



Mark "Tubby" Freihaut

April 11, 1970 - February 4, 2022

Mark "Tubby" Freihaut, 51, passed away on Friday evening, February 4, 2022 from complications due to pancreatic and liver cancer.

Mark was born on April 11, 1970 in St. Louis, Missouri to parents Kathleen Dolores and Norman. He was the youngest of three children. He attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Buchanan High School (B.H.S.) in 1988. Additionally, he received training at the Pike/Lincoln Technical Center in Eolia.

Very early on, Mark was an entrepreneur. At age 13, his first business venture, Games Galore, started with the purchase and placement of a video game at the "little store" across the street from B.H.S. As word spread of the little kid with a video game business, Mark continued to purchase and place more video games throughout Lincoln and surrounding counties. He eventually expanded his venture to include vending and entertainment machines.

Many of his Games Galore business partners were bar owners providing the gateway to his next chapter. His first bar, Tubb's Place, was located in his hometown of Hawk Point, Missouri followed by Tubb's Too in Troy, Missouri. At the height of his career, he simultaneously owned three Tubby's locations (Clarksville, Elsberry and New London). Mark's bars were more than just a

business. These locations were strategically created in small towns so that he could build a sense of community and family.

With the purchase of Tubby's Grub & Pub in New London, Mark and his daughter Hailie truly found their home in the area. Most remember the "off limits" booth where Hailie would do homework and the staff and patrons would share in her growth and development. Additionally, the Mark Twain Lake and nearby waterpark provided many fun experiences and memories. Mark was also locally famous for his annual 4th of July fireworks shows.

Mark was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer Memorial Day weekend 2019. Always the believer, his "I got this" attitude kept him going. He downsized his business ventures focusing on "getting better." A year later when things seemed to have improved, he returned to ownership of Tubby's Grub & Pub in New London. At that time, he also joined the team at Blackjack Marina as assistant manager. He loved working on and near the water and would frequently share stories of his day-to-day adventures.

Mark was always the quick-witted funny guy with a huge smile and infectious laugh. His favorite catch phrases included, "I got this", "what could go wrong", "toodle-loo" and "love you long time." In Mark's presence, you were guaranteed a sarcastic jab, joke, or "what the hell" moment. His love of life and compassion for people was enormous. During his lifetime, he took many trips to Las Vegas encouraging and inviting many friends to join. What happened in Vegas didn't always stay in Vegas because the stories were too funny not to share.

Mark (Tubby) Freihaut is survived by his proudest accomplishment, daughter Hailie Carter. He is also survived by mother Kathleen Dolores Asbridge, father Norman Freihaut, brother Erich and wife Cindy Freihaut and sister Nancy Freihaut. He has many nieces and nephews to carry on his memory.

Visitation will be at Bibb-Veach Funeral Home in Bowling Green, MO from 4-7 pm on Tuesday, February 8 with a service immediately following.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

FEB 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BC

“ I met Mark 16 years ago when I went to work for a local bank. We would always visit and laugh and joke around. I made a point to always stop and visit with him when I saw him. He would always call me that ‘Holy Roller’ 😂
I’m miss him

Beka Counts - February 12, 2022 at 08:20 AM

BS

“ I taught Mark in high school. I ate lunch in my room and Mark always stopped by to say hello and tell me the latest around school. We had great laughs together. May God’s light shine upon him.
Rest In Peace!

Betty Schulze - February 08, 2022 at 04:09 PM

GW

“ With our Deepest Condolences to Mark Family we will pray that God will bring you peace and comfort during this time. We will never forget Mark great laugh and how he can make everyone laugh just as hard. He was just terrific person and everyone Loved him. He will be missed by so many and remember forever. Rest in Peace Mark



Winberry Family
Grace, Tracy, Sonja, Telesha & Gracye

Grace Winberry - February 08, 2022 at 02:28 PM

MW

“ As neighbors, we enjoyed talking to Tubby and looked forward to his extravagant display of fireworks each fourth of July. We will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Jerry and Marie Wolpers

Marie Wolpers - February 08, 2022 at 12:46 PM

NF

Thank you Jerry & Marie - Mark LOVED doing the fireworks shows. Such memories!

