



Mark R. Nylund

June 14, 1965 - January 24, 2020

Mark R Nylund, 54 of Crystal Falls, passed away unexpectedly on January 24, 2020 after being diagnosed with leukemia. He was born in Crystal Falls on June 14, 1965, son of Sally Nylund and the late Robert Nylund. He graduated from Forest Park High School in 1983 and Northern Michigan University in 1988 with a Degree in sports medicine. He married his Sunday school classmate and love of his life, Karen Woelffer in 1990 and they were excited to be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this April.

Mark's career began as a PT assistant with the Iron County Community Hospital and he diligently pursued his lifelong passion of becoming a physical therapist by working his way through graduate school and earning a degree from St Scholastica in 1998. He was currently the Aspirus Iron River rehabilitation department manager, where he had a dual role of providing patient care as a physical therapist and managing his rehab team. He believed in community service and volunteered himself and his staff by developing a concussion program for Iron County sports programs. He also volunteered his time on the playing field, serving as the football team's therapist. He was known as "Mr. Miyagi" for working his magic on numerous athletes throughout the years, during games, practices and impromptu therapy sessions. His patients, coworkers and student athletes will miss him dearly.

Mark's love of sports began at an early age as he managed the FP trojans football and basketball teams before becoming a player himself. Trips to the state finals in both sports created memories and bonds that will always be cherished. He played basketball many years after high school with the McNeil Oilers and was always proud to represent Crystal Falls. His love of basketball was passed on to his children Abby and Max as he coached them through elementary, practiced with them, drove to team camps, supported them and the team by cheering, making and hanging signs, helping at numerous spaghetti dinners, driving many miles to watch them play and never missing a game. He was an avid Trojan and Lakeland University fan and enjoyed spending time with the basketball families. He was so proud of Abby and Max and beamed with pride watching their accomplishments in basketball and all aspects of life. He was their #1 fan.

Following in his family's footsteps, Mark was a member and Past Master Mason of the Crystal Falls-Iron River Lodge #385. In his free time, he loved being outdoors, especially spending time with big Max and little Max at camp. Mark inherited his Dad's love for the game of golf and enjoyed playing on Wednesday nights with the men's golf crew. He and Karen were often found with their Runkle Lake extended family on the pontoon enjoying lake life. Mark loved the Packers and hosted many Packer Parties in their basement for family and friends. Mark loved his family and was always patient, kind and concerned, making sure everyone was taken care of.

Mark is survived by his loving wife, Karen Nylund; two children, Abby and Max Nylund; his mother, Sally Nylund; his in-laws Max and Nancy Woelffer; four siblings, Bobbie Stoor, Larry Nylund, Debbie (Dennis) Williams, Sally (Bill) Santilli, and sister-in-law, Mary (Bob) Patterson; many nieces, nephews, and cousins, along with numerous close, loving and supportive friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Nylund, his brother-in-law,

Roger Stoor and loving friend Kim Shamion.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30 from 4-7 at the Christ United Methodist Church and again Friday, January 31, from 10-11:30. The Crystal Falls-Iron River Masonic Lodge will hold a Masonic Memorial Service at 11:30 with the funeral service to follow. Pastor Vicky Prewitt will officiate.

Condolences to the family of Mark Nylund may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the arrangements to the Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Crystal Falls.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 11:30 AM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church
20 South 5th St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

JN

“ Truly saddened to hear of Mark's passing. My deepest sympathy to Karen and the family. Crystal Falls lost one of its good ones. I enjoyed knowing Mark during my years in Crystal Falls. He always had a wonderful smile and truly loved life and people. Mark was a gifted athlete who shared his talents with many. May He Rest In Peace.

Joe Nash

Joe Nash - February 06, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Karen & Family,

We just recently heard of the loss of your husband. He was such a great asset to the community and will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Our sincerest condolences,

Carol & Dave Sherby

David Sherby - February 01, 2020 at 01:49 PM

CM

“ Carol And Tom Martwick lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Carol and Tom Martwick - January 31, 2020 at 12:05 PM

TB

“ We want to send our heartfelt sympathy to Karen, Abby , Max and all the family in the sudden death of your loved one, Mark. We will remember his warm friendly smile whether at church or a basketball game. May all the memories people will share at this time let you know what a wonderful person he was. God bless you in the days ahead.

Ted and Louise Burson

Ted Burson - January 30, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 29, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 29, 2020 at 04:03 PM

SH

“Karen, Max and Abby

We just want to tell everyone what you and many others already know....that Mark was a GREAT person in every respect. Kind, generous, talented and a true family man---Mark went through life with a smile on his face. We could all learn from how Mark lived every day.

If there has ever been a better person on earth than Mark Nyland, we haven't met them.

We are devastated at this huge loss for everyone who was fortunate enough to have known him.

