



Mark Thomas Kolanowski

May 6, 1974 - September 27, 2019

Mark Thomas Kolanowski of Kingston passed away on Friday, September 27, 2019 in Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center following a brief illness.

Mr. Kolanowski was born May 6, 1974, in Kingston. He graduated from Wyoming Valley High School in 1992, then earned a bachelor's degree at Wilkes University and attended graduate school at the University of South Carolina. He worked for fifteen years at Benco Dental, first as a research analyst and then as Marketing Analysis Manager. At Benco, Mark was a treasured colleague, a team-builder who mentored young employees and provided encouragement to his peers and to members of his team. He was known for his analytical acumen and for his wit, benevolence, and sense of humor.

Mark's generosity of spirit was a constant presence in his personal life as well. Friends and family members found him to be inclusive, supportive, witty, and ever kind. He brought joy to everyone he met and united people in times of adversity. An avid reader, a writer of satiric sketches, and a fan of hockey, heavy metal, golf, and particularly of horse-racing (he attended the Kentucky Derby every year, wearing a seersucker suit), Mark was a loyal friend to many, and the founder of FrankFest, an annual Christmas gathering for the many cousins on his mother's side (the Frank family).

Mark is survived by his grandfather, Carl George Frank; his parents, Leon and Ann Kolanowski; his sister, Cynthia and her husband David Hicks; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mark's family will receive visitors from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, October 1st at McLaughlin's, 142 South Washington Street in Wilkes-Barre. A funeral liturgy, led by Reverend Joseph D. Verespy of the Church of Saint Nicholas will follow at 7 PM. A celebration of his life will take place at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, Mark's family requests that donations be sent to Cori's Place, Toys for Tots, or your preferred charity.

Memories and condolences may be shared with Mark's family at www.celebratehislife.com

Events

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McLaughlin's

142 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA, US, 18701

OCT **Funeral Liturgy** 07:00PM

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Comments



“ My sincere condolences to your entire family. I wish you moments of comfort, respite from grieving and moments of warm remembrance.
Sheila Molony

Sheila Molony - November 17, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ Condolences to Kollie, Ann, Cynthia, and to the family. God bless you and Mark.

David Panckeri - October 02, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mark Thomas Kolanowski.



September 30, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Rose Mullally lit a candle in memory of Mark Thomas Kolanowski



Rose Mullally - September 30, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ Fang Yu lit a candle in memory of Mark Thomas Kolanowski



Fang Yu - September 30, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ I'm deeply saddened by Mark's passing. Wish you all find peace. He will live on in your cherished memories... Condolences to Ann, Cynthia, and all the families. Fang Yu

Fang Yu - September 30, 2019 at 03:35 PM



“ I worked with Mark at Benco - I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy to work with - always friendly and willing to lend a hand. He will be missed.

Michelle Kovaleski - September 30, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ So sorry for toss. J.F. McBride



James McBride - September 29, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Wishing all of you peace in the lifetime of memories you will always cherish.

The Hettrich Family

Pamela Hettrich - September 29, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“Memory Eternal! Never forgotten, always in our hearts, blessed life for all lucky enough to have known Mark and his family.- Cinda

cinda chernecky - September 29, 2019 at 10:29 AM



“Mark was an amazing person! Always willing to be there to help whenever needed. He will be greatly missed by many. Sending prayers during this difficult time.

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.”

Colette Wintersteen, Benco Dental - September 28, 2019 at 11:03 PM



“I am so sorry to hear about your loss and also sorry I never met Mark. Please know that thoughts and prayers are with you.

Meg Wallhagen - September 30, 2019 at 07:15 PM