



# Mark Eric Westbay

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**M**ark Eric Westbay, 50, of Decatur, died Monday, January 26, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital.

Mark was born February 9, 1958, in Decatur, the son of Jack D. and Barbara J. Benedict Westbay. He was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School and worked for ADM until he retired. Mark was a member of the Knights of Columbus Pool Team, an avid NASCAR, Cub, Bears, and Illini fan. He was a Corvette enthusiast and loved to hunt and play golf. Mark and Thea Walker were united in marriage on July 3, 2004 in Decatur.

Surviving is his wife, Thea of Decatur; son, Matthew Westbay of Chicago; mother, Barbara J. Westbay of Decatur; brother, John wife, Carol Friis of Decatur; sisters: Martha husband, William Camp and Cathy husband, Martin Mitteer of Forsyth; sister-in-law, Pam husband, Bob Brennan of Decatur; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents and father and mother-in-law, Fred and Trudy Walker.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 pm Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home. Services celebrating his life will be 10 am, Friday, January 30, 2008 in the funeral home chapel. Burial will take place at a later date. Memorials: Knights of Columbus Building Fund or American Heart Association  
The family of Mark Eric Westbay is being served by the Moran & Goebel Funeral Home, 2801 N. Monroe St. Decatur.

Mark's video tribute can be viewed at the link below:

<http://videos.lifetributes.com/51020>



## Tribute Wall

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DT

**Debby Thompson** posted:

Mom Barb and Martha ... my heart broke to hear of Mark's passing. What a handsome man ... I can still see the little kid I knew from the early 70s! We wish we could be there for you. Please know that you are in our thoughts & prayers. We love you both. Love, Debby & Ginny Winter Haven, FL US

February 1 at 7:00 PM

KK

**Kim & Alec Keenum** posted:

Thea, We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Mark. Please know that there are people out here that you can rely on when you need them. Just reach out! We will both pray for you in these times ahead that you will face. Hope you find comfort. Sugar Grove, , IL US

January 31 at 7:00 PM

TG

**Tom Garlick** posted:

Thea can't put into words how terribly sorry I am for your loss. Keep the faith and know that Marc is in a better place, as hard as that may seem. My thoughts, prayers and love are with you, and your family, during this difficult time. Tom Garlick Deptford, NJ US

January 30 at 7:00 PM

AC

**Alan Canfield** posted:

Thea, I am writing to express to you my greatest sympathy as you cope with the passing of your husband. My heart and prayers go out to you during what must be the most trying of times. I know the same God, who has helped you with past trials, will be present during this one as well. I hope you will call me for anything even if it is just to talk. Alan 239-247-1921 Fort Myers, FL US

January 30 at 7:00 PM

RS

**Robin Baker Snelson** posted:

Martha and Family-I am so sorry to hear about Mark. The picture of him looks so much like he did as a kid. Sounds like he was a good man and well-loved. Our deepest sympathy to your entire family. Email me if you can...I miss you! Plano, TX US

January 30 at 7:00 PM



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KR

**Kristi Bell Ruderman** posted:

My Dearest Thea- My heart is breaking for you right now, Mark was a wonderful man and I know that you must be devastated to lose the absolute love of your life. Please know that you are loved and I would do anything to ease your pain. God bless and comfort you, We love you very much. Adam & Kristi Ruderman Decatur, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

TW

**Tiffany White** posted:

Thea, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that the lord give you the strength to make it through this terrible time. My prays are with you. Decatur, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

RG

**Ron & Chris Gillespie** posted:

We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May you find comfort in your memories of the time you shared with Mark. DECATUR, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

LS

**Lisa Schmeltz** posted:

Thea,I am so sorry to hear about Mark. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope your memories comfort you during this difficult time. Please let me know if I can ever do anything.Your friend,Lisa Prospect Heights, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

RC

**Roger Cannon Jr.** posted:

Thea,Words cannot describe how sorry I am to hear about your loss. I always enjoyed my many conversations with Mark about old cars. You are in my thoughts and prayers daily. I miss you very, very, much.With much love always,R.J. Palatine, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM



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LZ

**Lori Bowald Zimmerman** posted:

Thea, Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers now and in the days ahead. Monticello, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

DK

**Darrell & Peggy Kindhart** posted:

Darrell & I were very sorry to hear about Mark, our prayers are with you at this time. We were unable to be there for the services but our thoughts were with you. Darrell & Peggy Kindhart Clayton, IL US

