just as much. You inspired many of my songs, and I yours. We were strangers that became songs that became strangers again. I never fell asleep on Sunday evening and I had an urgency to contact you. When I found you passed Monday morning, my sleepless night made sense. Kyle and I visited the lake on Saturday, sat on the beach, and talked of you. And I felt you laughing and your appreciation that we were together. I've been listening to The Sundays, can you hear it? Sending love out into the universe to your family and friends. Meet you in the music notes.-Mary Mugford



September 22 at 2:21 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the VandenBosch family.



September 27 at 5:24 AM

EB

Emily B posted:

Mark told me he was a "spirit of downtown", and it sure still feels like I'm going to run into him again, walking down the hill on Front Street on his way to work. I don't know if you got my letter or not Mark, but I hope they have fluoride-free water in heaven. I'm so sad that you're gone, but so glad to have known you.

September 26 at 12:00 PM

BA

Bobbi (Woolen) Adelberg posted:

To hear of Mark's passing is utterly heartbreaking. We went to school together at Mona Shores. He was always the nicest guy you could ever find. He was funny, intelligent, and just a really great human being. I am so sad to find out this happened to him. God bless Mark and his family during this horrible time. May he rest in peace and not have any more pain.

September 24 at 11:55 PM



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KL

Kyla L. posted:

I got to know Mark when he dated my roommate during our time in Marquette. He was a quiet, intelligent, kind, talented man. I am sad to learn of his passing. He will be missed.

September 24 at 1:34 PM

CM

Christopher Moore posted:

September 24 at 11:20 AM

GS

Gretchen Bailey Szotko posted:

I will never forget Mark we went to school together starting in grade school. We always remembered each others birthdays as they were only one day apart. He was the guy that everyone liked. His sense of humor was priceless. You will never be forgotten. Gretchen Bailey Szotko

September 24 at 7:18 AM

KZ

Kelly (Andersen) Zambon posted:

I remember Mark in high school having a great sense of humor, as did all the guys he hung out with! I met up with Mark again when we discovered we were both living in Marquette. He signed up to be a volunteer mentor for an at-risk youth at the agency where I worked. He had a great outlook and was very giving. So glad I had that opportunity to reconnect with him.

September 24 at 5:19 AM

JB

Jason Barnes posted:

Mark was a genuine individual with a huge heart. He lived life at his own pace and enriched the lives of those around him. It is sad to know that he is not around anymore. I wish those closest to him the best in dealing with his loss. Rest in Peace old friend.

September 23 at 6:22 PM



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NM

Nancy Green Medema posted:

I remember Mark the most when he was in grade school and junior high school. He would wait for my daughter every morning on the corner to walk with her to the bus stop down the road so she would not have to walk by herself in the early morning. Mark had a big heart. My heart breaks for his family and friends. May all his memories be a comfort in this difficult time. Paula and family you are in my Prayers.

September 23 at 5:55 PM

CH

Chris Hutte posted:

I met Mark in 2005 when I moved to Marquette. He was one of the nicest and most unique persons I have ever met. Watching Superman 4, 231 shows, grilling burgers at 3am, trading records, watching him play live, annual birthday dinners, his artwork that still lingers in Marquette, and so much more will never let me forget Mark. So glad to have known him, a truly great person.

September 23 at 5:19 PM

JT

Jts posted:

Grabs~Your joyous spirit, creative fire, and heart of gold are eternal & remain with us still despite this latest transition. I love you, brother, and look forward to our next meeting. Be seeing you.

September 23 at 4:17 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the VandenBosch family.



September 23 at 4:02 PM

MA

Meg A. posted:

Marks influence in my life, what I've learned from him and the memories we shared, are . . .I cannot explain what an important person he was and is in my life. I am so grateful to have known him, even if I did have to suffer through an inordinate amount of VHS tapes of live concerts. My love and deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends

September 23 at 2:11 PM



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LH

Lindsey Holmes lit a candle in honor of Mark .



September 23 at 1:18 PM

KK

Krystal Kauffman posted:

Mark was a great friend in high school, and after. He was the sweetest guy, and his kindness is what I remember most. Mark was my date to my senior prom. I have so many wonderful memories, and he will be missed.

September 23 at 1:16 PM

DL

David And Lee Mei posted:

We were truly sorry to learn of Mark's passing. He helped us out when we needed it the most. He will be greatly missed and long well-remembered. David Boyd and Lee Mei Leong Marquette

September 23 at 12:20 PM

NC

Nancy Calcagno posted:

Although I did not know of Mark. I've heard of him from my Nephew Nick Debniak. Sending Prayers and healing thoughts to the family. Nancy C.

September 23 at 12:18 PM

RP

Rich And Nancy Piersma posted:

We were very sad to learn of Mark's struggle with cancer and his passing. He was our daughter Meghan's good friend since high school. We found him to be a very sweet young man and he will be very much missed. Our hearts go out to you, his family, at this difficult time, and you are in our prayers.

September 23 at 11:41 AM

JS

Jackie Sullivan posted:

I am so sorry for your loss Paula . . . Jackie Sullivan

September 23 at 10:03 AM



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SC

Stephanie (Carlson) Cobb posted:

Sending so much love to Mark's family and close friends! I enjoyed meeting Mark my freshman year at Mona Shores and he was always the nicest, sweetest guy. So happy I was able to reconnect with him throughout the years and my heart is heavy that I couldn't have had even more conversations with him.

September 23 at 9:49 AM

DT

David Tague posted:

We lost a good hearted individual. I remember talking and joking with Mark in High School, he was a great mind.

