



## Mark Alan Bailey

November 17, 1955 - June 30, 2022

Mark A. Bailey, 66, of Rensselaer, IN passed away on June 30, 2022, at his home. He was born November 17, 1955, to Francis Donald and Georgina (Day) Bailey. He graduated from Rensselaer Central High School in 1973 and attended art school in Florida before returning home to care for his father and the family farm.

In addition to farming, Mark owned and operated Windmill Autos in Rensselaer for many years. He was an amazing artist and athlete, especially baseball, and had an in-depth appreciation and knowledge of music (particularly from the '60s and '70s).

Mark is survived by his sister Rhonda (Ken) Kelley of Granger, IN, his brother Greg (Jane) Bailey of Winona Lake, IN, and by his sister-in-law, Connie Bailey of Rensselaer, IN. He was a fun and well-loved uncle to Chad (Jennifer) Kelley, Kacia Kelley, Courtney (Dalen) Zuehsow, Josh (Gretchen) Bailey, Adrea (David) Swanson, Chay (Kayla) Bailey, Amber (Jeffrey) Swift, Bree Bailey, Paige Bailey. He is also survived by twenty-three great nieces and nephews. Cousin, Rick Odle, whom he enjoyed joking with and reminiscing about childhood antics. An especially helpful cousin, Linda Shank, along with her husband John, also survive, as well as a long-time friend, Lewis (Sue) Hooker, who assisted Mark on the farm with planting and harvesting.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, brother Brad Bailey, and a beloved niece, Jocelyn McDaniel.

Friends may call on the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer on Thursday, July 7, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM CT. A memorial service will be held immediately following at 1:00 PM CT. Interment at Weston Cemetery of Rensselaer.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Weston Cemetery

Weston Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5626

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
P.O. Box 70  
Rensselaer, IN 47978  
(219) 866-5123  
info@jacksonfuneral.com  
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

## Memorial Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Alan Bailey* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 06, 2022 at 05:13 PM

ML

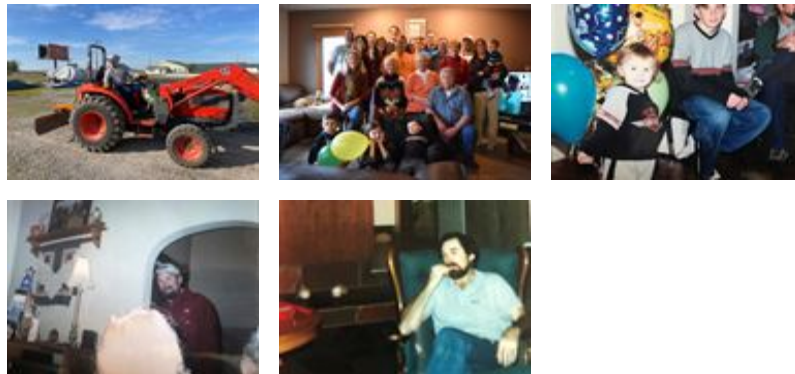
“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Bailey* ”



Martha Langley - July 06, 2022 at 11:43 AM



“ *21 files added to the album LifeTributes* ”



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 05, 2022 at 02:48 PM

MD

*The world is a lesser place to have lost a multi-talented person of Mark's caliber. Perhaps his interests will continue to be enjoyed into eternity.*

M. A. Day - July 05, 2022 at 07:18 PM

MB

“ *Myles Beeching lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Bailey*



Myles Beeching - July 05, 2022 at 07:48 AM

JF

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



Janet Murray Fisher - July 04, 2022 at 10:52 AM

CH

“ *Mark - I am so sad to hear of your passing. You were one of my great students - creative, dynamic, and unique. No one had a mustache in those days, but you did. You were always an inspiration to me. It is now 55 years later, I'm still teaching - ever inspired by the likes of amazing you. God's peace to you. When I now see a cloud, I will wonder if you drew it. His love and peace be with you. Chuck Herber - English and Journalism teacher - 1973*

Chuck Herber - July 03, 2022 at 09:09 PM

DM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss.

Dan & Donna Monroe - July 03, 2022 at 08:09 PM

LH

“ Mark and I were high school friends and then became business partners of sorts because I have farmed the Bailey farm for nearly 40 years.

*There are some things that I learned about Mark, one early on. I learned of his exceptional and probably little known artistic talent. When he was just 18 years of age, he missed winning a contest for the cover portrait of The Saturday Evening Post by one other competitor. I saw the drawing as it was coming together. It was phenomenal to say the least!*

*The second thing I learned about Mark in all of our years together was that I knew he was my friend (The kind that never changes). So when I am out in the fields this fall, when I am coming to the truck to unload, there will be an empty feeling in my soul. Rest in Peace, Mark.*

*Lewie Hooker*

Lewis Hooker - July 03, 2022 at 05:50 PM

JB

“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Bailey



Judy Burvan - July 03, 2022 at 03:54 PM

CZ

“ *Very sorry to hear about Mark. We shared many great memories growing up. From grade school competitors to high school teammates and teenagers just hanging out. My prayers are with Mark and his family. Chris Zorich*

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**Chris Zorich** - July 03, 2022 at 12:24 PM

RW

“ *Prayers for the family during this difficult time.*



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**Regina Warfel** - July 03, 2022 at 08:26 AM

ML

“ *Marilyn Lowry lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Bailey*



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**Marilyn Lowry** - July 02, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SL

“ *Susan And Mary Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Bailey*



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**Susan and Mary Lewis** - July 02, 2022 at 07:54 PM

SL

*Sorry to hear of Mark's passing, also graduated in 1973*

**Susan and Mary Lewis** - July 02, 2022 at 07:57 PM

JT

*Mark and I were high-school classmates and friends. He was a great guy - all-conference in basketball and National Honor Society.*

*My mom bought one of Mark's paintings for me as a graduation present, which currently hangs on my office wall.*

*What I remember most, however, was his great sense of humor and laugh. He will be missed.*

*Jeff Tonner  
RCHS '73*

**Jeff Tonner** - July 04, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Bailey.*



July 02, 2022 at 02:51 PM

MW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Mark...my family and his family spent lots of time together when he was young...my parents and his parents played cards for hours and hours. Michele Bowen Weiss, daughter of Bill and Helen Bowen*

**Michele Kaye Weiss** - July 02, 2022 at 02:19 PM