



Mark E. Schweers

July 6, 1953 - March 10, 2016

On March 10, 2016, Mark Eric Schweers, age 62, of McCandless, Mark was the devoted husband of 38 years to Sandra Schweers; loving father of Mark, Jr., Jennifer (Patrick) Lutz, Julie Schweers and her fiancée Michael Pazzula; beloved son of Kathryn and the late William Schweers; brother of William (Merrily) Schweers Jr., Mary (David) White, Timothy (Andrea) Schweers Katie (Timothy) Corcoran and the late Robert Schweers.

Mark was a graduate of North Allegheny High School, Washington and Jefferson College and Duquesne University School of Education. He was a dedicated Special Education teacher at Pine-Richland High School where he worked for nearly 14 years. He was passionate about his work with students with disabilities. He was known throughout the school and community as an immensely kind, patient and selfless individual. Mark was also a talented athlete. In 2011 he was inducted into the North Allegheny Athletic Hall of Fame for his pursuits in football and wrestling. Additionally, he was an avid runner and competed in countless 5k's, 10k's and marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 1998. He shared his love of running with his family and regularly competed alongside them. This was a source of true happiness for him. Mark was a longtime parishioner of Saints John and Paul Roman Catholic Church in Sewickley where he took great joy and pride in volunteering as a lector.

Friends received Sunday, March 13th from 1 - 3 and 6 - 8 pm at Simons Funeral Home, Inc., 7720 Perry Highway, Mass of Christian Burial at Saints John and Paul Church on Monday 10:00 am. Friends please meet at church.
www.simonsfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery

4629 Bakerstown Rd
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **13**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Pittsburgh, PA 15237

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MAR **13**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BH

“ I had him as teacher he truly is an inspiration to me I hope he thought that back to me

Bailey Heaton - October 15, 2018 at 02:18 PM

BD

“ Mr mark was a great teacher who inspired me and so many others we would go out into the community and worked together at so many job sites with other special needs kids he had so much care for students with disabilities. He always steered me to do the right thing and to always work hard and to always be positive mr mark always cared for everybody and excepted people for who they were. Mr mark will be missed dearly

Brian Dye - March 16, 2016 at 02:15 PM

WB

“ Knew Mark in high school from the football team. He was the hardest worker on the field and always had a positive attitude. My condolences to the family.

Wes Bain
NA 1972

Wes Bain - March 15, 2016 at 07:40 AM

RR

“ *The Schweers lived 2 houses down the street (Grubbs Rd.) from our house when I was in high school at North Allegheny. Behind our houses was a dirt road that farmer Grubbs used for his tractor and hay wagon. On the far side of the dirt road was a very decent sled riding hill that farmer Grubbs kept in hay. Mark took preparing for football season very seriously. He used to push a huge tractor tire up that hill in the late summer, not letting it get away or fall, treating the tire like an unending series of linemen to be beaten and contained. When he reached the top of the hill he would let the tractor tire roll down the hill, chase it and leap through the center of the tire as an agility exercise. He would do this over and over until muscle exhaustion set in. Mark had amazing physical discipline. That discipline carried over to his personal relationships. I can recall no instance in which he ever belittled anyone or treated anyone unkindly. Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your loss and my prayers for emotional healing.*

Rob Royston

Rob Royston - March 14, 2016 at 08:09 AM

MM

“ My deepest, heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mark Schweers. I had the pleasure of working along side Mark for the past three years. He was truly dedicated to the students he taught in the Life Skills program at Pine-Richland High School. I have NEVER known such a humble, kind or dignified person. Mark put others before himself and was always the first to offer his help when needed. He spent countless hours preparing lesson plans and working one-on-one with students. Mark formed strong, lasting relationships with them and also with others in the school setting and in the community. Every day he maintained his enthusiasm and joy in helping others. I was continually amazed at the amount of energy he possessed. A few traits Mark was admired for included his humility, integrity, generosity and gratitude. I feel extremely blessed and thankful to have had the opportunity to know this wonderful man. He enriched the lives of many people, including mine. "Mr. Mark" will be greatly missed!

Mary Jo Mitrecic - March 13, 2016 at 09:34 PM

JE

“ Mark chaperoned a dance with me a few years ago. At the end, he said, "Wow- we never danced like that!" He never stopped smiling, and he never judged anyone harshly. Mark will be missed.

jessica - March 13, 2016 at 03:30 PM

PW

“ Our thoughts and prayers for Marks family .he leaves us with fond memories.
Fellow NA 71 classmate.
Paul Watson

paul watson - March 13, 2016 at 12:57 PM

SP

“ I was honored to play at Mark's left side on NA's '71 football team. He was the rock and anchor of our offense and team. His inspiration and work ethic made me a better team mate and player. It was great to reconnect at the 40th and later the football team reunions. It is hard to process his loss as it too soon for us to be going. Rest in peace, Mark, you had the heart of a Tiger. Thank you. God's peace to Sandy and the rest of the Schweers family as you mourn his loss.

Steve Pietrzak - March 13, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DM

“ Many prayers and blessings to Sandy and family. I know Mark's faith was strong and he is at peace and will watch over you. His sweet smile and kind eyes are remembered with fondness. Your NA friend.. Denise Reinert McKeown

Denise Reinert McKeown - March 13, 2016 at 09:37 AM

JL

“ I remain honored to be Mark's teammate in Ingomar Little League and NA Football. The tributes pouring in from Mark's teammates prove that Mark's incredible work ethic served as a lifetime inspiration to us all. My sincere sympathies to the Schweers and White Families. RIP Mark.

