



Mark Loren Houston

July 2, 1956 - January 16, 2025

Mark Loren Houston, 68, passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 16, 2025 at home in Iron Mountain, MI. The son of William & Mary Ann (Reagan) Houston, Mark was one of 7 siblings and grew up in Simi Valley, CA when they could still run free through the miles of orange and walnut groves. Mark loved root beer floats, played the upright bass and as a teen he cut out the back of a VW bug and turned it into a “truck”. He always enjoyed a good time and inspired others to do the same.

In his early 20’s Mark worked his way up to Alaska. He landed in Fairbanks, and for the next 40 years he worked in the taxi industry. Eventually Mark decided to return to the lower 48. His first stop was Spokane, WA to be by his brother John. Then he made his way to Iron Mountain, MI where his sisters Nancy and Ruthie were nearby.

Mark proved to be very community minded. He played Cribbage at both the Community Center and local bowling alley. He helped form a Chess group (meets Fridays 12 p.m. at the Community Center). He frequented the Braumart Theatre and would be seen golfing with his buddies during the summer months. He loved football and followed the Lions. He was excited about this year’s playoffs.

Mark is survived by 4 siblings Nancy, John, Matt, Ruthie and his sister-in-law

and dear friend, Marilyn Houston, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Mark will be greatly missed.

A private family gathering will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Mark Loren Houston online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Mark through John and Judy during his stay in Spokane. I was fortunate to have an adult beverage or two with him and play poker. He wanted so badly to have a community where he could play some games and have good company. It brings me joy to hear that he found this! He will be missed.

Melinda Bunkelman - February 01, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ Maria Van Hoeven lit a candle in memory of Mark Loren Houston



Maria Van Hoeven - January 30, 2025 at 08:31 PM

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I first met Mark when I was 15 in Fairbanks Alaska. He was a good friend of my sister Juanitta. Over the many years of their friendship mark and my paths collided. I count 4 different states. First Alaska in 1978. Then Hawaii, Washington and lastly Michigan where I live. Mark was always alot of fun! He was an original and my sister will greatly miss Mark. May he rest in Peace.

Maria Van Hoeven - January 30, 2025 at 08:50 PM