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Mark Andrew Cifrulak, age 64, of Jefferson Hills, formerly of McKees Rocks, passed away suddenly, surrounded by his loving family, on October 8, 2020.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy (Bjalobok) Cifrulak; two daughters, Lisa (Matthew) Edwards and Stacie (Justin) Paronish; mother, Margaret Cifrulak; two brothers, Burt (Nanine) Cifrulak and Robert (Michelle) Cifrulak; Aunt Helen (Lester) Best; two brothers in-law, Frank (Barb) Bjalobok Jr. and Michael (Susie) Bjalobok; sister in-law, Betsy (Gary) Van Sickle; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nicholas Cifrulak.

Mark married his high school sweetheart, Nancy, in 1981. They just celebrated their 39th anniversary. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1978, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a proud member of the Pitt Marching Band and was selected for Herald Trumpet. After college, he was a member of the Ohio Valley Community Band. Mark took pleasure in sharing his love of music with his two daughters, from high school musicals, Ohio Valley Community Band, Kennywood, and Busch Gardens.

Mark was proudly employed for 40 years at Bettis Atomic Power Labs as a Supervisor Engineer. He just recently retired in March 2020. There is no home renovation that Mark would not gladly tackle, including the complete renovation of the Holy Ghost Church rectory kitchen. He was a "jack of all trades".

Mark was a devout Byzantine Catholic and a lifelong member of Holy Ghost Church in McKees Rocks. He enjoyed the ethnic traditions of Easter and Christmas.

Above all, Mark loved to spend time with his cherished family. He will be dearly missed by all who loved and knew him.



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Visitation will be held on Friday, October 9th from 5 PM to 8 PM at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills, 15236. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 11 AM at the St. John the Baptist Byzantine Cathedral, 210 Greentree Rd., Munhall, 15120. Friends and family will be able to view the service via live stream at <http://www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com/>.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the two churches he attended, Holy Ghost Church, Olivia St., McKees Rocks, 15136 or St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Cathedral. Condolences may be shared at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.



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MS

Mike Sting posted:

My sincerest sympathies. Mark was one of the nicest guys I knew at Bettis. We were casual associates but I was always impressed with his kind demeanor and ready smile. May your grief be comforted by his memory.

October 2 at 5:26 AM

NA

Nancy posted:

It's just now, 5 months after Mark's passing, that I can actually sit down and read all of the beautiful comments about him. Thank you all SO VERY MUCH for your kind words, prayers, beautiful plants (which I enjoyed at home...since I took them all), and the trees. Mark did SO MUCH wood work...he would appreciate the fact that the wood was being replenished after his passing. It gives us all great peace knowing what wonderful friends and family we have. Mark wanted to go quickly...he ALWAYS said that. Even though it was difficult for those of us left behind, and shocking to say the least, It gives us great comfort knowing that he is at peace with the Lord. May God grant each and every one of you comfort also.

March 15 at 1:26 PM

TS

Teresa Sekel And Bob Shrum posted:

Nancy, Lisa and Stacie: I was saddened to hear of Mark's sudden passing. His loss is painful, but I'm confident that God will nourish your souls and give you peace. He's already given His peace to Mark. May his memory be Eternal. Teresa Sekel

November 2 at 6:25 AM

DK

Don Kraines posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Mark's recent passing. I am among many from the Knolls lab in Schenectady who worked with Mark on the same project. Mark was always a pleasure to work with and I learned much from him over the years. His technical acumen and quality work have yielded results that will benefit our sailors and our country for many years into the future. I extend my condolences and prayers to Mark's family and friends during this time of loss.

October 11 at 3:57 PM



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DH

Dent And Carla Holden posted:

Carla and I send our deepest sympathies. You will be in our prayers. Mark always talked of how much he loved family and how proud he was of you all. At work and later on the street while walking; it was always a joy to talk and spend time with Mark. Carla and Dent Holden

October 10 at 1:27 PM

BF

Barbara Franczyk posted:

Dear Nancy and family, I was so very sorry to hear of Marks passing. Your and your family have my sincerest sympathy and are in my prayers.

October 10 at 1:10 PM

FM

Fran & Barb, Frankie & Christa, Caitlin & Leah And Madeleine posted:

With much love,

October 9 at 3:47 PM

YF

Your Riverside Family posted:

We are all thinking of you, Lisa. Thoughts and prayers.

October 9 at 3:19 PM

TF

The Horrell Family posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. We are here with you during your difficult time. With love,

October 9 at 3:08 PM

DF

Dot Foote posted:

Nancy, Lisa and Stacie — So shocked and saddened to hear of Marks passing. God give you strength in this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Dot and Bob Foote

October 9 at 1:24 PM



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ME

Mitzi Emerson posted:

To Lisa & family, our deepest condolences, you all are in our thoughts & prayers. Riverside Physical Therapy Williamsburg

October 9 at 11:22 AM

MS

Mike Sting posted:

My sincerest condolences. Mark was always a pleasure to work with. One of the few people who were always in a pleasant mood. Mike Sting

October 9 at 9:11 AM

NK

Nancy Kuiawa posted:

Nancy Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Sincerely, The Kuiawa Family Dave,Nancy, Austin,Grant

October 9 at 8:50 AM

TL

Tricia Levander posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you and the family. May Mark Rest In Peace. We Love you, Tricia, Ethan and Dave.

October 9 at 8:35 AM

MC

Matt & Donna Clay posted:

We are so saddened to learn of Mark's passing. "May I be at peace. May my heart remain open. May I be aware of my true nature. May I be healed. May I be a source of healing to others. May I dwell in the Breath of God." - Saint Teresa of Avila

October 9 at 6:50 AM



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JC

June Chase posted:

Nancy and family..Sending our heartfelt sympathy to you and we are in shock right now on hearing the news of Mark . All the good times came flooding back to us when we were in the Ohio valley Community Band together and all the parades we went to and the band picnics...praying for all of you during this very difficult time . God Bless you. June Wauthier Chase and Lois Wauthier

October 9 at 6:42 AM

SH

Sandra Heal posted:

To: Nancy and family, I am saddened to hear of your great loss. I worked with Mark for all of my career at Bettis and he was one of the best people and engineers that I knew. He was always willing to help others and was an excellent friend and mentor. I am honored to have known him.

October 9 at 5:34 AM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

October 9 at 5:10 AM

TS

Tribute Store posted:

Our deepest sympathies. Sending much love and many prayers at this difficult time. Doug and Peg Whitehouse (Oakwood neighbor)

October 9 at 4:19 AM

WT

Wayne And Candy Toth posted:

Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

October 8 at 4:44 PM

LJ

Love, Michelle & Chris, Pete, Julie, Lena & John posted:

Nancy, Stacie, Lisa and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

October 8 at 4:32 PM



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CH

Connie Havrilla posted:

Dear Nancy, Lisa, and Stacie, We are shocked and deeply saddened to hear of Mark's passing into eternal life. Ken and I will always remember those cold TJ football games and band shows when the four of us huddled together in the stands. Time spent together was a joy. Know that we are thinking of you and pray for Mark and your family. You are in God's hands. Ken and Connie Havrilla

October 8 at 4:25 PM

BW

Bill Wrobleski posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss.

October 8 at 3:15 PM

BW

Bill Wrobleski posted:

I have known Mark for over 20 years. He was the best engineer I ever worked with. I am proud to have worked with Mark. He truly has done a valuable service for our country and was a key contributor to our nations defense and our navy. The equipment he developed will will be in service for decades. The engineers he mentored and guided will maintain his legacy forever. I am truly sorry for your loss.

October 8 at 3:06 PM

YR

Your Cousin Rebecca posted:

Mark you shared so much love for all who knew you. May the branches of this tree grow strong and many as each one embraces all that you demonstrated

October 8 at 2:36 PM

TC

Toni Obenreder Cersosimo posted:

My deepest heartfelt condolences to Nancy and daughters, and to all of Mark's family. May you find comfort in knowing he is in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

October 8 at 2:35 PM



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LB

Love Mike, Susie, Kelly And Michael Bjalobok posted:

We are thinking of you and with deepest sympathy. We love you!

October 8 at 2:30 PM

EL

Eric Lucy posted:

I just learned that my buddy, Mark Cifrulak passed away suddenly. I knew Mark primarily from work at Bettis Lab, but we worked on so many projects together and traveled together so often that we got to be friends. He often said that he could order dinner for me when we went out to eat - which was true. Travel for Bettis typically meant driving the government van to Baltimore, Scranton, etc. and we did this more times than I can count. Sometimes in a snow storm. Mark was one of the best engineers I've known and an overall great guy, and I am very sad that he has left us. My prayers go out to his wife and two daughters.

October 8 at 2:29 PM

MK

Mary Kish posted:

Many fond memories of our weddings and many other family gatherings. Our hearts ❤️ are heavy at this time. Love you Nancy, Lisa and Stacie

October 8 at 2:06 PM

LE

Len, Carmen, Chris, Ruth And Ben Edwards posted:

Our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss... Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. With love,

October 8 at 1:21 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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