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:12 PM

BA

IM SO SORRY, I DIDNT KNOW HE HAD PASSED ON. I ALWAYS HAD GOOD TIMES AND GOOD MEMORIES AT TUBS IN HAWK POINT.IT WAS LIKE A SECOND HOME TO ME ILL MISS YOU MARK AND THANKS FOR LETTING ME DO THE THINGS I DID..YOUR FRIEND IN TIME BOB (THE AXMANN) FULGHAM....

BOB (THE AXMANN)FULGHAM - June 16, 2025 at 04:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.



February 08, 2022 at 12:01 PM

KS

“ *Mark.... what a wonderful, thoughtful person of others he was. We'd go camping, he'd bring us a cooked dinner now and then to the lake. We heard he got sick, he would comfort YOU and joke about it to cheer you up! He was so selfless that the only way you knew he was suffering is anyone's guess. He never showed it to others. He was Kevin's best "like a brother" friend and he will be so greatly missed and we all need to remember Mark with a smile and live by his example that no matter how bad it is, smile and lift others up. This man could do just about ANYTHING! He would want us all to remember the fun times he brought to us. Keep his smile and laughter with you wherever you go. Till we all meet again in the future, sleep well everyone's friend.*

*We will miss and love always,
Kevin and Stephanie Smith*

Kevin S Smith - February 08, 2022 at 11:57 AM

NF

*Thank you Kevin & Stephanie -
Such a lovely tribute. "Keep his smile and laughter with you wherever you go." Amen!*

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ *Christine Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut*



Christine Pruitt - February 08, 2022 at 10:50 AM

CP

“ *Tubby was not just a neighbor and friend, but a brother to all of us at the the lake. He loved all of our kids just like he loved his sweet Hailie. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. Summers won't be the same, but your memory will never be forgotten (we will make sure of that). Rest in Peace and know we all loved you.*

The Pruitt's (Al, Christine, Courtney, Austin & Molly)

Christine Pruitt - February 08, 2022 at 10:49 AM

NF

Thank you Pruitt family! He loved all of you and we are grateful that he found his extended family at the lake.

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:15 PM

DC

“ *Dear Old Dad & Connie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.*



Dear Old Dad & Connie - February 08, 2022 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ *All of our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss and sorry. May peace be with all of you and help you at this time.*

Jeff and Tammy Harper

Jeff Harper - February 08, 2022 at 08:47 AM

NF

Thank you Jeff & Tammy - We appreciate the sentiment.

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:16 PM

JH

“ We had the pleasure of getting to know Tubby. He was a Joy to be around, provided many laughs, and lasting memories.
Last night, Last night, Last night!!!
Jeff & Diane Hoeken

Jeff Hoeken - February 07, 2022 at 08:47 PM

NF

Jeff & Diane - Oh we laugh at how many "sayings" Mark had! Thank you for the sentiment.

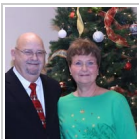
Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.*



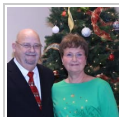
February 07, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Charlie Erwin lit a candle in memory of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut*



Charlie Erwin - February 07, 2022 at 07:55 PM



Only knew Mark while working at the Marina. He went out of his way to help us in every-way possible and always with a big smile. I will truly miss his presence

Charlie Erwin - February 07, 2022 at 07:59 PM

NF

Thank you Charlie - Mark loved the Marina! We are grateful that so many people got to know him during his time there.

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:18 PM

BY

“ *Beth & Ken Yaeger lit a candle in memory of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut*



Beth & Ken Yaeger - February 07, 2022 at 06:30 PM

BE

The sweetest guy with the biggest heart and a laugh so infectious you could hear him throughout the neighborhood. We will miss you so so much...it breaks our hearts to never be able to see you again but we pray someday our paths will cross again in the hereafter. God Speed Tubby - We love you!

Beth - February 07, 2022 at 06:37 PM

NF

Thank you Beth & Ken - Yes! That laugh was infectious! We're so glad SO many people got to share in the joy.

Nancy Freihaut - February 08, 2022 at 01:19 PM

LY

“ *Love, Beth & Ken Yaeger purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.*



Love, Beth & Ken Yaeger - February 07, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.



February 07, 2022 at 04:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mark "Tubby" Freihaut.



February 07, 2022 at 04:21 PM