



Mark Jerome Eckenrode

February 27, 1955 - October 22, 2021

Mark Jerome “Eck” Eckenrode, a wonderful brother and uncle, as well as an awesome friend who would lend an ear for you to share your woes and showed you how to turn a frown into a smile, passed away peacefully at the age of 66 on October 22, 2021 at his home with family by his side.

He was born to Jerry and Lorraine (Dodson) Eckenrode on February 27, 1955 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. The family relocated to Cinnaminson, New Jersey when Mark was 2 years old. Mark graduated from Saint Casmir’s Catholic School in 1969 and was a 1973 graduate of Burlington County Vocational Technical School where he studied Cosmetology. During his teenage and young adult years he played tournament softball representing many “eating” establishments in the Burlington and Camden counties. He owned several beauty salons, ‘A Mark of Beauty’, Delran, NJ, ‘A Mark of Distinction’, Cinnaminson, NJ, and ‘All Styles’, Cinnaminson, NJ. He was a board member of Lorraine, Inc., and also worked for Holiday Hair Fashions and Hair Cuttery until his retirement in 2012.

In 2013 Mark received a second chance at life receiving a liver transplant. He never took life for granted and supported the American Liver Foundation Mid-Atlantic every year raising money and walking in their annual Liver Walk-A-Thon in Philadelphia which helped support the Lady of Lourdes Liver Center, Camden, NJ. Mark spent the last 8 years traveling to visit family and his “Band

of Brothers”, sometimes taking his rod and tackle with him. Mark was an avid bass fisherman, loved his Phillies and Eagles regardless if they were winning or losing, and loved to grow the best Jersey tomatoes and long hot peppers.

He was predeceased by his parents and sisters Eve Maureen and Angela Marie. He is survived by his loving sisters, Dawn (Bob) and Gem, and his niece and nephew, Sarah and Cody Nenninger. In addition, Mark’s life would not be complete without the love and support of his ‘Band of Brothers of 50 years’ who were by his side during his brief illness: John Lezenby (Joanna), Gary Stuffo, Dave Olive, Jimmy Veneziano (Sammy), Alan Veith (Lisa), Mike Cohen (Diane), Paul Clements (Annie) and Tim Clements (Cheryl), as well as his ‘Sisters from other Misters’: Donna Collis Morlock (Charlie), Kathy Shore Marchiafava, Heather McDowell and Lauren Fisher Sathmary (Phil). Although his physical presence is no longer with us, his family and friends will always remember “Redsy’s sense of humor and kind soul”.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to: American Liver Foundation, Charitable Giving, PO Box 299, West Orange NJ 07052

No public services are being planned at this time.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ I wish I had seen this much sooner. I worked for Mark at his salon, a Mark of Beauty, while studying under his mother's tutelage to be a cosmetologist. I didn't know at the time that I had a chronic illness, but I did know I was the best shampoo girl Mark had ever had because he told me so. He was a kind, understanding and wonderful man, and a great employer that I learned a lot from. I was lucky that he was so kind, and I appreciated his kindness so much, I just thought I'd look him up now that we have this amazing way to find people called the internet. I'm so sorry for his family that he left us all so young. I was only 6 years his junior.

Mark was a smart guy! And his mom, who we all knew as Jan, was the best cosmetology instructor and the nicest woman ever. I greatly respect and admire the family left by these two incredible cosmetologists. When I received my license to practice in NJ, I went to work for Jan at her salon in Edgewater, NJ. At least, I think that was the name of the town. I really wish I had been able to reconnect with Mark while he was still with us.

He was so memorable to me not only because of his agreeable disposition and personality but also because of his fairness and caring. Mark, if you are watching over me, thank you for making my teenage years much easier to handle than they would have been without my position at A Mark of Beauty.

You made a difference in my life, and I thank you.

Anita Covington-Guris - October 14, 2023 at 06:59 AM

GN

Anita thank you for the kind words, especially those regarding Mark's management style. My parents would be proud to have read your comments. He is deeply missed, and I just lost my oldest Sister in July.

Gem Eckenrode Nenninger - December 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Mark Jerome Eckenrode*

September 09, 2022 at 01:27 AM



“ *Nancy Cicale lit a candle in memory of Mark Jerome Eckenrode*



Nancy Cicale - October 30, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ *Jackie Solimeo lit a candle in memory of Mark Jerome Eckenrode*



Jackie Solimeo - October 26, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *We were so sorry to hear of the passing of your brother. I meant Mark at hair cuttery he was funny and right to the point about my hair. He is at peace now looking down on you.all. our prayers are with you. Love Henry & Marie*

Marie Winkler - October 25, 2021 at 12:18 PM



♥ *Thank you Hank & Marie*

Gem - October 25, 2021 at 04:07 PM

BB

I was very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I remember him as a young kid when I worked for his mom and dad at the A-walk in beauty salon in Cinnaminson. I ran into him years later, and it was such a delight to see him all grown up and doing hair himself. My deepest sympathy goes out to all his family, sincerely Barbara Moy Bruckler

Barbara Bruckler - October 25, 2021 at 10:02 PM

GN

Barbara thank for the post. I remember you too! Gem

Gem Eckenrode Nenninger - October 26, 2021 at 09:42 PM

DM

Thanks Barb, I also remember you! Dawn

Dawn Eckenrode Mason - October 31, 2021 at 05:34 PM

DM

“*Mark always had an infectious mischievous smile and an up lifting comment. His love of fishing and poker were only surpassed by his loving protective streak for his family and friends. His courageous fight with liver disease resulting in a transplant renewed his zest for life with his loved ones. For eight years, he cherished his second chance at life and he supported the liver team at Lourdes every chance he got. He said he was extremely thankful for the time he spent with family as well as “his brothers and sisters from other parents”. I'll love and miss you, until we meet again. Donna*



Donna Collis Morlock - October 23, 2021 at 12:03 PM