



Mark David Strausberg

February 12, 1974 - September 29, 2019

The Strausberg family announces with great sadness the passing of Mark David, age 45, who died at home in Farmington Hills on September 29, 2019, due to complications from a long illness. Beloved son of Connie and Daniel and loving partner of Lisa Robbins and her son Bobby. Dear brother of Steven, Erika (Matthew) Mitchell and Timothy (Vanessa), and proud Uncle of Ivy, Tobias, Nola and Morgan. Mark is survived by his aunts Patti Durn, Nancy (Richard) Montagne, and Patricia Strausberg, and many cousins.

Mark was born February 12, 1974 in Saginaw, Michigan, and was a graduate of Novi High School. Mark's family and friends will miss his generous heart, his brilliant mind, his razor sharp wit, and his passion for animals. Mark loved to laugh and bring happiness to those he held dear.

A talented self-taught chef, Mark rose to the role of Chef Partner at Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar and served as executive chef at other restaurants in the Metro Detroit area. Mark was a devoted Michigan State University football fan, and he believed in life-long learning. His devotion to learning was reflected in the range of his culinary skills and mastery of regional cuisines as well as his natural curiosity about the world around him. He readily absorbed knowledge from print, media, his relationships with others, and his own experiences. He was an avid reader and profoundly appreciated history, art and music. As a natural teacher, Mark relished nuanced, informed discussions or robust debates on nearly any topic. Visitation 1pm Saturday, November 2, 2019 with a memorial service to Celebrate Mark's life at 2pm at O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi <https://www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com/obituaries/>

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in memory of Mark to the Michigan Animal Rescue League. <https://www.marleague.org/donate/memory-honor-donation/>

Events

NOV **Gathering of Family and Friends** 01:00PM

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O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home

41555 Grand River Ave, Novi, MI, US, 48375

NOV **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ I first had the pleasure of meeting mark I think it was in 2004 maybe 2005.He was my head chef at the Lions Den in Waterford. The thing u remember most about Mark was that he was so Intelligent and He knew this..As cooks and servers do we would get into arguments and I can't remember ever winning one of them. He would always be smiling ,and if you were down he was a great listener . Mark loved to cook and you could tell by his dishes . I'm going to miss my friend. There will never be another you. Rest easy friend.♥

stacey martin - November 22, 2019 at 02:32 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words Stacey. Our hearts are broken.

Connie Strausberg - November 23, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ I haven't been able to decide what to share, but I think I really just want to thank you, Mark. In the short time I've known you, you've truly impacted my life and the lives of people I care about. I'm beyond blessed to have met you and become close to you. I want to thank you for taking care of one of the most important people in my life, Lisa. To see how much you two were alike and to see how happy you made her means so much to me. I'll miss you terribly and I hope I can make you proud.

Rest In Peace.

Love Alex

Alexandria Kozle - November 01, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Thank you Alex. We miss him so much.

Connie Strausberg - November 23, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ I'm saddened by Mark's passing. He and I seemed to be inseparable from Middle School through High School - after school dodge ball, Washington DC trip, playing computer games, jumping on the trampoline, BBS'ing (way before the internet), and working at Kyoto's. Mark was fun, smart, quick witted, well read, and imaginative. His BBS handle was Jester - that should tell everyone enough.

Despite losing track of him after high school, I reconnected with him during this past summer. He shared with me his illness and struggles. I didn't have any right words then, and I don't have enough now except to say, I was blessed to be able to speak with him and that he was willing to share and open up. Thanks Mark for being a great friend. You are missed and loved.

Stephen Tapley

Stephen Tapley - November 01, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Thank yo my for your tribute to Mark. We miss him so much, but take comfort in that he is no longer suffering.

Connie Strausberg - November 23, 2019 at 11:19 PM



“ Mark, I could never thank you enough for all that you taught me, and for giving me the opportunity to be a Sous Chef under you. I wish we had kept in better touch over the years, I regret that deeply. Rest in Peace -Nathan

Nathan - October 15, 2019 at 06:47 PM