



Mark Robert Zook

January 1, 1970 - July 29, 2023

Mark Robert Zook, 53, of Peoria, Illinois, died of natural causes on Saturday, July 29th, 2023. Mark is survived by brother Byron of Chicago, IL, and sister Susan and Darrell from Bonita Springs, Florida formerly from Millington, NJ, 3 nephews and 1 neice Darrell & (Lauren) with daughters Evelyn and Madelyn in Westfield, NJ, David & (Kelly) with son Oliver and daughter Abigail in Ft. Mills, SC, Gregory & (Logan) with daughter Monroe in Charlotte, NC, Lauren & (Jacob) Noth in Dallas, TX, and his dog 'Kiko' of Peoria, IL. Mark was the first baby born of the decade in 1970 in Peoria at OSF St. Francis Hospital and grew up on a farm situated between Hanna City and Glasford, IL. He attended school at Illini Bluffs, Bergan (now Peoria Notre Dame) and Peoria Heights High School, graduating with honors in the top ten of his class. Mark was a varsity letterman linebacker and Captain of the football team. He then graduated from Illinois State University with a degree in Marketing and was President of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Zeta Chapter. Mark moved to Chicago after graduation and went on to become a recognized and awarded top sales executive for several fortune 500 advertising and telecommunications corporations. Mark resigned early in his career and devoted the majority of his adult life to caring for his mother of special needs until her passing in 2019. He was a lifelong Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, and had a passion for dogs, motorcycles, pizza, and helping others with his generosity. Mark was a special kind of person and will be missed. Any memorial donations may be made to Peoria Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS).

Cremation rites have been accorded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services in Peoria is in charge of arrangements.