

## Mark Gaul, 59 ✓

Sept. 6, 1954 - March 26, 2014

**LEAGUE CITY, TX** — Mark John Gaul was born on September 6, 1954 to Roman and Mildred (Rau) Gaul in Harlan. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Mark attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and later graduated from Harlan Community High School with the class of 1972. On April 8, 1975, Mark enlisted in the United States Army serving his country until his honorable discharge on September 30, 1977. After his honorable discharge, Mark returned home to Earling and attended Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs. He then worked and lived in Omaha, NE before moving to Texas where he worked and made his home.



Mark was united in marriage to Patricia "Patti" Sanderson on October 25, 1997 in League City, TX. Mark was a world wide traveler who always loved coming home to the family farm in Iowa especially during St. Joseph's Parish Picnic or to help with harvest. He never missed his siblings' birthdays and always called no matter where he was in the world. He was very dedicated to his job and was well respected and admired by his co-workers. Although he dealt with Parkinson's for many years, Mark never let it keep him from being independent and he was always "just swell". He loved chocolate and even ate his cereal with chocolate milk. He always smiled and had a great sense of humor even when he was most sick. Mark died on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, TX having attained the age of fifty-nine years, six months, and twenty days.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Roman and Mildred Gaul and his sister Gerarda. He is survived by his wife Patti Gaul of League City, TX; children Kelly and Michael; three grandchildren: Jennifer, Haley, and Parker; his brothers and sisters: Carla Gaul of Omaha, NE, Mike Gaul of Earling, Don Gaul and his wife Mary of Earling, Joe Gaul and his wife Mallory of Earlham, Ann Gaul of Omaha, NE, Mary and her husband Chris Tepe of Harlan, Gina Gaul of Lincoln, NE, Karen Gaul of Des Moines, and Michele and her husband Kurt Wetzstein of Logan; other family members and many friends.

Rev. Chris Fontanini celebrated the 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Earling. Music was provided by Mary Wilwerding, Marielle Tepe, Mary Gaul, Naomi Gaul and Veronica Gaul. Serving as casket bearers were Mike Gaul, Don Gaul, Joe Gaul, Chris Tepe, Kurt Wetzstein and Glenn Gaul. Interment was held in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Earling.

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