



Mark Bradley Spiess

July 18, 1970 - August 27, 2025

How do you sum up someone's life? How do I sum up my husband's life? I could start by saying he was born on July 18, 1970, to Calvin and Patricia Spiess. The brother of Greg (Shawn) Spiess. Mark worked for the City of Napoleon for 24 years in the Engineering Department and then for a year with the Henry County Engineers Office. That he was a volunteer firefighter and EMT with Napoleon Fire and Rescue for 12 years, was a member and served as an elder at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon, belonged to the American Legion Post 454 in Ridgeville Ohio, served as a board member for Pillars of Success, and the Henry County Democratic Party. I could tell you that he was a Henry County Relay for Life participant and a 5-year survivor of Stage IV brain cancer (he did it!). I could say all of that but to me, his wife (Lisa) of 31 years, his daughter Taylor (Gabe) Catlin, his son Scott Spiess and to all of his family on the Spiess, Glore and Bost (in-law) side that he loved so much he was and will always be so much more.

Mark was a big man with a big heart though he never saw himself that way. I attribute his fierceness for family and doing what is right to his parents, they raised a great man. He was always there to support you through the good times and the not so good times. He was my rock. Mark gave the best hugs! If you were lucky enough to receive one you know. His long arms wrapped around you, and you just felt safe. Mark loved his family and his friends and would do anything he could for them. He always said, "I do not know how to do a lot of things like construction, farming, welding things of that nature but I

can show up and I can do my best to be of service.” That he did. Whether it was running to pick up your kid because you weren’t able, helping to plan the ultimate camping weekend, pitching in to put hay in the loft, corral the loose cows, tend to you when you were sick, pack a cooler, make a great music playlist or just sit and enjoy a campfire with a beverage and good conversation with you. Mark was present.

Mark taught the kids and I many things, one of the greatest being to laugh. He had such quick wit and when he got in a good joke or phrase, he had this side grin that just caught you and couldn’t help but smile and laugh with him. Even when he did something to test my patience, he would give me that side grin and I would just shake my head and smile and laugh with him. He was an avid lover of movies and music. You did not want to go against him in movie or music trivia, and he made sure that our kids were “cultured” in all of the classics, especially from the 80’s. He loved food: pizza, chili dogs, my lasagna, you name it. He liked to cook and smoke some meat in the smoker. In his last few months, we had to watch all the food shows like Man Verses Food, Food Adventures... all things food. He would tell me all the restaurants that he wanted us to try or the recipes we should test out.

Mark felt his greatest accomplishment in life was his family. His family was his world, whether that was his family by blood, by friendship or by faith. He fought fiercely to be with us for as long as he could giving “maximum effort” to regain his health and abilities. When he was no longer able to work, he felt lost, but we assured him the only job that really mattered was being with his family and he did such a good job. Mark made his mark here with all of us and was called to his heavenly home with his family by his side on August 27, 2025. Mark, myself, and all our family wanted to be sure to thank everyone that helped and supported us while on his journey. All the doctors, nurses, aides, and therapists, church, family, friends and everyone that God put on our path. We have been so blessed. Mark also wanted to remind everyone to find joy in all the little things and make every day a good day.

The funeral service of Mark Spiess will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday,

September 2nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Napoleon. The family asks that in lieu of flowers you donate to one of his selected charities or do something in honor of paying it forward. Memorial contributions can be sent to Pillars of Success, Henry County Relay for Life C/O Kathy Vollmar, St. Paul Lutheran Church Napoleon, The Mauer Family Cancer Center in Bowling Green, Bridge Hospice of Findlay or Northwest State Community College Foundation Changing Lives Scholarship. Friends and family may leave condolences online at www.rodenbergergray.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Lutheran Church
1075 Glenwood Ave.
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Mark and Lisa were the most loving couple I have ever met. Their faith and strength in this long struggle, and Mark's determination with Lisa by his side, to do whatever he/they could, to defeat or at least delay this illness has really impacted my life in a positive way. I really admire all of you!
So sorry for your loss Lisa, Taylor, Scott and Gabe.
Michael Worchuck

Michael Worchuck - September 02, 2025 at 04:48 PM

KH

“ I can't begin to put into words how Mark impacted our lives for so many years, in so many ways. I just watched his beautiful funeral service. I know your hearts are breaking!!!Praying you feel God's love and strength in the difficult times ahead! We look forward to that great reunion!!!

kathy hogrefe - September 02, 2025 at 01:28 PM

KV

“ God has blessed me by putting Mark in my life many years ago. I've watched him grow into a awesome young man. He touched so many of us with his laughter, his kindness, his love, his Faith and a little orneriness. He will definitely be missed by all who knew him . Prayers for his family and anyone who knew him. May you all find comfort and peace in knowing he's with the Lord and pain free. God got an Amazing angel the day He called him home. A piece of our hearts 💕 went with him . RIP my kiddo.
Keep Smiling down on your family and friends
Love 💜 you Always and Forever 💔🙏

Kathy Vollmar - September 01, 2025 at 10:11 PM

TJ

“ So sorry to hear of Mark’s passing. Keeping your family in our prayers.

Tim & Karen Johnston - September 01, 2025 at 08:36 PM

NN

“ What a guy! Every time I drive by my 'old' house on Highland, I remember how Mark and the kids kept my driveway cleared of snow! Thanks again.
My heart aches for you as you deal with the grief in his passing. But we know he is HOME and we will see him there . May God give you comfort as we believe our Redeemer LIVES. as ever...Nancy (Hoover) Nelson.

Nancy Nelson - September 01, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Spiess.



September 01, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Spiess.



September 01, 2025 at 10:50 AM

CO

“ I was so sorry to read about your dad passing, Taylor. He sounded like a great person who will be missed greatly. Prayers for you and your family.

Cindy Overmier - August 30, 2025 at 09:15 PM

VG

“ What joy Mark felt when he entered the gates of Heaven. May you find peace in your memories, your faith and the love of family and friends. Mark will be missed by those who held him close and those who had a casual relationship with him. We were all blessed to know him in whatever way he was a part of our lives. A smile, a thought, a prayer are with you all at this difficult time. God's blessings 🙏

Vicki Glick - August 30, 2025 at 03:26 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Bradley Spiess.



August 30, 2025 at 11:28 AM

WP

“ Our thoughts are with you, wishing you and your loved ones strength during this difficult time.

Wilfred & Francine Peters - August 30, 2025 at 06:57 AM

RS

“ Renee and Scott purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark Bradley Spiess.



Renee and Scott - August 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM

DS

“ Mark was, and always will be, one of the best people I've been blessed to know. I doubt any that anyone that ever met Mark wouldn't call him a friend. Prayers for the family.

Daen Steele - August 29, 2025 at 04:35 PM

CP

“ Mark and Lisa were the ideal couple. Separately perfect and together amazing. I am in awe of their commitment to each other and their courage through this journey. Rest in Peace Mark. You have earned your crown. Please give my Birdie one of your famous hug.

Crystal G Phillips - August 29, 2025 at 08:45 AM

KH

Your family is in my prayers, Lisa. ❤️❤️❤️

Karen Houts - August 30, 2025 at 09:46 AM

TM

“ *Mark was an incredible man. I remember when he was our relay For Life Honoorary Chair his speech touched so many lives. The best memory I have that night is watching him have his ice cream. My eyes fill with joy as he suffers no more and has all the ice cream he wants in heaven. Oh the laughter he is bringing to heaven now. Thanks Mark for the impact you had on my life. Tina Myers*

Tina Myers - August 29, 2025 at 06:14 AM