September 23 at 9:47 AM

SH

Sandra Hall posted:

Mark was a wonderful, incredibly talented, and all around "cool" guy. So sad that his beautiful soul is gone from this world. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the countless lives he touched that are grieving.

September 23 at 9:21 AM

JL

Jen (Doctor) Lallo posted:

I went to school with Mark at Mona Shores. What a sweet guy, such heartbreaking news to hear of his passing. Sending love and prayers from Wisconsin.

September 23 at 9:13 AM

PR

Patsy Kufra-Risgin lit a candle in honor of Mark .

September 23 at 8:50 AM





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MS

Mary Saldana posted:

Paula, I am so sorry for your loss. My heart breaks for you, losing your son. Hoping your memories bring you comfort and peace.

September 23 at 8:41 AM

EN

Emily Nyman posted:

Mark was such an incredibly kind, gentle, talented person. Such an artist with that kind of raw talent is rare and cherished. I didn't know him closely, but we had many conversations about this strange and beautiful world we lived in. He always spoke with a sense of childlike wonder, as though he were a visitor from somewhere else, only here for a short time to appreciate and observe. I like to think that he went back to where his spirit came from, full of the love he had for others, and for this world.

September 23 at 8:29 AM

RN

Robert Nebel posted:

The world shines less now that a shining light has gone.... It's been a pleasure & privilege to have known you & to have had the chance to play a gig with you..... you will be missed, good sir. The heavens' have once again another great artist & person....

September 23 at 8:27 AM

AT

Andrew Tyler posted:

Mark V didn't live on other peoples terms. He refused reside in the box society deems we should. He was an artist, a musician and a good man. Though I hadn't connected with Mark much since I left the Marquette scene I always knew that he'd have a smile on his face and try to put one on mine. Always a good, albeit most often quick, conversation. The world is a lesser place without him.

September 23 at 8:20 AM

ST

Stephanie posted:

Thoughts and prayers to all of Mark's famliy. He was such a genuinely nice person - and I am so sorry for your loss. ~ Stephanie Fisher Kloss

September 23 at 5:35 AM



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EH

Erica (Osborn) Hoff posted:

I knew Mark back in Elementary through High School. Although I don't have a specific memory. My first recollection of him was his empathetic, soft, and funny spirit. He was always someone with whom you could jump into conversation. It saddens me because I know someone like him must have touched countless lives in such positive ways. Thoughts and prayers.-Erica (Osborn) Hoff

September 23 at 4:59 AM

MA

Michael Atkisson posted:

Mark was really great at sharing his best with those around him. I remember in 2nd grade he let me listen to his walkman on the playground because I wanted to hear what Led Zeppelin sounded like. Most of all I remember sharing laughs. He was so generous with his beach too! Lots of great memories, always kind and genuine. Thanks for being my friend Mark. You made me better for it!

September 22 at 8:13 PM

MP

Meghan Piersma posted:

In all the photos I have of Mark, he could hardly pose a straight face and I loved that about him. Silly and adventurous, kind and empathetic. Even after years of not seeing each other, he would make a point to call up and see how I was doing, yet another endearing quality rarely found in a friend. Heaven's lucky to have such a sweet soul.

September 22 at 7:35 PM

PH

Patrick Haydon posted:

I can remember when Mark came to my house and jammed. We laughed at the fact i was half his age at the time. I was 14 and he was 28. Age did not stop him from doing from what he enjoyed doing. I attended a handfull of mark V "5" shows and played with my band at the time. I didn't see him for a while and then shopping at the food Co Op I heard someone saying my name. It was mark, he'd always ask how its been and if i was still playing. Several more small talks at the Co Op. He always said hey or hi to me at very least. I always would tell him to do a portrait of me because I really enjoyed looking at his work. It saddens me to hear of such a creative and kind man passing, and I enjoy all the memories I had with him.

September 22 at 6:12 PM



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September 22 at 6:12 PM

DS

David Sprouse posted:

My best day at work was seeing Mark and talking to him throughout the day. He always put a smile on my face no matter how I was feeling. Listening to records and talking about music were the best. Mark you were a kind soul. I will miss you.

September 22 at 5:31 PM

AS

Abe Switters posted:

I worked with Mark at the Marquette food co-op. His modesty and kindness were surpassed only by his creativity and optimism. He was a musical gift, a helping hand and always lended an empathetic ear. Mark was one of the best humans i have met in my travels, he will not be soon forgotten.

September 22 at 4:42 PM

RD

Ryan Dawson posted:

My best memory of Mark is when he drew my portrait. I sat still for hours and he asked questions about what interested me, and then he would ask questions about my answers. He listened with such intense precision that I even began to question my own answers!! I learned a lot about myself that day. It is rare to find someone like Mark who is so readily willing to give his full attention in a conversation without asking anything in return. He had a genuine goodness and kind nature that is rare and I'm grateful to have known him. I hope that I can help pass along some of the Light he shared with me so effortlessly.~*~

September 22 at 3:47 PM



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Emily Lanctot posted:

Sometimes it seems all too soon. Mark always had a smile on his face and something interesting or funny to say. He was a terrific friend, neighbor and coworker. Mark and I worked together at the Students' Art Gallery at NMU. We also lived on the same street and when our paths crossed, as they often did, Mark would always stop to chat. I'll deeply miss those conversations, Mark's inquisitive nature and his kind smile.

September 22 at 2:21 PM



Torrey Dupras shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

April 2 at 6:54 AM



We worked with Mark all too briefly. We were very glad to have been able to know him.



Media

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Mary Mugford shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

September 29 at 10:58 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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