



Mark A. Cornwell

May 5, 1952 - June 4, 2015

Mark A. Cornwell of Ellettsville passed away at IU Health Bloomington Hospice House on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the age of 63.

Mark, the son of Lowell L. Cornwell and Maxine (Jones) Cornwell Luse, was born on May 5, 1952 in Salem, Indiana. He graduated from West Washington High School in 1970 and graduated from Vincennes University in 1972. After graduation Mark moved to Bloomington to work at RCA. He then advanced his career and became a video engineer for WTIU at Indiana University until he retired 3 years ago. Mark enjoyed any sporting event he could attend including practice games and traveled with the football team and basketball team to film the games. Mark would ride long distances on his bike, participating in the Hilly Hundred. He enjoyed his grandchildren and family, spending as much time as he could with them. Mark was a member of the Ellettsville Christian Church.

He is survived by his mother, Maxine Cornwell Luse of Bloomington. Mark was married to Sara (Ribelin) Cornwell and two daughters were born to them, Myra J. Raake (Rich) of Bloomington and Nicole D. Jackson (Jonathan) of Ellettsville; grandchildren, Tate Raake, Grant Raake, Zackary Raake, Jaden Jackson, and Jaren Jackson; siblings, Sheila Brewer (Ivan) of Bloomington, Jana Hawkins (Allen) of Centerville, IN, and Denny Cornwell (Melba) of Bloomington; five nephews, two nieces; six great-nephews, and three great-

nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lowell L. "Dagon" Cornwell and nephew, Ryan Brewer.

A celebration of life will be held at Ellettsville Christian Church in Ellettsville on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Pastor Chad Babbert will officiate the service. Inurnment will be at Livonia Cemetery in Livonia, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Bloomington Hospice House, 2810 S. Deborah Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ellettsville Christian Church
731 Independence Street
Ellettsville, IN 47429
<http://www.ellettsvillecc.com>

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DF

“*Nikki, we are so sorry for your loss. We attended Ellettsville Christian Church years ago, and while we didn't know your dad on a personal level, we did recognize his picture in the paper and I'm sure our paths crossed while we were there. It is good to know that he is no longer suffering. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.*

Don & Marilyn

Don & Marilyn Feaster - June 12, 2015 at 07:02 AM

JP

“*I worked with Mark at the IU Radio and Television as well. He was such a nice guy. I remember how helpful he was to the new crew members. Whether we were in Studio 6 or on a remote location he always had time to answer engineering questions. We also talked about his bicycle rides across Indiana and his passion for cycling. He will be missed by many. Thank you Mark!*

*Jeff Post, CWO4, USN (Ret)
Alexandria, Virginia*

Jeff Post - June 08, 2015 at 08:48 PM

CG

“ I started on crew the last year he was at RTVS. It was a shame to see him go then, and it's a shame to hear he's gone now. But I'll always remember his warmth and friendliness as I, a scared new crew member, began to learn the ropes. I didn't know him too well, but I always felt like I could ask a question or talk to him without any fear of judgement. In the years following it was always good to see him spectating at Assembly Hall every now and then.

The standard he set by being who he was during such a difficult time is one for all of us to live by. As short as it was, I'm glad I knew him! Rest in peace, Cornwell.

Charley G. - June 08, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ Mark and I spent a lot of time mulling over life, kids and work in Control 6 AND he always laughed at my Friday Jokes, no matter how bad they were. He was an example for the rest of us in his dedication to family and the desire to always be open to learn new things, new ways of doing things and keeping your head up. I hope that in this new journey for him he's feeling the freedom of the bike ride, the thrill of a football game and the joy of being surrounded by those who love him.

Denise Valkyrie - June 08, 2015 at 05:14 PM

JE

“ I very much enjoyed getting to know Mark while I was an IU student and RTS/WTIU crew member many years ago. He taught me so much and was simply a joy to spend time with. Such a positive, happy soul, and SO FUNNY! He was so easy to be around. Just being in his presence made you feel good. Big hugs to the family.
XOXO

-Jenn (Liming) Evans, Seattle WA

Jenn Evans - June 08, 2015 at 03:49 PM

MJ

“*Mark was funny, kind, and always great to work with. I'm very sorry to hear that he's gone. I'm lucky to have spent a lot of time with him in the control room, and I was struck by how bravely and openly he discussed his illness. Mark's family is in my thoughts.*”

Mark Johnson - June 08, 2015 at 12:15 PM

JW

“ I was very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I was also a fellow worker at WTIU with Mark as a engineer for many field shoots we did together.

