



Mark Casino

September 11, 1956 - September 4, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Mark Casino, of Kankakee, Illinois. Mark passed away at home on Thursday, September 4, 2025.

Mark was a creative and caring soul who lived a life full of imagination and independence. After growing up in Illinois, he moved to Colorado and California, carrying his adventurous spirit with him wherever he went. He was a gifted hair stylist, attended school for interior design, and at the age of 50 honored his father by becoming a respiratory therapist. Mark was known for his compassion, his dedication to helping others, and for the joy of his unforgettable laugh.

He is survived by his loving sister, Shelley (David) Casino Cogswell of Texas, who will cherish his memory always; nephews, Kane Cogswell of Murphy, Texas and Jared Cogswell of Aurora, Colorado; Aunt, Sharon Koppi; several cousins from the Herscher and Casino families.

Mark will be reunited in heaven with his mother, Sandra Casino, his father, Carl Casino, his stepmother, Dorothy Casino and his beloved dog, Jr.

Together, they now rest in the care of Jesus and the angels.

Mark's family and friends will remember his creativity, his caring heart, his professional talents, and the laughter he shared so generously.

A memorial service will be held at later date.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to Kankakee County Humane Foundation, in honor of Mark and his beloved dog Jr. The link to make

donations is listed below. Thank you.

<https://www.k3chf.org/checkout/donate?donatePageId=680a7585b3055462ffd3a6a>

Tribute Wall

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“ My sympathies to Shelley and the family. Mark was a friend of mine. We worked together as Respiratory Therapists at St. James Hospital. He was also my hair stylist and the best in my opinion. I am saddened to hear of his passing. Mark was a good person, caring and kind. I'll never forget him (and Junior).

Karen Rogers - September 10, 2025 at 02:00 AM

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I also worked with Mark at St James Hospital in Chicago Heights. I was one that trained him on night shift. He was a great friend and we would go and eat lunches together I would even go to his house to get my hair done. I've been trying to find him for years. I'm so sorry to his sister Shelley and other family members and Friends. Mark rest in peace friend. 🥺🙏

Kathy Hines - September 11, 2025 at 01:32 AM

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I dated Mark when we worked at Montgomery Wards. He was my first love and I was devastated when he moved. We were inseparable. RIP Mark!!!

Pat Williamson - September 14, 2025 at 08:54 PM