



## Mark W. Fairbairn

September 15, 1952 - September 1, 2024

Mark W. Fairbairn, age 71, of Hobart, Indiana, passed away on September 1, 2024.

Mark was born and raised in Gary, Indiana and a graduate of Andean High School. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Detroit. He was formerly employed at St. James Hospital in Chicago Heights, St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City, and he retired from the Merrillville Community School System. Mark managed the Knights of Columbus in Griffith, Indiana for many years.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; Leonard and Marian Fairbairn and older brother; John Fairbairn.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years; Barbara (nee Berit) Fairbairn, children; Bill (Lindsay) Fairbairn, Jeff (Jennifer) Fairbairn, Aubrey (Richie) Van Meter, 10 grandchildren; Payton, Bailey, Will, Graham, James, Joshua, Reese, Laurel, Tinley, Fallon, 1 great-grandson; Weston, brother; Bill (Sharon) Fairbairn, sisters; Ann Marie (Tom) Cowen, Mary Havens, Carolyn (Scott) Tomasic, and many nieces and nephews.

In fulfilment of Mark's wishes there will be no formal services. Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Met Mark at Holy Angels and we graduated together from Andean. We spent a lot of time together during that time. College took us to different people and places. My condolences to Barb and Mark’s siblings.*  
*Terry Keil*

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**Terry Keil** - September 04, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JL

*Many years of baseball with the family. So very sorry to read of Marks passing. Hugs to Barb and children. May he be at peace*

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**Jim and Sandy Lewis** - September 05, 2024 at 02:48 PM

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*My condolences to Mark's entire and extended family.*

*Mark and I were close friends in grade school - the Holy Angels years. We used to ride our bikes everywhere. Many a day we'd just take Mark's bike and I'd ride on the handlebars ... to our little league games, to Horace Mann to play ball with friends, etc.*

*Oh the rambler. I remember all the times I'd walk over to Mark's house on Johnson Street. Mr. Fairbairn would be in the street with the hood of the rambler up ... always tinkering with it. It only had four engine parts total, so I never did figure out what he was really doing!!*

*Mark and I both worked at McDonalds on 5th Ave. during the summer I turned 16. Mark had a driver's license but I did not. He'd pick me up in the rambler. We used to work night's and have to close up after hours ... many times not getting off until ~1 AM or so. I'm willing to admit now that, on more than one occasion, we might have gotten off around 10 PM but "forgot" to mention that to our parents. We had fun cruising around in the rambler!*

*The Fairbairn's were always wonderful to me. I spent many a night at their house and sat at their dinner table many times. I always felt welcomed and loved.*

*I'll forever cherish all the lazy, fun, youth-filled days that Mark and I spent together. You take them for granted at the time ... but they were special. RIP my friend .. so sorry we didn't reconnect in the later years.*

*Stan Boric  
boric@fuse.net*

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**Stan Boric** - September 06, 2024 at 09:38 AM

RM

*So sorry to hear about Mark. My condolences go out to Barb and family. May he rest in peace!  
Rich Miller*

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**Rich Miller** - September 07, 2024 at 11:43 AM

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*Prayers for the Fairbairn family, may Mark Rest In Peace*

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**Andrew Kovcesi** - September 10, 2024 at 04:20 PM