



## Mr. Mark R Pytel of Hoffman Estates

July 4, 1958 - September 25, 2025

Mark R. Pytel, 67, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, September 25, 2025.

Mark was born in Chicago on July 4, 1958, the son of the late Raymond and Evelyn Pytel, nee Poli.

Growing up, Mark was an Eagle Scout and spent much of his youth going to scout retreats. After graduating from Gordon Tech High School in 1976, he began what would be a lifelong career in the insurance field at Bankers Life and Casualty in Chicago where many other family members, including his mother, worked. It was at this job where he met his future wife, Linda A. August.

On October 23, 1983, he was joined in marriage to Linda at St. James Church in Chicago.

In 1989, Mark moved to Hoffman Estates where he spent the rest of his life with his family. He continued his career as a claims adjuster and supervisor at CNA Insurance and most recently at Guarantee Trust Life Insurance.

Mark was a lover of dogs and enjoyed sharing his recliner with his dog, Bella. Mark will be greeted by several companions that have crossed the rainbow bridge such as Queenie, Snowball, Lana, and Zuzu. Mark loved to garden and

spent most springs and summers planting, weeding, and growing vegetables and flowers. He was an avid stamp collector and loved to find interesting or different stamps from around the world.

Being born on the 4th of July, he had a love of holidays. He enjoyed having family over for barbecues and get-togethers. He was also an avid movie lover and loved to watch Christmas and holiday related movies and shows. For many years, Mark loved to golf and participated in golf tournaments with his father.

Mark is survived by his wife Linda (nee August); his son, Mark (Lindsay) Pytel Jr, and his sister, Susan (Joe) Gambino. He is a proud uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Magliochetti.

Friends and relatives are invited to join the family for a visitation on Thursday, October 2nd from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Morizzo Funeral Home, located at 2550 Hassell Rd. Hoffman Estates, Illinois, 60169.

Funeral services honoring the life of Mark Pytel will be held on Tuesday, October 7th. A mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church, located at 455 N Benton St. Palatine, Illinois 60067.

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# Cemetery Details

## Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services and Cemetery Memorials

2550 Hassell Road

The family has created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories, photos, and v

Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

[ross@morizzofuneralhome.com](mailto:ross@morizzofuneralhome.com)

<http://MorizzoFuneralHome.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials

2550 Hassell Road

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(847) 752-6444

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## Memorial Mass

OCT 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Theresa Catholic Church in Palatine

455 North Benton Street

Palatine, IL 60067

(847) 358-7760

<http://www.sttheresachurch.org/>



# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Mark and I worked in the Claims Department at Bankers Life for many years. I am extremely saddened to hear about his premature passing. To his loving family my most sincere prayers and condolences. May his soul forever rest in peace! 🙏🏻✝️❤️

Sam Barbera - October 05, 2025 at 11:06 AM

CM

“ I have been blessed to know Mark for at least 22 years through the insurance industry. He was always friendly, professional and understanding. He always wanted to do the "right thing" for customers. I started at GTL in the New Business department but wanted to move to claims so I could have Mark as my Supervisor. He was my Supervisor before he became an Auditor. I pray wonderful memories will bring some comfort to his family at this sad time. God Bless his family.

Carol Midkiff - October 02, 2025 at 07:46 AM



“ 139 files added to the album LifeTributes



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - October 01, 2025 at 01:35 PM

IC

“ My husband and I have known Mark for over 40 years going back to our Bankers Life days along with being on the same bowling team. Mark was a very friendly, outgoing, intelligent individual. I had the honor of being his manager for a couple years where he continuously showed his enthusiasm, claim expertise, and leadership. He will truly be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Tony & Irene Carroo

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**IRENE CARROO** - October 01, 2025 at 08:27 AM

LO

“ Love, Frannie & Ray Oleksy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Mark R Pytel of Hoffman Estates.



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**Love, Frannie & Ray Oleksy** - October 01, 2025 at 01:27 AM

JT

“ Mark and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your dad passing. Saying prayers for you, your mom, and the rest of your family. Julie Trafton, Retired North Park Art Teacher

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**Julie Trafton** - September 30, 2025 at 09:23 PM

GK

“ Gerriss Klant purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Mark R Pytel of Hoffman Estates.



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**Gerriss Klant** - September 30, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CS

“ I worked briefly with Mark during my early days at UNL/GTL and he was such a kind, sincere and nice soul! He was one of the good ones!!! My thoughts and prayers to his family during this difficult time. May his loving memory bring you comfort and peace until you meet again.

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**Carrie Shapiro** - September 30, 2025 at 05:41 PM

CZ

“ Mark Pytel was more than just my first supervisor in the Claims department—he was a mentor, a supporter, and a genuinely kind soul. From the very beginning, Mark believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. His constant encouragement and trust helped me grow, not just professionally but personally. Mark had a warmth that made everyone feel welcome. He was always smiling, always positive, and never had a bad word to say about anyone. His presence brought calm and kindness to every room he entered. He led with compassion and integrity, and he inspired those around him to do the same. Rest in Peace, you will be missed!  
Cristina Zegrea

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**Cristina Zegrea** - September 30, 2025 at 04:55 PM

DD

“ I have been at GTL for a long time and even though I did not work with you closely, I enjoyed seeing you around the building. I missed you once you remote. But it was fun to say "Hi" and see you at the employee meetings. Rest in peace, Debbie Downes

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**Debbie M Downes** - September 30, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MP

“Dad, there are so many great memories that I will cherish forever, you coaching my t-ball team, the yearly cub scout fishing derby, yearly apple picking, and the large family gatherings at Christmas and 4th of July,

*There are also little things that I will always remember, our spending some weekends as a family getting pickles and cheese and watching home remodeling shows, planting and caring for the best garden in the neighborhood, having daily lunch with you when we worked together at GTL, or getting a pizza and watching a new DVD in the home theater.*

*I will miss your advice and our conversations about the crazy people at work. Rest well.*

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**Mark Pytel** - September 30, 2025 at 12:11 AM

KF

“Keith Pytel and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Mark R Pytel of Hoffman Estates.



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**Keith Pytel and family** - September 29, 2025 at 06:37 PM