



## Mark Bradley Arkills

July 16, 1964 - August 4, 2021

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, Mark Arkills, loving husband, father, and Papa passed on unexpectedly at the age of 57.

Mark Bradley Arkills was born on July 16, 1964, to Dick and Deanna Arkills in Seattle, WA. When he was seven, Mark's family moved to Hermiston, OR. As a student at Hermiston High School, Mark was active in DECA, wrestling, football, and Honor Society. Mark continued playing football at Eastern Washington University until injuries led to a decision to give up the game he loved. He transferred to Blue Mountain Community College for a year to earn his Associate's degree, then transferred to Oregon State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in business and economics. While at OSU, Mark began his career at Holiday Tree Farm.

For 35+ years, Mark's commitment and loyalty to Holiday Tree Farm was unprecedented. During this time he also served on the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association Board of Directors, including as President, the Oregon Christmas Tree Licensing Committee, and various other committees. In 2017, Mark was the recipient of the Herb & Helen Plumb Award for his outstanding contributions to the Christmas tree industry. This award is the highest honor bestowed to a member.

In 1997, Mark married Debbie Kaping. They spent the next 24 years doing what they loved: fishing, camping and attending athletic competitions with their three grandchildren.

Mark was a generous, kind, gentle giant and was deeply loved by those who

knew him.

Mark is survived by his wife Debbie, daughter Christy Weinhold (s. Brian), three grandchildren Cailee, Luke, and Alec; parents Dick and Deanna Arkills, brothers Tim (s. Della), and Dave (s. Shari); and sister Deanne Balland (s. Paul), as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In Lieu of Flowers, contributions may be made to the Herb & Peggy Ballard Memorial Scholarship Fund Via- Benton Community Foundations at PO Box 911 Corvallis OR. 97339 or the PNWCTA Barney Douglas Research Fund. PO Box 660 Molalla, OR 97038

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG **28**. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Potluck at Arkills Home  
29080 Bellfountain Road  
Corvallis, OR 97333

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ Mark always support hunting, conservation, and mentorship. He was always supportive and took time to share his passion for hunting and fishing. He is greatly missed but left his "Mark" on the community!

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**Adam Stebbins** - March 28, 2022 at 10:57 AM

DH

“ It was a pleasure to know Mark as a Hermiston High School DECA student. I am not surprised to read of his career success. He was an outstanding student and quality person. My condolences to the family.

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**Don Hefner** - October 17, 2021 at 04:18 PM

MH

“ Sorry to hear of Marks passing I went to school with him and he was a nieborhood friend.

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**Mark Hooker** - October 14, 2021 at 09:54 PM

KJ

“ Debbie and family, I just found out. I am so sorry. Mark was a treasure. Karyn Jones

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**Karyn Jones** - October 13, 2021 at 11:17 PM

DT

“ *Debbie and the Holiday crew:*

*Sorry I am unable to attend the celebration from Washington and will miss greeting old friends made during my 29 production seasons helping with organizing tree loads and working with the dispatch operation.*

*Mark was definitely a force within Holiday and the tree associations. His contributions will be missed. My condolences to his family.*

*Dennis Tompkins  
Bonney Lake, WA*

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**Dennis Tompkins** - August 26, 2021 at 08:38 PM

DB

“ *Dear Debbie,*

*My condolences to you and the rest of Mark's and your family. Mark had a joyful and bigger than most people personality. I will always remember him. Whether it was talking about fishing, sharing information about the Christmas tree and Forestry businesses, visiting at Ducks Unlimited events, chatting at the farm or going out for lunch; Mark was always glad to see you and made me feel welcome. One specific we often reminisced about was the day he, and Hal and Dave Schudel toured the mill I was managing at Albany. He was enthusiastic and inquisitive. That was Mark. May you find some solace in the knowledge that others greatly enjoyed being with him, including myself.*

*David Bickell*

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**David Bickell** - August 16, 2021 at 08:06 PM

MT

“ *Debbie,  
My heartfelt condolences on your loss. I am a neighbor of Dick and Deanna Arkills in Buckeye, Arizona. I met your husband briefly when he came at Christmas time recently. He was visiting Dick and Deanna across the street. What a remarkable man. I feel honored to have met him. Mary Taylor 23265 West Moonlight Path, Buckeye, Arizona*

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**Mary F Taylor** - August 15, 2021 at 02:52 AM

MO

“ *Debbie,  
Please know that you are in my thoughts. Mark was one of the finest people I have ever had the honor to meet. I was so lucky to have worked with him at Holiday and will always cherish those memories.  
Marilyn Obermiller*

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**Marilyn Obermiller** - August 13, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Photos*



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**McHenry Funeral Home** - August 10, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BW

“ What a shock to Nicki and I when we received the heartbreaking news of Mark's passing this evening. A gentle giant in our industry that was always there to assist is so many ways. Our condolences, love and prayers to you Deb, you families and to all of Mark's wide web of friends. Bruce/Nicki Wiseman

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**Bruce Wiseman** - August 09, 2021 at 11:12 PM

GR

“ Oh Debbie, we were so shocked and saddened to hear about Mark. He certainly left an impact on us as well as many others. He never said an unkind word and was so welcoming to everyone. Our hearts break for you and all who knew and loved Mark. We send you lots of hugs, love and prayers. We are praying for strength, comfort, stamina and peace as you go through this. It is tough. We love you and loved Mark. He will be greatly missed by us.  
Love Lynn and Georgia

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**Georgia/Lynn Robinson** - August 06, 2021 at 06:42 PM

JH

“ The sudden loss of Mark is so painful-such a friendly, likeable man who will be greatly missed by so many. Deb-comfort, strength and understanding are our prayers.  
Jan & Cindy Hupp

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**Jan-Cindy Hupp** - August 06, 2021 at 10:12 AM

DM

“ Prayers for Mark's soul. And for you Deb that God brings you peace, comfort, and strength. So sorry for your loss.  
Darlene Marquardt

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**Darlene Marquardt** - August 05, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JK

“ *I'm so sad and heart broken to hear that Mark, one of the nicest guys I've known, pass away today. The lords plan is sometimes hard to understand. The Kielblock family*

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**Jim Kielblock** - August 04, 2021 at 08:24 PM