



Mark C. Pelton

August 15, 1966 - April 15, 2019

Climax - After a courageous battle with lymphoma, Mark Christopher Pelton, Sr., 52, entered eternal life on April 15, 2019 at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Hospital surrounded by love with his devoted partner, Kim, and their children around him. Mark is the son of Helene McKeon Pelton and Donald Pelton, and the grandson of Hugh and Helene McKeon.

Mark cherished his Irish heritage. He was a long-standing member of the North Albany Post 1610 American Legion and the North Albany Limericks where he enjoyed the company of his faithful friends and represented them in the Albany Saint Patrick's Day parade each year carrying the 9/11 flag; the original Irish flag that was first carried by FDNY Engine #10 Fire Company and #10 Ladder Company, referred to as "10 House" in the New York City parade following the 9/11 attack. The Limericks have since had the honor of carrying this flag in remembrance of the Police, Fire, and Port Authority Members that gave their lives on 9/11.

One of the great pleasures in Mark's life was being a member of the Albany Irish Rowing Club. A powerful rower, he was very actively involved in representing the Albany club in Currach races around the country while making lifelong friends along the way. He brought to his cancer battle the spirit of his favorite team "The Fighting Irish." Having an abundance of the gift of Irish gab, Mark was a masterful story-teller who brought laughter and joy to all of us who knew him.

Deeply devoted to family and friends, he was an amazing father who would do anything for his children. He lived life large and was always available to lend a strong or gentle helping hand to anyone in need. To know Mark was to love him and to be loved.

A trusted, dependable, hard worker, Mark was employed for over 20 years in the elevator repair and construction business and was a Brother of the Elevator Constructors Local Union 35. Because of his vast experience and knowledge, he was asked to be an instructor for the union preparing and certifying workers in this very challenging and dangerous work.

An Air Force veteran, he served our country both in active duty and reserves. Immediately following the 9/11 attack in New York City, he willingly and selflessly responded to the call to serve guard duty at ground zero. Years later, this exposure has been linked to his cancer.

Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Helene, and his father, Don, as well as by his grandparents Hugh and Helene McKeon, his uncle David D. Morey and two cousins, Bart McKeon and Cheryl McKeon. He is survived by his most beloved partner, Kim McCarroll, his children Kayla, Veda (Adam), Mark Christopher Jr. and Veronica, Kim's children Krystl, Alene and Mark, precious grandchildren Logan and Connor, Kim's grand-daughter Jordan, step sons Nathan and Martin, step sister Diane, uncles Hugh (Bernie) McKeon of Atlanta, David (Margie) McKeon of Dallas, George (Dottie) McKeon of Phoenix and numerous cousins all of whom have been super supportive of Mark during his health challenges. As an only child, Mark was very close to his uncles, aunts and cousins.

The family wishes to thank Kim for the extraordinarily loving and truly heroic way she took care of Mark during these past six months. All of us have witnessed true, unconditional love. We are deeply grateful for the amazing outpouring of prayer for Mark by family and friends, keenly aware of the huge difference this has made. In addition, we are thankful for the loving, and very professional care given to Mark during these last three months by the staff at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University Hospital, Harkness Pavilion as they guided him through the CAR-T cell therapy study and research. They took Mark in as a member of their family.

Most of all we are grateful for the gift of Mark Pelton himself these 52 years....a man who loved God, loved family, loved friends and loved his country.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mark's family on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from

9:00 -11:00 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, to be immediately followed by a Catholic service and burial at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Troy.

The Family invites you to join them in a celebration of Mark at the North Albany 1610 Legion Post from 1:00-4:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Fund the Fight" Memorial Fund to cover the cost of his medical care and other expenses incurred as a result of his extended illness. Fund contributions can be made to "Fund the Fight" at P.O. Box 3804, Schenectady, NY 12303.

To leave Mark's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Troy, NY,

Events

MAY **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Diane Cline lit a candle in memory of Mark C. Pelton



Diane Cline - May 01, 2019 at 01:12 PM



“ Thinking of all of you, may God give you the strength during this difficult time. Sending love and light. Love you Guys, always here for you. Love, Shelly, Kenny, Dylan and Niko.



Shelly Shu - April 30, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers from the Officers and Members of Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 4, Sullivan County, NY

Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 4 - April 28, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Shawna Chadwick lit a candle in memory of Mark C. Pelton



Shawna Chadwick - April 26, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ May all the family and friends find comfort knowing Mark is at peace. We are friends/co-work with Dave and Margie and have walked the path of Mark's illness and prayed continually throughout his fight. He fought a good fight, may he forever rest in eternal peace. Lana and Earl Hebert, Rockwall, TX

Lana and Earl Hebert - April 25, 2019 at 02:47 PM



“ It was my pleasure to know Mark as a child and to see him become an outstanding father and man. Mark was full of surprises - from owl hoots outside of #45 when he was a kid to plowing my driveway anonymously (I am sure it was you, Mark!) after one big snowstorm. We have lost the Big Fella but he will forever be a beacon for Kayla, Veda, Mark Christopher, Veronica, Kim, his family and friends. Row with the angels, Mark. Peace, Fran

Fran Meltz - April 24, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ To Marks Family.

Mark has strengthened my compassion for people. Having spent some time with Mark during his fight, having conversations about life, God , family, death, and the love of his life, I have learned a great life lesson that Mark has played a major role in. Love the people that surround you, love the people who need you, and be open to loving everyone who crosses your path, and always look for the good. Mark's compassion for people in general was a reminder to me that placing others before yourself, gives you the ability to face anything that comes your way with a peace that only comes from the One who created us. I know Mark is walking with the Lord in a far better place than this beautiful planet that was created for us.

Mark has left a lasting impression.

Scott D Wood - April 21, 2019 at 08:46 PM



“ Mark Pelton was a very special person, many do not know the story of a young kid who's family couldn't even afford a Christmas Tree for Christmas and on Christmas Eve Mark as a young Teen and his friend in a Slight Blizzard and a foot of Snow climbed Lawn Ave to a place where they Sold Christmas Trees across from Memorial Hospital on Shaker rd & Northern Blvd in the middle of the night BORROWED a Christmas Tree and Dragged it all they way back to this young man's Home where the Mother in shock began to cry. That was the type of person Mark was then and to the Day he left us. I know all this because I was that young kid. Mark and I became BEST of FRIENDS for the next 40 + years. I must have reminded him of that story well over 100 times. He couldn't believe I remembered that night in such detail. Conbone will always remember you as that TEENAGER who had AGAPE Love for people and never knew it. Now Rest until we meet up again my Brother.

Chris Connelly (Conbone) - April 21, 2019 at 10:51 AM



“ Kim McCarroll lit a candle in memory of Mark C. Pelton



Kim McCarroll - April 21, 2019 at 09:56 AM