Jeff Lancaster - March 13, 2016 at 08:33 AM

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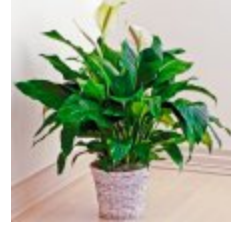
“ I have always, and always will, remember the good times at Glenshaw and Wexford. You were someone to look up to in so many ways.

Love...your cousin Frank

Frank Gigler III - March 13, 2016 at 03:41 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mark E. Schweers .*



March 12, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *God bless your soul and your family my NA71 friend.*

Fred W Stemler - March 12, 2016 at 06:00 AM



“ *This is just so hard to believe, although I haven't seen Mark since 1972, it seems like yesterday that we were graduating from high school. Mark was always a person you could count on to make you feel better if you were having a bad day. His positive attitude toward everything was contagious. I still remember at assembly after football season, it was announced that North Allegheny had an All-State selection, there were a few names that came to mind, and then it was announced that it was Mark, the ultimate over achiever. That is what I will remember most about Mark, no matter what the task he found a way succeed and excel. Many of us have lost a dear friend, my heart goes out to the entire family. On this day an earthbound angel has ascended to his rightful place in heaven.*

Ken Schnarrenberger - March 12, 2016 at 12:35 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mark E. Schweers .*



March 11, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *I have coached football for 40 years and never in those 40 years have I had a a young man like Mark Schweers!! I love Mark with all my heart and soul. Nancy and I wish we could be with the Schweers family for so many stories we would love to share. As I try to write this the tears are rolling down my cheeks!! The day he made all state, Joe Paterno called me and congratulated me on having an all state player then he said " what am I going to do with a 5'8 and 145 pound center?" I said Coach you would be surprise, this kid is the best player in the state of PA!! He said" you know Coach I believe you" I have told my Kansas Kids Mark Schweers stories for the last 40 years and I will continue to tell them until I die!! Will you please except our heart filled sympathy? Love Coach and Nancy Walton PS I truly believe we WILL meet again!*

Frank Walton - March 11, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DH

“ I've had the honor of knowing Mark since our days at North Allegheny and I also worked with him at Pine Richland. Mark was a dedicated teacher and mentor to those he taught. The garden he planted at the middle school was a work of art and so many benefitted from it. Mark was a kind, caring man and never was unpleasant even if he was experiencing difficulty in his life whether physical or personal. I am so sorry for the loss of such a great example of God's work. I will miss your smiling face and your devotion to your work and your faith.

Deb Hainer

Deb Hainer - March 11, 2016 at 07:13 PM

KH

Mark was a sweet, wonderful guy, I loved the garden he created with the kids in the courtyard of the middle school, showing students the beauty of life Mark style, it was awesome !!! It was a pleasure to work with him. Gob Bless, he will be deeply missed !

kathy harrington - March 12, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JS

I didn't know Mark real well when we were at North Allegheny but what I remember was a kindness that you didn't often see from high school kids. It didn't matter who you were whether you were a football player or just a another kid he treated everyone the same with great respect. My thoughts and prayers are with his family today.

Jim Schneider

Jim Schneider - March 12, 2016 at 10:33 AM

 Tahnee Hobbs

“ Such a kind man and always so thoughtful. I am so sorry for your loss. Mark, you will be missed at Pine-Richland.
~Tahnee Hines

Tahnee Hobbs - March 11, 2016 at 06:13 PM

JS

“ Jeff, Jackie and Greg Schmidt purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Mark E. Schweers .



Jeff, Jackie and Greg Schmidt - March 11, 2016 at 05:48 PM

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“ The Pine Richland Education Association (PREA) purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Mark E. Schweers .



The Pine Richland Education Association (PREA) - March 11, 2016 at 05:25 PM

TF

“ The Fayfich Family purchased the White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mark E. Schweers .



The Fayfich Family - March 11, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mark E. Schweers .



March 11, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mark E. Schweers .*



March 11, 2016 at 03:36 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Mark daily for four years. Mr. Mark was without a doubt the kindest man I have ever known. He really cared and loved his students. He was never without a gaggle of children tagging along with him. He was tireless and often his efforts were overlooked. I noticed. We shared a love of gardening and we spent a lot of time tending to his project at the middle school. You will be missed by many Mr. Mark*

Sally Knapp

sally kocan - March 11, 2016 at 02:49 PM



Victoria
Johnson

“ *Mr. Mark was one of the kindest, golden hearted people I have ever met in my life. Both of my brother were/are in the special education at pinerichland and ever since we moved here, Mr. Mark and Mr. Ben have made such an improvement on both my brothers. My brothers are so empathetic, so kind, and so open to other and I have Mr. Mark and Mr. Ben to thank for that. Because of Mr. Mark, my oldest brother went to CCAC and got work and had succeeded past what we have ever hoped.*



The news of Mr. Marks passing is heart breaking. I wish I could thank him one more time for everything he's done. He was truly a remarkable man.

Victoria Johnson - March 11, 2016 at 02:02 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mark E. Schweers .*



March 11, 2016 at 01:04 PM