



## Mark Keller

April 6, 1960 - April 6, 2008

MARK D. KELLER age 48 of Bloomington IN formerly of Lake of Four Seasons passed away Sunday April 6 2008. He is survived by his wife of 25 years Lisa (nee Bryant) two daughters: Jennifer and Rebecca Keller both of Bloomington mother Phyllis Keller of LOFS brother Dan (Paula) Keller of Valparaiso six nieces and nephews: Ben (Amanda) Keller Danielle (Henry) Niemand Dionne (David) Adams Jessica & David Plasencia Cecelia Heckman uncle Pat (Carol) Harrigan of Maryland dear friend Tony (Sherry) Mosier of Valparaiso Godson Adam Mosier. Preceded in death by father Richard Keller and grandparents John and Estelle Harrigan. Mark was a former Gary Police Officer a member of the Gary FOP Lodge and a Federal Government employee with 22 years of service. He was a graduate of Andrean High School Class of 1977 and received his B.S. Degree from Indiana University. He was a very proud father and devoted husband. Friends may call at Pruzin Brothers Funeral Service 6360 Broadway Merrillville Thursday April 10 2008 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. (CST) Funeral service will be held Friday April 11 2008 at 10:00 a.m. (CST) from Pruzin Brothers Chapel and 11:00 a.m. (CST) from Holy Spirit Catholic Church 7667 E. 109th Ave. Crown Point with Rev. Joseph Murphy and Rev. Kevin McCarthy officiating. A service will be held 1:00 p.m. (EST) Saturday April 12 2008 from St. Charles Catholic Church Bloomington IN with Rev. Bill Stumpf officiating followed by graveside services at Valhalla Cemetery Bloomington IN. Please click the following link to view Marks Tribute video. <http://videos.lifetributes.com/15196>



# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Dear Lisa Im sorry that I was unable to attend Marks funeral. Words will never be enough to comfort you in your time of loss however I wanted you to know that Lin and I will keep Mark your daughters you and your family in our prayers. Sincerely Mike & Lin

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**Mike Guba** - April 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Hadent seen Mark in years but seem like only yesterday always thought we would be able get together again . I will miss him.

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**Max Maxfield** - April 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I will always remember Mark as an upbeat person. I only had the privilege of working with him for a few months in the Indianapolis office but somehow immediately found myself at ease confiding in him. He consistently exuded a positive energy that was contagious. Regardless of the circumstances or who the individual was in social status he always had time to be encouraging. He gave goodwill to all. This is noteworthy because he had an incredible amount of valuable law enforcement experience that far surpassed most yet he remained humble and gracious to all with whom he worked. Mark will live in my memory as one of those rare individuals who had the special gift of leaving those with whom he interacted uplifted focused on the positive motivated to do good and thankful for all the blessings in their lives. On multiple occasions he and I discussed our work lives and the lives of our families. I am thankful for those conversations and I will miss his counsel.

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**Carroll Harris** - April 13, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ My heart goes out to the family in this time of tragedy. Mark was an outstanding individual who constantly cherished the moments with his family and friends. I was stuned at the news of his death and wanted to let the family know that Mark life was always lived to the fullest. He made every effort to assist anyone in need. He will be missed is an understatement because God has recieved an spirit ready to love all in his presence. My condolences to the family and prayers to all that are suffering from this tragedy.

Robert Kennedy - April 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I am Sharon Weathersbys daughter. I remember Mark from when I was just a little girl and would go into the office with my mom. He always kept me occupied with his wallet puppet. He was a wonderful man and I will forever remember him. We are so sorry for your sudden and sad loss. Love and Prayers!!!

Tim and Carrie West - April 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

A.

“ I worked with mark for a short time at IU Police Dept in Indianapolis. We were good friends and kept in touch through the phone. Although we had not seen each other in yearsI will always remember that smile he was always in a good mood.I will treasure the memories

A.C.Paul - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ To the Keller family I am very sorry for your loss. Mark was a great Police Officer. I will never forget the arrest of an armed robbery suspect that had taken a hostage in Merrillville. He was a real Hero.

Steve Nolan / Retired Lt. MPD - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Lisa I am very sorry for your unexpected and untimely loss. When I picture Mark I picture a smily face. May God bless you and your girls and bring you strength.

Jane Kucik - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Thank You Mark for coming into Leos on 113th and Randolph all of those years and talking to me about being the Police. I truely know the inspiration you gave to so many. May God Bless your family. P.S. I never got to tell you that it seemed like you never ran out of those Hawaiian Shirts.

Ryan Petry - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Lisa I was so sorry to hear about Mark. He grew up two blocks away and we sometimes played together as children. He was such a fun and nice person as a young boy and an adult. One thing I remember about him as a young boy was that he always stood up for another boy that was being bullied. They say God takes the best home first and Mark was one of the best. You and the girls are in my prayers.

Cissie Philpott Wardell - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ My deepest condolences to the Keller family....I worked with Mark in the Merrillville RO in the late 90s. He was a great guy so sorry for your loss.

Hilda Blanco - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ *The Keller Family... Your family was always so giving and fun to be around. I am sorry for your loss..you have my deepest condolences. You are in my thoughts and prayers. love Jessica and Family.*

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**Jessica Lyons** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Dear Lisa Jen and Becky I am thinking of you and praying that time will help you all to heal. Mark was a great father and husband and he will be much missed I am sure. Even though thousands of miles separate us I am with you in mind and spirit. I just wish I could be there in person. Love and Hugs Sarah Xx*

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**Sarah** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Such a positive person. Mark always greeted you with a smile.*

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**Paul Armer** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ *I just want you to know Im thinking of you all. Youre in my thoughts and prayers. Please take care. Sincerly Kathy*

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**Kathy Losinski** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ *Dear Lisa and family I am so grateful for the times we all spent together in our younger days. Both of you were always so positive and full of life. I am sure that was also instilled in your beautiful daughters. I know you have so many wonderful memories to cherish. I will keep you in my thoughts. Love Sue*

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**Sue Edwards** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Jenn BK and Lisa I wanted to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to say that I have met and loved a hero who breaks all traditions definitions of the word. The amount of admiration I have for the way Mark has devoted his life to his family and to helping all those around him is unquantifiable. I have never known someone to open their arms and heart so freely to people and I feel so incredibly lucky to say that I was able to build memories with him and all of you as a result of the ability that he had to love so big. I will miss his hugs laughs large vocabulary stories and times spent together for the rest of my life but I look forward to meeting up with him again. I know he is looking over all of you with a huge bright smile and his sparkling blue eyes I hope you are able to forever find solace in the love and memories you have created as a family. Goodbye my buddy I will miss you but promise to look over all 3 of your girls.  
Love Nickoli

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**Nikki Montembeault** - April 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Lisa- Hold tight to the memories for comfort lean on your friends and family for strength and always remember how much you are cared about. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. For each thorn theres a rosebud... for each twilight a dawn... for each trial the strength to carry on For each stormcloud a rainbow... for each shadow the sun... for each parting sweet memories when sorrow is done. Ralph Waldo Emerson God Bless you.

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**Jennie and Bill Conway** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Lisa and Family Im so so sorry. Fond thoughts of you two quite often through the years. Mark was one of the nicest guys I ever had the good fortune to meet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you and the girls find a place of peace and comfort during this time of transition. My heart aches for you. Ill be looking to fish with Mark when I make my journey to the other side of the Big Lake. Much Love Dan Cassie Brittney Haley and Danny

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**Dan & Cassie Stoica and Family** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Mrs.Keller my prayers are with you and your family.I remember your son very well as we were growing up.We plyed little league together and hung around in our younger years.My deepest sympathy to all your family and God Bless Mark. Love Bill

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**Bill Harvoth** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Jennifer Keller: I am so sorry to hear about your father. He was such a great person! I have you and your family in my prayers. God Bless

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**Cara Palonis** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lisa - My dear cousin though I am at a distance of miles and years my heart is with you as you face the tragic loss of your beloved Mark. I pray that you and your family may be filled with Gods graces - giving you the comfort and strength that you will need to face the challenges that await you.

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**Jeanie Matula** - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Will always remember the good times between our families at all the Boone Grove games. He will be missed by myself and my family.

Karissa Walter - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Lisa and girls. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to you all. Mark had a contagious smile. Mark truly loved you so. May the Sons perpetual light so shine upon him.

Patrick (Cartel) Wells - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ My Deepest condolences to your family. I worked with Mark while assigned to the Porter County Drug Task Force. It was great working with him. May God be with you!

Troy Williams - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ My sincere condolences go out the Mark Kellers family. I had the pleasure of working with Mark when I was assigned in Merrillville Indiana. I remember getting on him because he would hardly ever wear any socks. May he rest in peace.

Eric S. Lee - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Lisa and girls we know theres nothing that can be said to console you right now. Just remember you will always be a part of the family so you know were hurting with you. Be strong. Well all see him again after awhile.

DEA Jackson - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Mark was a fine and devoted family man and I was proud to have the opportunity to have worked and known him. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Stephen Wood - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ Lisa & Family I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband & father. Please accept my most sincere condolences. I will be praying for you all. Michelle

Michelle Figley (CVR) - April 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ So sorry to hear about Marks tragic accident. Though we only worked together for a couple of years I considered him a good friend. He was a huge help to me and my family when we moved to Indiana. My boys still talk fondly of the ice fishing behind your house. Marks kindness touched so many people. He will be sorely missed. Mark is in our prayers God Bless you David Wilson and family

david wilson - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Mark: Girly is not having a good day. Miss your smile.

Joyce Maliska - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Dear Lisa Becky Jennifer Words cannot express how sad I feel for you. You all have been on my heart and mind since I heard the news about your precious husband and father. I will continue to pray for peace and strength for you all during this difficult time. Love Kim Decker

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**Kim Decker** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Lisa and Family My heart felt thoughts are with you as you walk through the next few days. Theyre are no words I can say that can discribe the way I know you all feel. Just know I am thinking of you and I will pray for you.

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**Sonia Evans** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ Lisa: I am so terribly sorry to hear about your husband. Words cannot express how badly I feel for you and your girls. I will pray for you every night. I will pray that he wraps his arms around you and the girls. Keep your faith in God during this horribly sad time and remember that he will see you through this. God bless you and your entire family. Melissa Orman

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**Melissa Orman** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JI

“ I didnt know Mark or his family but I am very sorry for your loss. I wish the best for not only him but for your family as well.

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**Jim** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Lisa Rebecca and Jenifer Our words truly cannot convey how sad we are for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you every minute as you go through such a tragedy. Everyone that knew Mark and your family has experienced a great loss. Heaven has surely gained a great vibrant spirit. Much love and peace to all of your family. Richard and Sara Dunn

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**Richard and Sara Dunn** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dearest Lisa Jennifer and Becky What a terribly tragic loss for you and the family. I know that you must still be in shock as I am. I remember Mark and you Lisa when you were dating and the fun you had together. I remember Marks bright blue eyes and laughter. He really loved you. I am so very sorry for you. I am here for you and will be there for you whenever you want me. I love you. Barb and Dave

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**Barb and Dave Schrage** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ We were so sorry to hear about Mark. Mine and Shirleys prayers are with you all. There is another Angel in heaven we know.

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**Bob Brunton** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Lisa Jenn and Rebecca we were so lucky to get to know Mark this past Christmas Day. It was so apparent that he was a wonderful person. We hope you find comfort in the sympathy and love that everyone is sharing with you. May God bless Mark and your family.

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**Roger & Karen Montembeault** - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ *My condolences go to Marks family. We trained Aikido together in various occasions I will always remember Marks great mood sharing a smile and amazed of learning.*

Frank Navarrete - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ *Please accept my deepest sympathy with your sudden loss. I had the opportunity to work with Mark this year in New Jersey and in New Orleans. What a beautiful person! He truly loved you (Lisa Jennifer and Rebecaa). He told us so much about you he was so proud and you could see it in his eyes. I just thought I would share this with you. We will miss him.*

Elisa Blackwell - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *May God grant you peace and comfort during this great time of loss. Our prayers are with you always.*

Melody (Puller) Freeman & Family - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *We worked together at Gary Police Department and was truly a nice guy. My condolences to the entire Keller family.*

Pat Cleary - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *I trained with Mark at Aikido of Northern Indiana and he will be missed the the dojo students. His care and assistance and all around good nature will be missed by all. To have known him even for a short amount of time was a great honor. My condolences to you all*

Sharon Halfman - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Jenn & Becky When a father leaves so many happy yesterdays know that his love will last through all of your tomorrows. May it bring you comfort to know that nothing can diminish the wonderful ways he touched your lives and those of so many others...The love and memories you shared will remain with you forever. My love and prayers are with you always. Love Katie

Katie Russell-Wille - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ Dear Lisa and family. I was shocked to see Mark had passed away. We are so sorry for your loss. What a tragedy to loose him at such a young age. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you. Art and Fran Giacomini

Frances Giacomini - April 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ May God lift all of you up into his arms and comfort you at your loss. I worked with Mark in the DEA Indianapolis District Office. When I would walk past Mark in the office he would smile at me and say hi girly how are you today. I will miss hearing that greeting.

Joyce Maliska - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Rest easy sleep well my brother. Know the line has held your job is done. Rest easy Sleep well. Others have taken up where you fell. The line has held. Peace and Farewell. Thank you for your service. Al Shanahan Gary P.D. 1960-66 FBN/BNDD/DEA 1966 - 1992

Hugh A. Shanahan - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Lisa Jennifer & Rebecca My heart goes out to all of you in this loss of Mark. I enjoyed knowing & working with him in Nashville. He was always so proud of and thankful for you - you were his heart. Please know you are in my prayers. Comfort yourselves with your good memories of Mark.

Sharon Weathersby - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Lisa Our deepest sympathy to you Rebecca and Jennifer and all of your families. Words cannot express our sorrow for Marks sudden passing. God Bless and comfort you all Love you Rick & Coni

Rick & Coni Bryant - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dear Lisa & family Im so very sorry. Please know Im thinking and praying for you all to get through such a difficult time. With love Beth Ann

Beth Ann Bryant-Tyman - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. May God shine on you always and keep a Loving Husband Father and Hero in our hearts forever. Sincerely DEA - Digital Evidence Lab SFL9

DEA - SFL9 - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ No words can describe the loss.

Mike Woodham - April 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM