



Mark Howard

February 4, 1964 - March 11, 2026

Mark Howard, age 62, of Goodrich, passed away March 11, 2026 at Lightways Hospice in Joliet.

He was born February 4, 1964 in Pontiac, the son of Donald Lee & Rose Marie Zappa Howard. Mark grew up in Emington.

He was a boilermaker for union local 1.

Mark loved music and played the bass in various bands. He enjoyed fishing. Mark was an avid Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs fan. He was also a pretty big fan of dad jokes.

Surviving are two sons, Austin Howard of Beecher and Marcus (Brenn) Howard of Beecher; two daughters, Ashley (Will) Smith of Cullom and Brittany (Jonathan) Balazs of VA; two brothers, Jesse Howard (Delora Henkel) of Pontiac and Don Howard of MS; seven grandchildren, Brooklyn Smith, Raven (Nick) Liescke, Logan Adams, Isabella Smith, Bradley Robinson, Arya Robinson, and Maddox Robinson; one great-grandson, Eric Liescke; and many nieces and nephews.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents; and three children, Aaron Howard, Bradley Balazs, and Bridgette Balazs.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Arrangements by Schreffler Funeral Home, Kankakee.

The family will host a celebration of life on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Herscher American Legion.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR **25**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Herscher American Legion
South Oak Street
Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mark was a kind soul with a big heart. I'm so very sorry to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to his children.* ”



colleen dolan - March 12 at 07:24 PM

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“ *Since he was quite a bit younger than me I never really knew him but I did know his brother Jess well. My sympathy to him and all of the family. Ellen (Morgan) Boczek* ”

Ellen Boczek - March 12 at 05:46 PM

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Thank You, Ellen

Jesse L Howard - March 26 at 05:00 PM