



## Mark Werner

August 28, 1962 - November 7, 2022

Mark Gerard “Bert” Werner, 60, of Dedham, passed away Monday, November 7, 2022, on a beautiful still morning at home, surrounded by his family, following a hard-fought 15-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, November 11, 2022, at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Dedham. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter, assisted by Deacon Louis Meiners. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Joe Behrens. Gift Bearers will be Will Behrens, Hailee Behrens, Isabella Bauer, and Eliza Bauer. Honorary Casket Bearers will be current and former members of the Carroll Fire Department. Casket Bearers will be Mark McCrea, Brian Hathcock, Marty Balukoff, Billy Schultes, Mike Pletchette, Tim Seidl, Neil Goetzinger, and Joe Behrens. Private family burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Additional visitation without greeting the family will be from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the Dedham American Legion or the Carroll Fire Department.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Mark’s family at [www.sharpfune](http://www.sharpfune)

ral.com.

Mark was born on August 28, 1962, in Carroll, Iowa, the son of John “Butch” and Dardi (Bohnenkamp) Werner. He grew up in Dedham and attended Kuemper Catholic High School, graduating with the class of 1981. After high school, he attended and graduated from Hamilton Technical College in Davenport. He then went to work for the Pella Rolscreen Company in Carroll in June of 1983. He worked there for the next 39 years, retiring from Pella Corp in June of 2022.

On October 6, 1984, he was united in marriage with Jackie “Jake” Handlos at Sacred Heart Church in Manning, Iowa. They made their home in Carroll for the next 35 years, before moving to Dedham in 2018. Bert and Jake were blessed with 2 sons, Dustin Michael in 1994 and Jarrett Mark in 1997, both now residing in Dedham. Mark’s boys meant everything to him, and he spent countless hours supporting them in their activities.

Mark joined the Carroll Fire Department in January of 2000, becoming a lieutenant in December of 2010, and eventually a captain in 2012. During this time, he served on numerous committees with the CFD, until his retirement in June of 2018. Mark cherished his time on the CFD and became lifelong friends with many of those he served with.

Mark was a 23-year Charter member, former commander, and huge advocate of the Sons of the American Legion, Post #20 in Dedham.

Mark officiated basketball for 17 seasons, 12 of which with his friend, Dan Pomeroy. He was the line judge on a football officiating crew that included Dan Pomeroy, Jerry Fleshner, and Rod Berg from 1989 to 2014 -- 25 years, 30 playoff games, and countless stories...

Growing up in Dedham, and even as an adult, Mark loved playing 16-inch softball. He played for various teams throughout the years, including the Dedham Rookies & Dedham Merchants. Mark never tired of sitting around and sharing old ball stories with his buddies.

Through the years, Mark was an avid Iowa Hawkeye and Cubs baseball fan, just like his old man, Butch Werner. One of his favorite hobbies was working in his yard (Augusta National), which he took great pride in. He loved a good road trip with Jake, his boys, or his buddies, and cheering on the Hawkeyes with a cold Busch Light in hand. Most of all, Mark cherished his family and his wide circle of great friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Butch Werner, his father-in-law, Larry Handlos, and nephew, John Schreck.

Left to honor his memory are his wife of 38 years, Jackie, and his boys, Dustin and Jarrett. He is also survived by his mother, Dardi Werner; his siblings, Lynda (Jim) Bohlander, Bob Werner, and John Mike Werner; mother-in-law, Barb Handlos; sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty & Skip Tanner and Joelle & Joe Behrens, many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **10**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
226 W. 8th St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
(712) 792-4301  
info@sharpfuneral.com  
<https://www.sharpfuneral.com>

## Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV **11**. 10:30 AM.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church Dedham, Iowa

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your loss and the pain you are feeling. You will never lose the memories though. Those and God will help ease your pain and give you the strength to get through this difficult time. Prayers, Debi Hathcock-Hamm

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**Deborah Hathcock-Hamm** - November 11, 2022 at 10:25 AM

BI

“ Thoughts and prayers for Mark's family at this difficult time. May the many wonderful memories help you through the coming days and months.



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**Brad and Carrie Irlbeck** - November 10, 2022 at 02:04 PM

TF

“ The Golwitzer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Werner.



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**The Golwitzer Family** - November 10, 2022 at 12:08 PM

RB

“ Jake, Dustin and Jarrett, my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of a great man! Bert and I spent many years on opposite sidelines on Friday nights in the fall. We both had to shoulder the brunt of our crew's transgressions as we were closest to the coaches. I will hold several great memories of those Friday night games and the "adult beverages" shared with him and the crew. Mark always had a smile on his face and a positive attitude. He will be missed for sure, but not forgotten. Every football game I watch from now on I will drink a toast to Bert and cherish the memories we shared. God Bless and RIP Bert! Rod Berg

Rod L. Berg - November 10, 2022 at 08:30 AM

AF

“ Annette & Jeff Dotts & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Werner.



Annette & Jeff Dotts & Family - November 09, 2022 at 03:24 PM

MA

“ Jackie and family so sorry for your loss hugs and prayers to your family I know the journey you have taken love Mary Ambrose

Mary Ambrose - November 09, 2022 at 07:17 AM

RS

“ So very sorry to all mark's family ... forever firemens memories shared with mark forever in my mind ! RIP ❤️ Love & prayers , Radar & jean snyder Alamo , Texas

radar & jean snyder - November 08, 2022 at 09:52 PM

TK

“ Jake I had not heard of Bert's illness, so I was very surprised to see his obit listed. I can't tell you how sorry I am. I will always remember you as Great Friends back in the Dedham days. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. ❤️

Terri Kraus - November 08, 2022 at 09:43 PM

ZO

“ My sincere sympathy to Jake, Dustin and Jarrett. I got to know Mark through 16" softball both when he was playing and when he was watching his sons play. He was a truly friendly man and always had a smile. He always knew a lot of things and alot of people. RIP Mark.

Zonk - November 08, 2022 at 07:00 PM

JT

“ Mark was a great employee. Worked with him at Pella. He and Jake were a fun couple. I remember he and Jackie signing my hat as. "Bert and Jake"  
May his soul Rest In Peace and may the perpetual lights shine upon him.

Jim Tierney - November 08, 2022 at 06:21 PM

SP

“ I worked at Pella with mark my thoughts and prayers are with all he will be missed such a nice guy



sandy pudenz - November 08, 2022 at 03:22 PM

YF

“ *Your ET Products family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Werner.*



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**Your ET Products family** - November 08, 2022 at 02:53 PM

SG

“ *My deepest sympathy to Mark's family! I worked with Mark for 36 years. He was one of the kindest person I've ever met. Hoping that the good memories and stories will bring some comfort as you find your way though this difficult time. He will be missed.*

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**Shelly Gute** - November 08, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Werner.*



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November 08, 2022 at 01:54 PM

BR

“ *Condolences to Marks family! I worked with Mark at Pella many years ago! I always enjoyed talking to him. May God give you strength during this difficult time and may wonderful memories help give you peace!*

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**Becky Rohrbeck** - November 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM