



Mark Frederick Morin

February 21, 2018

Mark Morin, beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend, passed away Wednesday morning, February 21, 2018. Mark was remarkable, generous in spirit throughout all facets in his life, and he will be missed. What his family appreciates most was his constant love of his family and his best friend, his wife of 47 years. He instilled the value of family in all of us through his unconditional love.

Mark was a proud veteran of the United States Navy and former IBM executive. Mark was dedicated to his first career at IBM for over 30 years. Those that worked with him knew him not only as a leader, but as a caring and supportive friend, mentor, and role model. His integrity, personality, and work ethic made him an accomplished executive, just as his priorities and principles made him an amazing father, husband, and family man.

Mark and Alix retired to Siesta Key, FL and Pemaquid Point, ME, where he was allowed to spend summers. Mark continued his dedicated service to others through “volunteering”, which he attacked with the same enthusiasm as his work. He touched many lives through his community service and philanthropic contributions. He strongly believed in helping others achieve their potential and improve their lives through education. He tutored countless adult learners including at the Newtown branch of Suncoast Technical College. He was a dynamic force on the State College of Florida Foundation (SCFF) Board of Directors. Mark’s passions were SCFF Scholarship Students and revitalizing the SCFF Sundays at Neel Entertainment Series. He is well

known for his positive attitude, tropical shirts, and his skills as a barbecue grill-master. An unrepentant optimist, he encouraged everyone to have an open-mind and believe that "life is good". Affectionately known as "Geepa" to his three grandchildren, he is succeeded by his wife Alix, and Gail, Janine, Dana, Jedd, Kirsten, Jason, Lindsay, Luke, Landon, Maisie, Lacey, and Winnie. His contagious love of life will always lead to a toast to "Health and Happiness", and his family is comforted by the many thoughts of his irrepressible smile and unmatched ability to draw a laugh.

Services will be held at 2:30 pm on February 25, 2018 at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota Neel Performing Arts Center, 5840 26th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34207. Funeral Arrangements by: Toale Brothers Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to his SCF Foundation Scholarship in his memory: The Mark and Alix Scholarship Fund at SCF Foundation.

Tribute Wall

HK

“ *I am saddened by this news. I am crushed and I found out to late that my mentor is now gone. I cant believe that such a man is a now a memory. I feel i like should have communicated my feelings and admirations more and thank him for all that he did for me. The world is a cooler darker place without mark morin. Rest in peace mentor.*

Horace Kelson - September 12, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“*Alix - Over the years, I have Googled your names. checked Facebook, Linked In, trying to find where you might be. And then most recently, I had a hit with the notice of Mark's passing. Darn, I should have tried harder. So sorry to hear about your loss and so sorry we lost touch. Our Navy family was an amazing, fun, close knit group and we particularly treasured our relationship with you and Mark. We still have a couple of pictures of us doing fun things together. Didn't we go to a routine, typical Narwhal party dressed in costumes even though it wasn't a costume party? Mark was special. He and I were very close professionally and personally within the Narwhal wardroom. We shared delightful and challenging situations with ease. A few years back, we ran across many wardroom and crew members at the Decommissioning in Norfolk. Last fall, while visiting my sister in Vermont, we tracked down Bryan Burke who lives near Burlington on the NY side of Lake Champlain. In those gatherings, you and Mark were in our thoughts and conversations. We send our love and support to you and will continue to share our wonderful memories of you and Mark with each other. It would be wonderful to hear from you if possible. All the Best to You and Your Family, with Love, Roy and Charlene
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Roy & Charlene Gale - August 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NF

“*Nicholas Patsis (Sherrick Family} lit a candle in memory of Mark Frederick Morin*”



Nicholas Patsis (Sherrick Family} - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *Alix, You and Mr. Mark have been such a large part of my life, and I'm so grateful that you shared Mr. Mark with me and my family. I am truly blessed by the love and kindness he showed me and how much he ALWAYS believed in me. I am going to miss our Saturday and Sunday morning study sessions filled with bacon, and mostly your answer to our math problems. (who cares?) I will honor Mark's memory by continuing to push forward and always give back. - OH BABY -*



Ashlee DeSoto - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ *To Alix:*

We knew Mark for short time and met him through son-in-law, Keith Sherrick. Very quickly we were awakened to Mark's attributes : an achiever, nurturer of positive environments, always would greet with a smile, ready to help at any call, always pleasant to be around with, proven executive capacity at IBM and other numerous achievements.

Here again, the adage prevails : the Lord making the call, early, for a very special person. Alix, we will always remember your Mark.

*Our love to you:
The Patsis and Sherrick Families*

Nicholas Patsis (Renee Sherrick) - February 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ *Alix, please accept our sincere condolences. Rhonda and I will truly miss our dinners together with you and Mark. He was an amazing man*

Peter Norden - February 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Alex I am so sorry for your loss . I was both shocked and saddened to see the obituary. Mario said he was talking to both of you on Tuesday. Even though we were not in touch often, I felt like Mark was a good friend. I enjoyed his company when we served together on the Waterside East Board. He was a good man and will be missed by all. Reach out if I could be of help. Annamarie Christaldi*

Annamarie Christaldi - February 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *It was a pleasure to get to know Mark and work with him at IBM. He was a gentle, kind, caring man who would always make time for you. His smile was infectious as was his positive attitude.*

My deepest sympathy to the Morin family.

May you find peace in your memories of Mark.

Mark was well loved by anyone lucky enough to get to know him. I count myself lucky to

have been one of those people.

Sincerely,

Francine Leeson

Francine Leeson - February 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ *Alix and Family,
So sorry for your loss.
Mark was indeed a good man. Enjoyed his company and drink
making skills. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.
Dave and Renee*

Dave Niggemann - February 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I sent Mark an email by mistake once and got the nicest answer and
a little catch-up chat. That was Mark. Somebody who paid attention,
listened carefully, engaged with everybody. He was so full of life, it's
impossible to imagine him gone. Dear Alix and family, may your
beautiful memories of him bring you comfort and peace. Laura &
Van*

Laura Breeze - February 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Mark Morin was a smiling and generous man who enjoyed life. He
gave back to many others, especially helping children be
successful. But Jeff and mine's dearest memory of Mark is that he
made the Best. Damn. Barbeque Ribs. Period. He took great pride
in taking days to perfect the outcome and was not selfish with his
secrets. Many times Mark & Alix shared their bounty with us when
we were going through our own family tragedy. And now Mark is
gone and we never really thanked him properly. Cheers Mark. You
will be missed.*

Cindy Kaiser - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ For Alix and the daughter and son, I have much to say, but I need to spend the time to gather my thoughts on what a great friend and business partner Mark was.

I hope you know just how much I personally admired / loved Mark.

My best to you.

Gary Rosss - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Your written tribute described perfectly the Mark Morin who was my business partner many years ago....he was at IBM and I was at Bank One. He delighted his customers. His employees respected him. He loved and was so proud of his family, and often shared stories of your accomplishments. Mark was an inspiring friend. He will be missed by many! He was such a good person!

Marv Adams - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Alix and Family,

It is with a broken heart I heard this sad news. Some of my fondest IBM memories include the period I was lucky enough to have a close working relationship with Mark when we were a team supporting the Regional Manager.

His kindness, support and laughter and joy he brought to not only me but the entire office will have a place in my heart forever. And what a joy it was to receive your Christmas letters.

Rest in peace dear friend and God bless you and yours..

Brenda Bolfing - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Sending the Morin Family, especially our dear friend Alix, all our love. Mark was a man full of kindness and joy. He was our friend and encouraged us to reach for the stars always. He will be dearly missed by Michelle Frau and David Kasprzyk.*

MICHELLE FRAU - February 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM