



Mark William Katsolis Jr.

January 23, 1959 - December 26, 2022

Mark William Katsolis, Jr., 63, of Plain View, Va. passed away unexpectedly December 26, 2022.

Mark enjoyed being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. His true passion was working on cars; Mark loved fixing and restoring cars and he had recently completed his dream garage.

Mark was preceded in death by his father, Mark William Katsolis, Sr.

He is survived by his mother, Zephernia "Fern" Carlin, of Momence, IL; five sisters, Lori Tichenor of Sauk Village, IL, Diane Fowler (Rob) of Hardeeville, SC, Marce Bradison (Kurt) of Winthrop Harbor, IL, Scarlet Warton of Mokena, IL, Celeste Jonkman of Momence, IL; one brother, Chris Katsolis (Cheryl) of Watertown, NY; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The family would like to invite friends to stop by Mark's residence (373 Jonestown Rd., Shackelfords, Va. 23156) on Sunday, January 1 anytime from 1:00pm - 4:00pm to raise a beer and share memories of Mark together.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Family and Friends

JAN 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Visitation Address

373 Jonestown Rd.

Shacklefords, VA 23156

Tribute Wall

KY

“ I recently learned of Mark's passing when I reconnected with friends from our old unit at Ft. Story.

In a unit full of mechanics, welders (and a machinist ;)), he was the best of us. I once saw him risk life and limb to shut down a diesel engine that was running away. Lesser men (like me) would have walked away and let it blow. Mark handled it with no more concern than if he was putting on his coveralls. He was truly a casual hero.

He didn't just love cars, he invested all of his time, thought, energy and resources into them. We helped him push his cars all around the parking lot at the barracks in order to stay ahead of the MP's who would chalk his tires, trying to impound his car for being inoperative.

If you wanted to be close to Kat you only had to get in his passenger seat. With white knuckles and a pucker factor approaching 11, you were able to experience, momentarily, what it was like to be in his world. From the first thunderous launch of his '67 Fastback to the first time he pulled the front wheels off the ground in the Cougar, if you were close to Mark, you were close enough to feel the heat.

Unfortunately, the military is a fickle mistress. People come and go. Duty assignments change and people flow through your life like tumbleweeds in the desert. No matter how much you want to, you can't stay in touch with everyone, so you let everyone go.

I ran into Mark again in Hawaii in the mid 80's, right before he rotated back to CONUS. We lied, as you do, and said we would keep in touch.

On reflection, you didn't climb into his passenger seat for the thrills, or to prove you weren't scared. You got in because you didn't want him to die alone. I hope he didn't, but I don't know. For that I am truly saddened.

Kevin Young 170th Trans Det. SFC (Ret)

Kevin Young - July 14, 2025 at 02:37 PM

JD

“ *I knew Mark from our Army service at Fort Story. We had some good times together and I am truly sad to hear that his days have come to an end. I wish that I had tried to find Mark earlier and reached out to him. So long Mark, you were one of the good guys!*

John Dalmas, 170th Trans Detachment

John Dalmas - August 09, 2024 at 05:00 PM

BS

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I had just heard from him telling me that Ed had passed away. So wish I had been here to come celebrate his life. I have been doing his taxes for years. He was so proud of getting his garage done. Such a sweet and caring man who will be greatly missed.*



Betty Kacmarski Sullivan - January 07, 2023 at 09:34 AM