*Steve, Christine, Hugh and Sarah Harris
Iron Mountain*

STEVE HARRIS - January 29, 2020 at 01:55 PM

MP

“Until we meet again, my god hold you in the palm of his hand”

My Uncle Mark/ mine and my sister Libby's god father was a wonderful person with a kind heart , and an awesome dad and husband to my cousins Abby and Max and my Antie Karen/god mother. All my childhood, summers, Christmas's, Easter's you name it, they were there my whole life sharing so many memories. It's heartbreaking to know my uncle is no longer with us, but it's reassuring that god is taking the best care of him in heaven. I love you so much Uncle Mark, and I know you will be watching over us and taking care of us too. Rest easy, until we meet again. -Maggie

Maggie Patterson - January 28, 2020 at 10:22 PM



“ My cousin Mark was such a gentle soul. I never saw him angry or have a harsh word towards anyone! When we were younger, Mark and my brother Michael and I used to entertain the family with our singing! "Shine on Harvest Moon" was one of our favorites!! He had a Beautiful voice! He was just an all around Great guy!! He will DEFINITELY be missed by EVERYONE that knew him!! Love You cous!! R.I.P. Love your cousin Les.

Leslie Bradley - January 28, 2020 at 10:04 PM

CA

“ Choddie & Suzanne Alexa lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Choddie & Suzanne Alexa - January 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

YS

“ We were stunned and so saddened to hear the news of Mark's passing. We send our deepest condolences to Karen, their children, Bobbie Lee and all family and friends. Please know that we are mourning with you in New Mexico and pray God's comfort for all of you. Siento mucho. Dean, Yvette and Evan Stoor

Yvette Stoor - January 28, 2020 at 03:16 PM

LA

“ *Love, your Muskie Family - LU Athletics purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark R. Nylund.*



Love, your Muskie Family - LU Athletics - January 28, 2020 at 03:13 PM

YS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Yvette Stoor - January 28, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.*



January 27, 2020 at 09:34 PM

AW

“ Dear Karen, Abby, & Max,
Sally, Bobbie, Larry, Debbie, & Sal Jo,
We were deeply saddened when we heard of Mark's passing. Our hearts are very heavy. Another good one taken way soon. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Treasure all the wonderful memories you have and find comfort in them. We are sending hugs your way.
Love, Doug and Ann Wagner

Ann Wagner - January 27, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 27, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 27, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 27, 2020 at 03:43 PM

KG

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to your family. I worked with Mark as a fellow therapy leader at Aspirus. He was a kind and generous man and a great therapy leader. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Krin Gresen

Krin Gresen - January 27, 2020 at 02:51 PM

CD

“ Karen, Abby and Max, sending many prayers your way and I am heartbroken for your loss. Mark was always a true gentleman and a class act. His presence in the community is truly missed. He will always be remembered as an amazing person, great husband and devoted father.

Cindy Nocerini Dingell - January 27, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 27, 2020 at 12:55 PM

HW

“ Deepest sympathy on the loss of Mark. He was a person and I enjoyed working with him on the Aspirus Therapy System Functional Team. He will be GREATLY missed!

Heather Witt

Heather Witt - January 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

RB

“ Robert T Black lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Robert T Black - January 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

BO

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you, prayers

Boussum's - January 27, 2020 at 10:19 AM

KH

“ Kathie Hill lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Kathie Hill - January 27, 2020 at 09:31 AM

TW

“ Words cannot adequately express how sorry I am to hear of this. My sincerest condolences and sympathy goes out to all of Marks family and friends. May God bestow His Blessings upon you all at this time. Once again, I am truly sorry.

Todd Wloszczynski - January 27, 2020 at 01:10 AM

TM

“ So sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I'll always remember him for his day-to-day sincerity and good nature, and for his professionalism with patients. Sending love to all his family and friends. --Travis

Travis Margoni - January 27, 2020 at 01:08 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.*



January 27, 2020 at 12:38 AM



“ *So sorry to hear this sad news..One of the nicest people I've ever met. Many of great battles on the basketball court with him and the rest of McNeil's Oilers.. Always enjoyed talking with him and catching up with him at games. He will be missed*

Joe Gray - January 26, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ *Amazing man! Heartbroken to hear of his unexpected passing. I'll always remember Mark's unique sense of humor and the great kindness and patience he showed to anyone who came across his path. I was always in awe of his quiet demeanor...so full of wisdom yet always humble. I was blessed to be taken under his wing in High School during my first PT internship in the 90's and then again years later coming full circle in 2013 when he helped guide me through my second degree as a PTA. I can only imagine the conversations that are being had in Heaven between him and Randy (also taken too soon)! Prayers to his beautiful family ❤️ You will be missed Mark Nylund 💕*

Lori Stachowicz - January 26, 2020 at 09:45 PM

TP

“ Sending our Deepest Sympathies! I didn't know Mark very long Bob and Lew Lorenzoni did and have nothing but great memories! God Bless You all in this time of grief! Terry Priddy and the crew from Dtateline Automotive and Stateline Chev Buick GMC!!

Terry Priddy - January 26, 2020 at 09:18 PM

TH

“ I will try to be there Thursday. If I don't make it, know that you are in my prayers.

