



## Mark Allen Gessell

April 5, 1962 - July 26, 2023

Mark A. Gessell, 61-year-old resident of Pinellas Park, FL, formerly of Swanville, MN, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd, MN. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 – 5 PM on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at The Hub Supper Club in Burtrum, MN. A private burial will take place at a later date. Mark will be taking his final bike ride from Swanville to The Hub starting on Main Street by the park. He will be honorably escorted by Gary and Putsy Pogatchnik and friends. Kickstands up at 12:45 PM sharp. Caring for Mark and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Swanville, MN.

Mark was born on April 5, 1962, at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls, MN to Frank and Helen (Matheis) Gessell. He grew up in Swanville, MN and attended Swanville High School. Mark married Laurie Johnson and they had two children; Brent and Shawna. Later, he married Kathryn Hubner and they had two children; Megan and Jayme. Mark enjoyed traveling on his motorcycle and his travels took him to Florida. He was always ready to bike with friends. Mark also enjoyed doing charity rides to collect used disabilities equipment for Vets. He repaired motorcycles for people that had little money to pay. He never missed putting on dinners for birthdays, anniversaries, and celebrations of all sorts. For the past four years people down on their luck always had a place to stop by or spend the night. He never collected much but always had food and shelter to share. His place was a man cave for anyone to

stop by and they did at all hours of the day and night. Mark saw the world differently and joyfully.

Mark is survived by his parents, Frank and Helen Gessell of Swanville, MN; children, Brent Gessell of Swanville, MN, Shawna Johannes (Steve) of Burtrum, MN, Megan Stromley of Carver, MN, and Jayme Gullickson of Detroit Lakes, MN; 10 grandchildren; sisters, Gina Dwyer (Kenny Wachmann) of Sartell, MN, Dana (Paul) Hanowski of Swanville, MN, Shari (Karl) Pung of Burtrum, MN, and Kristi Anderson of Little Falls, MN; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from all over.

Mark was preceded in death by grandparents and son-in-law, Gabe Gullickson.

# Cemetery Details

**St. John the Baptist Cemetery - Swanville, MN**

Swanville, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Allen Gessell*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - August 15, 2023 at 12:10 PM



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Lemieur Funeral Homes - August 15, 2023 at 12:09 PM



“ *Mark, was definitely one of a kind. I lived with him for 10 years and I never knew what to expect from day to day. To say, he kept life interesting, was an understatement. Kim Holland*

Kim Holland - August 06, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ *To the Gessell Families...I am so sorry for your loss. I do know what the loss of a son is like, as I also had the experience in January. Its not right that our children go before us. But it has me believing that we are not in control of our lives!! I do know Kathy and I offer my sincere sympathy to you all. God Bless.*



Debbie M Jelinski- Harakel - August 01, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ *Mark Gessell had a heart ❤️ of Gold. Very kind, giving to anyone in need. RIP Mark*  
*Our thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. 🙏🇺🇸🏍️*  
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Mary Pfeffer Friese Doug and Spencer Fri - July 31, 2023 at 07:30 PM



“ *Jerry & Julie Hollermann sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Allen Gessell*



Jerry & Julie Hollermann - July 31, 2023 at 03:00 PM

HP

“ So sorry to hear Mark's journey is over, but knowing he lived his life his way, brings comfort. My prayers are with all your family. 🙏 ☐

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**Helen Pfeffer** - July 30, 2023 at 12:22 PM

DC

“ He was a great neighbor and friend. I'll never forget riding out Hurricane Ian with him just sitting in his garage watching my shed blow over while listening to my iPod with his Bluetooth speaker, no power for several days but still had a good time cooking on the gas grill and having some beers. Miss him every time I look across the street and don't see him sitting there

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**David Crum** - July 30, 2023 at 09:49 AM

SA

“ Helen, Frank, and families, We're so sorry to hear about Mark. Us sisters had a good visit with him at the carnival. He doesn't have to suffer anymore. You're in our thoughts and prayers.. Our sympathy goes out to you. Sandie and Glenn

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**Sandie** - July 27, 2023 at 12:18 PM