One of our longer trips together was for a documentary on the harsh winter conditions to operate the South Shore Railroad in the South Bend area. We did this shoot in January with below zero extreme cold weather and lake effect snows that always cause weather issues for these trains.

I recall in particular the fast train ride to Michigan city in the "head end" of the railcar, and Mark looked at the speedometer in the control area and said, "Hey - John we're going just over 90!" Then there were a few other memories from this shoot. We got very distant telephoto shots of downtown Chicago from the top of Mt. Baldy State Park on a very clear day, again in bitter below zero cold. And we shot video for this documentary of a "pull apart" and the repairs make to the tracks with large bolts and steel washers by a railroad crew, again in bitter cold. On this same day we were in the maintenance garage and saw large caked ice being thawed from the wheels of the train by gas powered torpedo heaters, we thawed out also. And then it started to snow, so we rushed to a remote area of the train route and got a shot that make the video. A train's headlight approaching through the heavy falling snow, passing by the camera, and the rapidly disappearing in a "whoosh" of spiraling snow behind it. Through all of this Mark was a real trooper and kept all of the TV field gear working.

We kept the van engine running to keep the batteries and coats warm, and Mark said,
"I don't care if it's burning fuel, we need to keep all the equipment and US running too!"

Thanks Mark for your service and dedication to your television engineering. I know you enjoyed getting out of TMC! I'm sure you'll be able to do some control room work "up there in heaven?" Maybe you'll be able to control the weather for us?

*John Winninger
Senior Producer / Director (retired)
WTIU of 43 years*

John Winninger - June 08, 2015 at 10:45 AM

GS

“ *I worked with Mark at WTIU, we would chat in TMC about life, kids, good beer, you name it. I always enjoyed our conversations. And, I was always so struck by how much he loved his girls and his grandsons, he talked about you all with love, so often. Mark was a wonderful guy, and friend. I will miss him very much. Gabbi Sloan, Bloomington*

Gabbi Sloan - June 08, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BB

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Our prayers go out to all to the family.*

Wayne & Barb Broadfield, Leesburg Florida

Barbara Broadfield - June 07, 2015 at 07:23 PM

JN

“ *So sorry for all of you. He was a great man!*

Jeanne Nice - June 07, 2015 at 06:44 PM

 Lea Patton

“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family and friends. Lea Ann & Autumn Patton*



Lea Patton - June 07, 2015 at 06:39 PM

JJ

“ Am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mark. I remember he was my baseball coach years ago. We still have the team picture from that year. I remember seeing him at different times through school since Myra and I are the same age. He was always the same -- a kind man, and I am sorry for your loss. God bless. -- Jarrod Jacobs

Jarrod Jacobs - June 06, 2015 at 08:32 AM

DP

“ Dave & Sharon Ponsford lit a candle in memory of Mark A. Cornwell



Dave & Sharon Ponsford - June 05, 2015 at 09:03 PM

AS

“ So sorry to hear about your dad. He always was so friendly and smiling. Have many great memories growing up knowing him. Will miss seeing him around



Amy Slabaugh - June 05, 2015 at 07:55 PM

TB

“ Jim and I are so sorry to hear of Marks death. He was a great guy with a big smile and warm hello. Our condolences go out to the family, Mark will be missed.

Teresa Boltinghouse - June 05, 2015 at 07:35 PM

CC

Myra, sorry to hear about Mark. Please extend my condolences to Nicky and Sara. I am out of State and will not be in town for the Services. Claudia Clay

Claudia Clay - June 06, 2015 at 10:16 AM

PB

I am very sorry for your loss. I knew Mark at WW, where we played sports (ran track) and graduated one year ahead of him. I always thought very highly of Mark and know he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat Boucher.

Patrick L. Boucher - June 06, 2015 at 03:43 PM

TC

I remember Mark when life was just starting for both of us after high school. Searching for love on the Milliport flats, listening to Pink FLoyd and Deep Purple in a new green Pinto. The secrets we shared. HE was my bestgood friend. Tim Cadle

tim cadle - June 08, 2015 at 09:48 AM

SK

Sorry to read of Mark's passing. I worked with Mark in younger days at RCA in the PMI area. We also played cards at Mark and Sara's home when the kids were very young. I enjoyed the friendships with Mark and Sara. Again I am sorry for your loss of Mark, he was a good man who will be missed.

Scott Knapp - June 11, 2015 at 09:03 AM