



Mark A. Bendenritter

July 11, 1960 - June 26, 2025

It is with broken hearts that we share the sudden and unexpected passing of Mark Bendenritter on June 26, 2025, leaving a deep void in the lives of all who knew and loved him.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Mark was a source of quiet strength, steady humor, and endless generosity. Mark had a special joy for concerts and sports, never giving up on the Cleveland Browns! He built a life rooted in purpose—spending six years in the United States Army as a dog handler and subsequently spending the rest of his career working for the Postal Service. Mark spent most of his years in Ohio, but in June of 2024 he and his beloved wife Darlene moved to Chesterfield, Michigan to be closer to their daughter, youngest grandchild, and son-in-law; a move that brought him peace, joy, and renewed purpose in family. He had a deep love for dogs and recently rescued Ricky (a German Shephard Rottweiler) who soon became his best friend. Mark was a man of honor and in countless ways showed up for his family and friends. His absence was never something we prepared for, and his memory is something we will never let go.

Mark is the dear brother of Denise (John) McGee; loving father of Darla (Jeff) Lasky; proud grandfather of Alyssa, Drew, Johnny, Richard, and Sean; and loving uncle of many nieces and nephews. Mark was predeceased by his loving wife of over 40 years, Darlene; Mother Fonda; and Father Gabriel. His

family will carry forward his legacy of love, loyalty, and resilience.

A private inurnment will be held for family and close friends at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, Ohio to celebrate the life of a man taken too soon but never forgotten.

In honor of Mark's love for animals, and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to <https://bestfriends.org/dontate> Best Friends Animal Society, dedicated to his memory.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ We were partners in misery, being Cleveland sports fans. I've been looking for him for years. We got messed up and played Foosball in the kennels all night sometimes. So sad. Prayers for his family.

Codfish - September 19, 2025 at 02:20 PM

BD

“ Mark was a great dog handler and a good soldier. He was part of the Guardians of the night. We were stationed at a military depot in Fischbach Germany together 1977-1980. We weren't tight friends, rather acquaintances but I wanted to share this picture of him from back then.



Bob Douglas - September 19, 2025 at 01:03 AM

MB

“ Will miss you good friend., We shared Browns season tickets for the past 20 years. Never got to see a home playoff game.in all that time.. So many great memories. You will be with Darlene NOW and your Mom and Dad.. Remember all getting together going to Slymans, You loved your Corn Beef Sandwiches..I could go on forever with memories. My whole family will miss you. My sincere condolence to Darla and your grand kids and your wonderful sister.

MIKE BERTALAN - July 15, 2025 at 07:16 AM

AC

“ My sincere condolences to all of Marks family and friends! I was fortunate to be able to work with Mark for the US Postal Service since 94! I got to know Mark better when we worked together on the same machine at the airport annex! Mark was an easy going great guy that got along with everyone! I will remember him as THE biggest Browns fan and for his love of music like myself! Rest In Peace Buddy! 🙏

Anthony Charles Cerha - July 13, 2025 at 12:14 PM

DK

“ Darlene and family,
Loved working with Mark and meeting you.
Thank you for your friendship and recipes.
My sincere condolences. He was a friend and a great co-worker.
Prayers for you abd your whole family.
Sincerely,
Dee Kloth

Deirdre Kloth - July 11, 2025 at 11:10 PM

DR

“ I will miss you Mark. You were always kind to people. We spent some time together at sporting events and concerts. The last one being the Rolling Stones last year at the stadium. And we also tipped some cold brewskis together. Dale Roginski

Dale Roginski - July 11, 2025 at 04:25 PM