Tracey Harju - January 26, 2020 at 09:17 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mark's family and friends! Our community has lost yet another amazing person who will have to continue watching over all he loves in heaven! With the from the Simbobs

Jenna Simbob - January 26, 2020 at 09:16 PM

CS

“ Candy Soderena lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Candy Soderena - January 26, 2020 at 08:47 PM

CM

“ *My sincere and heart felt condolences for the whole Nylund family. Karen, you and the children as well as all of Mark’s siblings and mom are in my thoughts and prayers. I have many wonderful memories from high school and college that include you and Mark. May you all find peace during these most difficult time.*

Catherine Stankewicz Maloney - January 26, 2020 at 08:15 PM

CL

“ *My deepest condolences to the Nyland family and the Crystal Fall community. I worked with Mark at the hospital for over 24 years as a nurse at Iron County General Hospital and now called Aspirus Iron River Hospital. I have many memories of him being there in the hallways walking and assisting our patients back to health. He was a very caring guy and wanted the best for his patients. Always had a smile or a kind word to say to all of us working on the floor. He will be missed by so many. My prayers and thoughts are with the family and the community as well.*



Cindy Levenburg - January 26, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BM

“ *Bobbie May lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund*



Bobbie May - January 26, 2020 at 07:36 PM

DB

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Nylund family. It is a tragic loss for all. Mark was always a great person to hang with. Remembering the great times from little league baseball to the percussion section in band and all the way to NMU. I am deeply sorry. A great person gone too early 😞.
Dave Bender

dave bender - January 26, 2020 at 07:10 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mark R. Nylund.



January 26, 2020 at 07:06 PM

KS

“ This is such a loss for his family and the entire Crystal Falls community. Deepest sympathy from Kathy Dishaw-Springberg.


kathy springberg - January 26, 2020 at 06:27 PM

GC

“ Karen, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.
Gretchen Bauer Carter



Gretchen Carter - January 26, 2020 at 06:21 PM

 Pam
Krueger

“ *Pam Krueger lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund*



Pam Krueger - January 26, 2020 at 05:18 PM

DC

*Our very deepest sympathy to you Karen and your Family! So very sad
Your in our thoughts and prayers*

Debbie Chervo - January 26, 2020 at 05:54 PM

 Ginger
Michaud

“ *Ginger Michaud lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund*



Ginger Michaud - January 26, 2020 at 05:18 PM

 Steve
Hill

“ *My Condolences to the Nylund Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all..*

Steve Hill - January 26, 2020 at 05:00 PM

BR

“ *Karen and family. I was so saddened to hear this news. Thinking of you and peace to all. Beth(Bonetti) and Mike Reimer*

beth reimer - January 26, 2020 at 05:00 PM

SH

“ Steve Hill lit a candle in memory of Mark R. Nylund



Steve Hill - January 26, 2020 at 04:58 PM

MI

“ Marks family, he was such a wonderful person my heart goes out to you all.

Michelle - January 26, 2020 at 03:09 PM

SM

Our condolences to all of Mark's family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sara (West) Moore - January 26, 2020 at 03:58 PM

BH

Words cannot express the sadness that we feel about Mark's passing. Karen, the sorrow that you, your children and your parents are living with are greatly understood by our family. I wish I could hug all of you. Love, Barbara and Ernie Hazuka

barbara hazuka - January 27, 2020 at 10:58 AM

LH

Karen, Max and Abby, and entire extended family, Our sincere thoughts of comfort and love are with you during such a difficult time. No words can express our sadness. May God comfort you in knowing he is at peace. Love, Louise and Dean

Louise Holmes - January 27, 2020 at 01:25 PM

NP

I was so saddened by this news and had hoped that he could weather the storm he was in. Mark was a great guy and i loved working with him in the hospital setting. He was a great leader, one everyone looked up to. He was kind, considerate and loving to his patients, peers and coworkers. Definitely taken too soon. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends as this has to be so devastating to say the least. Prayers to out to each and everyone of you. I will miss Mark and that smile and graciousness he possessed. Respectfully, Nancy Ponzoso
DON

Nancy Ponzoso - January 27, 2020 at 04:12 PM

JB

To all who love and respect Mark, I am deeply saddened for your tremendous loss. Nicki spoke highly of her Uncle. For those who visit Crystal Falls, we have witnessed the extension of love that follows this entire family. Continue to cherish your fondest memories. Sending Crystal Falls lasting love. ♥♥
Jackie Bornor

Jackie Bornor - January 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM

MH

Karen. Abby, Max and extended family, I was so sorry to hear about your loss. Mark was a truly great individual who was kind and caring to all he met. His smile was contagious, and he made others around him feel good when talking to him. His love for his family was always visible, and his genuine caring for all was evident. Our deepest condolences to you all during this difficult time. Allow fond memories to help you through. Love, Dale and Wee Hawks

Marion Hawks - January 27, 2020 at 08:09 PM

MS

So sad to hear of Mark's sudden passing. Deep sympathies to Karen and children, and Sally, his Mother! From, Mary Jane Soderberg

Mary Jane Soderberg - January 28, 2020 at 06:03 PM