



Mark E. Genson

January 25, 1959 - October 5, 2025

Mark E. Genson, age 66, of Bradley passed away Sunday, October 5, 2025 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born January 25, 1959 in Kankakee, the son of Jerome “Joby” & Norma (Kibbons) Genson. Mark married Theresa “Terri” Allyn on July 9, 1982 in Marquette, MI.

Mark was a magnificent man, an Air Force veteran, loving son, father, brother, papa, and friend. He loved life with every ounce of steam he had and would give the literal shirt off his back for just about anyone. His hands have fixed many broken things, gripped golf clubs, wrapped fishing lines, held grand babies and prepared many meals to feed us all.

Mark was loved as your friendly hardware store man and will be missed for his smile, zerbets, humor, and wisdom.

Mark, as you get to that place no one knows about, and feel the wind in your hair, we pray you shed this old debris and run like the wind into Taylor’s arms first and then all the rest. We know they’ve got a seat saved for you and a guitar for you to join them in the jam session. We will see you in the familiar places and speak your name with pride. We’re sad to see you go but God did we love the ride.

Mark was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving as a Security Policeman.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Theresa Genson of Bradley; one son and two daughters-in-law, Aaron (Laura) Genson of Bradley, and Melissa Genson of Park Ridge; his mother, Norma Genson of Kankakee; one sister, Gina

Beard (Lisa Bjork) of Kankakee; one brother and two sisters-in-law, Jon (Sheila) Genson of Lake Zurich and Barb Genson of Suffolk, VA; five grandchildren, Landon Genson, Jameson Genson, Nolan Genson, Aurora Genson, Nellie Genson; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and their families.

Mark is preceded in death by his father; one son, Taylor Genson; and one brother, Michael Genson.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the 4 p.m. memorial service on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. Rev. Karl Koeppen will officiate the service.

Memorials may be made to the family wishes to donate to a charity of their choosing.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **14**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. We could always count on Mark when we needed his help at Ace Hardware. His calm demeanor and helpful advice were always appreciated when we would rush into Ace with the latest "crisis" in need of repair at 140-year-old house! He will be missed.

The Overton Family (Cheryl, Gabe + Emma) - October 16, 2025 at 11:42 AM

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CB

“ Mark was a very kind man I went to high school with him my prayers are with his family



Cynthia Blaylock - October 13, 2025 at 08:47 PM

AP

“ I'm so sorry for the loss of our cousin. His kindness and spirit will be remembered. Love, Amy Pflug and Jon Pflug

Amy Pflug - October 13, 2025 at 02:09 PM

TW

“ I am so sad to learn of Mark’s passing. You’re right about him being a “magnificent man”. I’ve known Mark since I was a sophomore at Westview High School. He was in a play and I was part of the stage crew. He was a senior that year so we weren’t schoolmates for much longer. When I met him again at our Ace Hardware it was so nice to see his friendly face. He was the most helpful and would always have the right answer for whatever I was working on even when I was out of my league. Oh, he will be missed for all the reasons you said. God speed and my sincerest condolences to his loved ones especially, but also to his long time coworkers and customers like me.



Teri Costanza Worth - October 11, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LS

“ Leroy Sarowatz lit a candle in memory of Mark E. Genson



Leroy Sarowatz - October 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

AS

Great man with a kind heart very helpful whenever I came into ace hardware

Allen Saulsberry - October 11, 2025 at 04:50 PM