



Dr. Mark D. Sauve

October 23, 1951 - September 7, 2021

It is with profound sadness and heartache that we announce the unexpected passing of Dr. Mark Dennis Sauvé, who died peacefully in his sleep. Loving husband of 40 years to Penny, beloved son of J. Edouard and the late Kathleen Sauvé, brother of Gretchen (Robert), Matthew (Mary), Luke (Marj), and John (Ann). He leaves behind nieces Michelle, Christine, Emma , Kate, Jaymee and Farrah; nephews Phillip, Andrew, Jason, Jay and John; several cousins; and many loved ones who thought of him as their brother or uncle. He also leaves behind countless friends from every stage of his life.

Mark earned his undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and graduated from the University of Detroit Dental School in 1978. He maintained a popular dental practice at Apple Dental in Clinton Township for 30 years. Both patients and staff became Mark's friends.

Raised near Lake St. Clair, Mark and his siblings enjoyed sailing in the summer and ice skating in the winter on the lake. His love of boating, sailing, and all things nautical was lifelong. When he and Penny married, they bought a house on the lake and entertained friends and family at their home and on their boat Sundogs, named for the number of yellow Labradors they lovingly cared for over the years. The dogs frequently went out for breakfast with Mark and accompanied him and Penny on road trips to visit family in West Virginia and Maryland. Current sundogs Larry and Sarah will miss him dearly.

Mark was curious, fun-loving, and always up for adventures, whether close to home on his beloved Lake St. Clair or farther away. During a sight-seeing and

safari trip to Kenya , Mark fixed the broken-down truck's carburetor throttle with dental floss. He and Penny frequently visited their nieces and nephews, whether biological or honorary, at college and often brought a sundog or two along for the drive. In later years, Mark enjoyed frequent vacations in Mexico with Penny and in-laws John and Julie Potter. Closer to home, Mark and Penny were involved with fundraisers and animal adoptions for GPAAS (Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society).

When Mark retired from dentistry after 30 years, he began a second career of sorts, serving as his family and friends' resident technology expert, boating and sailing instructor, master of ceremonies for parties and fundraisers, and chauffeur. He was always ready to help anyone in need, and his family and friends were blessed to be able to rely on him.

While Mark was often the tallest guy in the room, he also radiated a sense of childlike playfulness, whether accompanying nieces and nephews to school events, celebrating Halloween with elaborate costumes, or pursuing new hobbies. Mark's witticisms and generosity will be missed by all who knew him. His family and friends will remember his gentle mentoring, sense of humor, and ever-present smile.

In lieu of flowers donations to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society (GPAAS) www.gpaas.org or 296 Chalfonte Ave. Grosse Pointe Farms , MI 48236 will be greatly appreciated.

A funeral mass will be held on October 23, 2021 in St. Michael's Catholic Church - 40501 Hayes, Sterling Heights. Visiting will be from 9:00am until time of mass.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home - New Haven.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Michael's Catholic Church
40501 Hayes Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

PP

“Wow, I just saw this. Very sorry to hear. I had the privilege of working with Dr. Sauve years ago. He was kind and taught me a lot. He was a great boss, very professional, extremely informative, and a top notch dentist.

Paula Piccinini - February 08, 2023 at 09:38 PM

LP

“I'm sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I had the privilege of being his assistant 40 years ago. He was my mentor and helped me during a difficult time in my life . After I moved to Canada we lost touch, but I will always remember him fondly. I am sorry for your loss, Penny

Linda Petz - January 27, 2022 at 09:38 AM

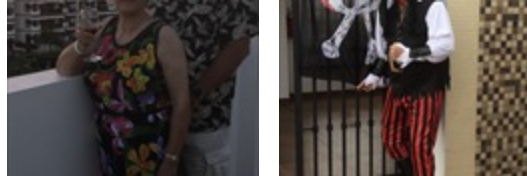
DH

“We are so sorry to hear this news about the very best dentist ever and the most caring man to all who met him. Our family were his patients but more than that he was our friend. Penny, we have never met but I feel I knew you well through Mark. Stories of your travels, your fur babies and life on the water. RIP Dear Mark, you will be missed by all.

Debora Hamlin - October 20, 2021 at 07:50 PM

TF

“ *Mark made life exciting and full for everyone who was with him...my kids got to meet him their first day of life and he made sure that every day after that for them was amazing and punny (he was the master of puns) and animated!
It feels like he is still with us. In our minds and hearts we still hear him*



the Goitz family - October 13, 2021 at 08:44 PM

JM

“ *We will miss Uncle Mark so very much! He was the fun Uncle who always cared about what you were doing and just had the best sense of humor. We love you Uncle Mark! So happy he was able to meet our little Jax. Poppin collars!*



Jaymee McAndrew - September 25, 2021 at 09:16 AM

LS

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luke sauve - September 24, 2021 at 06:55 AM

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luke sauve - September 24, 2021 at 06:52 AM

AG

“ He was a wonderful man. So kind, friendly, caring, loving, giving.... I am very lucky to have worked with him at Apple Dental and remain friends with him. Always a smile on his face. ❤️🙏❤️🙏 to the family.

Angie

Angie Grab - September 12, 2021 at 04:22 PM

PT

“ I truly enjoyed being associated with Mark during my tenure at St. Gertrude. Had much respect and admiration for him. loved to watch him on the court. prayers for the family. all the best from upper michgan, Patrick Theut

patrick theut - September 11, 2021 at 09:04 AM

SS

My deepest condolences go out to The Sauve Family. Mark was a wonderful and Fun Loving Guy. He will be missed dearly.

Sally Semaan - September 12, 2021 at 09:26 AM

TC

“ *I'm just so shocked to hear of Mark's passing! Sending my love and my deepest condolences to Mark's Family!*



Mark played a huge part in our St. Gertrude sport family! The basketball team will always be remembered for their great play and ferocious intensity. I never played basketball for St. Gertrude, but always enjoyed watching the team play!

Mark was also a great student and a guy easy to talk to. I always enjoyed his company and it was always a pleasure to be around him! I have been away from Michigan for a long time, so I haven't been able to see Mark much since high school, but always enjoyed talking with him at our class reunions!

~ Rest In Peace Mark ~ and when we meet again lets shoot some hoops together!

Love Always,

Thomas Van Coillie

Thomas Van Coillie - September 10, 2021 at 12:35 PM

DA

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Darlene - September 09, 2021 at 09:30 AM

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Darlene - September 09, 2021 at 09:29 AM