

## Mark J. Stein



EAST PEORIA - Mark J. Stein, 63, of Wauconda, IL, formerly of East Peoria, passed away at 8:12 p.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Kindred Hospital in Northlake, IL.

Mark was born on May 5, 1953, in Peoria to Marvin J. and Mary Ellen Bratt Stein.



Surviving are his daughters, Heather (Jon) Weir of Mundelein, IL, and Mindy (Brad) Grinde of Tracy, CA, and their mother, Debra Stein; grandchildren, Max "Skeeter" Weir and McClane "Lanie Girl" Grinde; mother, Mary Ellen Heininger; siblings, Judy (Dennis) Stroup, Sandra (Eldon) Schappaugh, Mary Jo (David) Spencer and Raymond (Patty) Heininger; and good friends and companions, Jim Lake and Jim Hartnett.

He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin J. Stein; and stepfather, Howard Heininger.

Mark loved bicycling and belonged to the Windy City Cycling Club. Some of his favorite rides were from Miami to Key West, through Ireland, and on the Natchez Trail. He loved vacationing at the beach, enjoyed the outdoors, kayaking with his grandson, and shopping with his granddaughter at the American Girl Store. Mark retired from AT&T after 35 years of service. In his retirement, he enjoyed volunteering at his grandkids' elementary schools five days a week. He was a loving, kind man who adored his grandchildren and loved being with his family more than anything.

A funeral Mass for Mark will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20, 2017, at St. Monica Catholic Church in East Peoria. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory in East Peoria. Additional visitation will be a half hour prior to the mass at the church. Interment

will be at Fondulac Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the East Peoria Firefighters' Memorial.

Mark's memorial website is available at [www.deitersfuneralhome.com](http://www.deitersfuneralhome.com), where condolences may also be sent to the family.

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