January 29 at 7:00 PM

KS

**Ken Sparks** posted:

Thea, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this terribly difficult time. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Mark, your glowing words of him and your happiness spoke volumes. You are a strong person with a strong faith! May you lean on the Lord and be comforted by our heavenly Father as you grieve and remember. Warmest Regards, Ken Colorado Springs, CO US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

JD

**Jeremy & Sabrina Dooiln** posted:

Thea-we are sorry for the loss of Mark. He was a great guy and will keep all the good memories of him in our heart- Talledega will never be the same without him. Please let us know if anything we can do. Decatur, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

MF

**Mary Finch** posted:

Thea, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary Finch San Francisco, CA US

January 28 at 7:00 PM



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AL

**Alice** posted:

Thea, My thoughts and prayers are with you – I am so sorry for your loss. May the memories you have help you through this difficult time. ~ Alice Lienemann Drobisch Maryville, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

CP

**Colleen Dabbert-Pike** posted:

Thea-I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Oswego, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

KB

**Katie Bellows** posted:

Dear Barb, I am so sorry to read about the recent death of your son. I extend my deepest sympathy. Katie Decatur, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

MK

**Mike & Glenda Kasey** posted:

You are in our thought and prayer, if you need anything please feel free to call 433-9033. We are both trying to get over the flu or we would be there. You are very special to us both and I pray the Lord gives you the strength that you need on this day. Love Mike & Glenda Kasey Decatur, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

RI

**Rick Isom** posted:

Thea, I am sorry to learn of your loss. I remember you as a strong person. I pray that God give you both strength and comfort at this difficult time. With sympathy, Rick Isom and Family Decatur, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jeremy Seman** posted:

Thea, Sorry about your loss. Mark had an energetic personality that drew people to him. He could get a warm smile and laugh from anyone. I feel grateful to have known him. Warmest regards. decatur, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM



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LC

**Larry Coloni** posted:

Thea, So sorry to hear about Mark, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Forsyth, IL US

January 28 at 7:00 PM

EF

**Eric And Jill Friesner** posted:

Thea, We are so saddened and shocked by the loss of Mark. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Talladega will never be the same. Moweaqua, IL US

January 27 at 7:00 PM

MM

**Marti Mazzullo** posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May your wonderful memories make you smile even when you think you can't. Your friend always – Marti Mazzullo Wheeling, IL US

January 27 at 7:00 PM

LH

**Lynette Hagen** posted:

Dear Thea, There aren't words that can convey how we feel about your loss!! Mark was a great guy and will be missed by all of us. Know that we love you and you are in our prayers!! Love Lynette Brian Brett & Denise Wahpeton, ND US

January 27 at 7:00 PM

LB

**Linda Baker** posted:

Thea, We were so sorry to hear about your husband. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this difficult time. God Bless, Linda, Ron Craig and Maintenance Staff at Lincoln College Lincoln, IL US

January 27 at 7:00 PM



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JB

**Jessie Benz** posted:

Thea, My heart is with you in this time. It won't be the same without Mark's deep fried turkey on Easter, and I'll always remember how he lit up a room when he was there. We will all miss him, and we are all here for you. We love you! Love always, Jessie Argenta, IL US

January 27 at 7:00 PM

MA

**Mary** posted:

Thea, There are no words! Mark was such a wonderful man with a good soul. He will be missed. Love, Mary Tozer-Peer Decatur, IL US

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KF

**Kim And Robbie Calhoun And Family** posted:

Thea-You are in our thoughts and prayers. There are no words that can express your loss. We never quite understand why things happen like they do or when they do. You have lots of memories that can never be taken away. With our love- Mt Zion, IL US

January 26 at 7:00 PM

MR

**Mary, Tim & Raechal** posted:

Thea, There are no words which can describe the deep sadness we are all feeling. Mark was your soul mate, and fit in so well with our crazy family. We will all miss him. We love you baby cuz. Dewitt, IL US

January 26 at 7:00 PM

CF

**Cheryl Froelich** posted:

Thea~I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are loved and you are in your many friend's thoughts and prayers! With my deepest sympathy, Cheryl Bloomington, IL US

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**Ray And Jeanie Johnson** posted:

Thea, We are so sorry for your loss. We wish we could be there. We are with you in spirit. May God bless you and keep you. You will be in our prayers. Mark was a great person and friend to all. We love you. Ray, Jeanie , Holly, Katie, Alex and Taylor Tallahassee, FL US

January 26 at 7:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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