



Mark F. Jesionowski

May 18, 1956 - November 11, 2024

Mark F. Jesionowski, age 68 of North Huntingdon, passed away peacefully at PAM Specialty Hospital in Oakdale on Monday, November 11, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer of the larynx. He was born May 18, 1956 in McKeesport, a son of the late Frank and Lorraine (Dwornick) Jesionowski. He began his career at US Steel at the National Works in McKeesport and then went on to work as a security guard at the Allegheny courthouse in Pittsburgh where he worked the night shift for over 36 years. He also worked as a drywall finisher and painter for several contracting companies across Pittsburgh. It came as no surprise to his family that he taught himself woodworking during his retirement. With little free time, he took great pride in coaching his two sons in baseball and basketball, ending as the manager for the Irwin American Legion baseball team. Mark is preceded in death by his parents and brother Gary Jesionowski. He is survived by his loving wife of over 47 years Linda (Pattera) Jesionowski; sons Michael (Katie) Jesionowski of Summit, New Jersey and Robert (Lindsey) Jesionowski of Mars; grandchildren Claire, Rachel, Audrey and Alyssa; brother Eric (Anne) Jesionowski of North Huntingdon; and sister-in-law Roxanne Jesionowski of Elizabeth Township. Friends and Family will be received Saturday from 9 a.m. till time of blessing service at 11 a.m. at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Polish Cemetery in White Oak. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Polish Cemetery

Foster and Heckman
White Oak, PA 15131

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
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Blessing Service

NOV 16. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Good morning . My brother, Rob, and our Mom, Linda, want to sincerely thank everyone for being here to support our family and to celebrate my Dads amazing life. He truly was a remarkable man and, while we are all very sad of his passing after a courageous battle with liver cancer, we know that he is now pain free and reunited with many of his family members and friends , and surely having a good laugh with all of them.

My Dad was known by many names. My Mom called him Mark. Rob and I called him , Dad and Coach. Pap Pap is what his granddaughters called him. His high school teammates and friends called him Jez. One nickname Dad had that you may not know was Buck and sometimes Buckey, which his friends in Versailles Boro called him. When my Dad was young, my Uncle Gary couldn't pronounce Mark correctly , instead he said Buck. And thus this nickname was born. I remember when I was a kid and someone called the house and asked for Buck and I thought for sure it was a wrong number, but My Dad said oh that's for me!

No matter what name you used to refer to my Dad , everyone would say the same things to describe him.

First off , everyone would say that Dad was an extremely hard worker .

As it did for many families in this area, the closing of the steel mills was a major curveball for my family. My Dad worked in the mill from 1976 to 1982, but had to change gears. It's was harder to find as well paying jobs as the mill, so my Mom and Dad made a decision. My Mom would stay home to support Rob and me , and My Dad would work two jobs. Monday through Friday , Dad would work as a drywall finisher / painter during the day , and Tuesday to Saturday evenings , he would work as a security guard in Pittsburgh. And somehow he found the energy to coach Rob and me in baseball and basketball. How could he seriously do all of this ? I have no idea , but I know he was one tough and determined guy and never

complained about it . Thank you Dad for the sacrifice you made to lay down the foundation for the lives that Rob and I now enjoy.

Second, everyone knew that my Dad was extremely selfless and never hesitated to helped anyone who needed it. If my grandparents or great grandparents needed help with their car, something around their house , my Dad would be there, no problem. Keep in mind, he was working two jobs, but no excuses , he would help. If Rob and I wanted to go to the field over the weekend and take some batting practice , no problem. I'm sure a nap must have sounded better sometimes . Thank you Dad for always helping us, even when you had to be tired.

Third, my Dad loved to joke around and make you laugh ! As a kid, he sure sounded very mischievous. I remember sitting on his back porch while he told us childhood stories and absolutely cracked us all up. I think all of my cousins have found memories of my Dad each year at holidays, beer in hand, making everyone laugh in the room. Even over the past difficult few weeks , my Dad maintained his sense of humor. When the doctor came in to understand what my Dads objectives were given his diagnosis, my Dad simply and comedically wrote down "that's All Folks!" We couldn't help but laugh and the doctor understood his message. Thank you Dad for always making us laugh .

Fourth, everyone knows how talented my Dad was. He was the most handy person that I've ever known. He was an incredibly talented painter and drywall finisher and truly took pride in his work . He never went through the motions. After my Dad retired , he somehow taught himself how to become a master woodworker. I'm not talking about home economics wood shop, I mean he was making everthing, furniture, ornaments , jewelry boxes , it was incredible. Thank you Dad for sharing your talents with everyone .

Now, I will tell you something most people probably don't know about my Dad, he really had a great pulse for pop culture and finding things that would eventually become very popular. I

remember one day in the early 90s , he brought home some amazing cinnamon bagels after working the night shift from a place he was raving about but this place we never heard of...Panera Bread! He also listened to a public radio station , that he really loved and they would play music from up and coming artists . Dad kept telling us about this new artist that he loved , that no one ever heard. Rob and I would roll our eyes and say , whatever Dad. The name of the musician was John Mayer ...Oops! Thank you for sharing your out of the box thinking with us Dad.

Finally , everyone knows that my Dad loved his family. He loved and was so proud of Rob and I and he let us know . He loved his daughters n law Katie and Lindsey. He loved his four granddaughters, Claire, Rachel, Audrey, and Alyssa so much and always loved playing with them and pulling them in his wheel barrow even if he needed to put on a back brace to do it. Above all, he loved his wife Linda more than anything ! They were such an amazing team . My Mom told me she fell in love with my Dad when she saw him waking between classes in McKeesport High School. After meeting formally at a dance on my Moms birthday (best birthday ever) , the rest is history. They were in love ever since that day.

I know that this is going to be a tough transition for all of us. But I think my Dad has helped teach us how to manage it. Sometimes , we are going to have to do some hard work. Sometimes , we are just going to have to laugh and joke around. But, always, we will be here for each other just like he was always here for all of us .

Thank you Dad, we love you !

Michael Jesionowski - November 17, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JH

“ Jeffrey and Sherry Hart purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



Jeffrey and Sherry Hart - November 15, 2024 at 07:17 PM

JH

“ Jeffrey and Sherry Hart planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.

Jeffrey and Sherry Hart - November 15, 2024 at 07:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



November 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.

November 15, 2024 at 01:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



November 15, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.

November 15, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ The LeBlanc Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



The LeBlanc Family - November 15, 2024 at 10:18 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



November 15, 2024 at 07:51 AM



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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



November 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM



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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.

November 14, 2024 at 09:03 AM

AP

“ *Angeli, Mom & Papa purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.*



Angeli, Mom & Papa - November 13, 2024 at 07:34 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences.*

Steve Sylven - November 13, 2024 at 03:46 PM

MJ

Thank you Steve

Michael Jesionowski - November 13, 2024 at 04:53 PM

MJ

“ *Michael J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.*

Michael J. - November 13, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.*



November 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa and Josh Jacobs purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mark F. Jesionowski.*



Lisa and Josh Jacobs - November 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM

LJ

“ *Lisa and Josh Jacobs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark F. Jesionowski.*

Lisa and Josh Jacobs - November 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM