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Mark Alan Garretson, age 47 of Bloomfield, Iowa, formerly of Centerville, Iowa, passed away Saturday, May 7, 2016.

He was born in Centerville, Iowa on October 9, 1968, the son of Jerry and Janet Jean (Richardson) Garretson. Mark graduated from Seymour High School in 1987. He continued his education at Iowa State University. Mark graduated from Buena Vista University with a bachelor's degree in Business. He was united in marriage to Rochelle Lawson on June 26, 2010.

Mark was a lifelong resident of Southern Iowa. He was employed with Rathbun Regional Water Association for nearly twenty three years as an accountant. Mark also obtained his Iowa real estate license in 2005 at which time he joined Action Realty/Iowa Realty. He later joined Weber Real Estate where he specialized in Sales & Marketing, relocations and property management. Mark also maintained the SFR (Short Sales & Foreclosure Resource) Certification. In 2014-2015 he was the President of the Rathbun Regional Board of Realtors, previously serving the past eight years as the board secretary and treasurer, as well as the MLS committee chairman. Mark also served on the board of directors for the Southeast Iowa Regional Board of Realtors. In January of 2014 Mark graduated from the Missouri Auctioneer School, achieving the title of Colonel. Mark enjoyed his time as an auctioneer.

Mark treasured the opportunity to serve the community in a volunteer role as both a special deputy with the Appanoose County Sheriff's Office and a volunteer firefighter with the Centerville Fire Department.

Mark possessed many hobbies in his free time, including camping, woodworking, carpentry, tractor shows, and attending the Iowa State Fair. He was a member of the Plano Christian Church. Most importantly, he cherished the time he spent with his family and friends, especially his wife, Rochelle and his two children, Chelsea and Clay.



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He is survived by his wife, Rochelle Garretson of Bloomfield, Iowa; two children, Chelsea Garretson (FiancAC., Virgil Shondel) and Clay Garretson both of Centerville, Iowa; his parents, Jerry and Jean Garretson of Centerville, Iowa; a brother, Kent (Jennifer) Garretson, and his children, Samuel Garretson and Julianna Garretson all of Andover, Kansas; his grandmother, Grace Scott of Centerville, Iowa; Father-in-law Junior Lawson and mother-in-law, Kay Lawson of Moulton, Iowa; Grandmothers, Christine White of Centerville, Iowa and Doris Lawson of Bloomfield, Iowa; a sister-in-law, Rhonda (Ronnie) Norton of Bloomfield, Iowa; brother in laws, Randy (Barb) Lawson of Bloomfield, Iowa, Ryan Lawson of Bloomfield, Iowa and Robert Lawson of West Lafayette, Indiana; nieces, Alyssa (Jason) Gardner of Moulton, Iowa and Drew Norton of Cedar Falls; Nephews, Travis (Jennifer) Knowler of Moulton, Iowa, and Dakota (Kayci) Knowler of Ankeny, Iowa; two great nieces and two great nephews. Mark was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Carl and Cora Garretson; his grandfather, John Richardson; and a step grandfather, Alva Scott.

Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Friday, May 13, 2016 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville, Iowa with Pastor Lloyd Johnston and Jeff Probasco officiating. Burial will follow in the Sunset View Cemetery near Moulton, Iowa. A visitation will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at Lange Funeral Home in Centerville from 10 AM-8PM, with the family greeting friends from 5-8 PM. Memorials have been established to the family of Mark Garretson and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

Thursday, May 12 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

Friday, May 13 10:00 AM

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:47 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall.**



October 13 at 3:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

We must go when we are called. Not negotiable. No second guess. ... To Chelsea, Clay, Rochelle What Mark gave you will be your comfort. Our prayers for you in your grief now and as you travel ahead with his gifts. Walk tall. ... To Jerry, Jeanie, Kent, Aunt Virginia Mark reflected your true love and passed it on freely in so very many ways. Peace be with you now. ... Mark's many cousins (Bunch, Grismore, Mumma, Bower and more) grieve with you, send you comfort and pray for your living with Joy! Posted by Margo Mumma - Minnetonka, MN May 13, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Mark. Words cannot express the grief you are going thru right now. My wife Angie and I met Mark who helped us find our new home in Centerville. We met with Mark a few times and he had taken us thru our first walk thru of our new home. Such a hardworking and genuine guy. We are so shocked and saddened by his untimely passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. We know his spirit will continue to be with us as we work on our new house he helped us find. R.I.P Mark till we meet again. Heaven has gained another angel to watch over us. Posted by Ted Smith - Coralville, IA - Acquaintance May 13, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am very sorry to read of the loss of Mark. I was a teacher of one of his children. Sincerely, Richard H. Keilig Jr. Posted by Richard Keilig Jr. - Centerville, IA - Teacher May 12, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Mark will never be forgotten. I know I'll always look over at the house expecting to see that grin on his face and waiting for a comment what ever it might be. I won't see him now but I know he will be there. See you again someday. Julie Posted by Julie Snyder - Bloomfield, IA - Neighbor May 12, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about this tragedy! My thoughts and prayers go out for you. [I am a distant cousin; my maternal grandmother, Arabella Lowe Murphy, was daughter of John Lowe] Posted by Karen Zeck - Knoxville, IA - Family May 12, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I remember Mark and 2 of his buddies bought me as a slave in slave auction during Freshman Initiation of my high school career in Seymour. Being best friends with Kent, Mark kept an eye on me to make sure the ruff housing never got to harsh. He always looked out for me as if I was a younger brother too. Posted by Graham Noble - Shawnee, KS - Friend May 11, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

It is still unbelievable that Mark is gone. He will be truly missed - I was so looking forward to having Mark as my President of the South East Regional Board of REALTOR in a couple of years. Mark really cared about our industry, he only wanted the best for our profession and the same for the buyers and sellers. I will always think of Mark as one of the good guys in a white hat on my team. May you rest in peace dear friend. To the Garettson family, may you cherish your memories I'm sure there are many until you meet again. Posted by Barbara Kerr - Burlington, IA - Coworker May 11, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

I was so shocked and saddened upon hearing of Mark's passing. I only knew him for a short time as a fellow member of the Southeast Iowa Regional Board of Realtors. Mark was such a great guy and so easy to work with. He will be sorely missed by everyone in our regional board. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and close friends. Sincerely, Diane Kroll Burlington, IA - Coworker May 10, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to heard about Mark !! Posted by Marisela Sanchez - Friend May 10, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear. I got to know Mark through real estate meetings. RIP Mark and may God comfort your family. Posted by Maggie Popson - Des Moines, IA - Acquaintance May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Rochelle, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you!! Posted by Lisa Garrett Huguen May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and Prayers for the family Posted by Harold and Twyla Hulme - Centerville, IA - Friend May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Chelsea and Clay my God be with you and give you strength. The pain is all to real. One day at a time kids, sometimes one minute at a time. You are loved Posted by Nickole Archer - Centerville, IA - Family May 09, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chelsea and family,My condolences on this tragic loss. May you find peace and comfort with the support from each other during this difficult time.Prayers and Hugs,Sheila Mattly Posted by Sheila Mattly - Corydon, IA - Coworker May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

You have my deepest sympathy on the death of Mark. I was able to get to know him in 2015 - present time as a fellow member on the Southeast Iowa Regional Board of Realtors. I admired his enthusiasm and candor when representing the Rathbun area realtors. He was a hard worker and always had a lot to contribute to our process of starting and directing a large regional board. I will greatly miss him at our upcoming meetings and will always be reminded of how short life can be.Karen Converse Posted by Karen Converse - Oskaloosa, IA - Coworker May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

So very sorry for your loss Rochelle. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Posted by Sherri Guter - Bloomfield, IA - Friend May 09, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was a great guy and I really enjoyed working with him on the Regional Board. He was a true professional and made going to meetings fun. Tim Peevler Posted by Tim Peevler - Keokuk, IA - Acquaintance May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

I still can't believe this, Mark was a great guy & obviously touched many people's lives, I hadn't seen him much lately but the last time I did he came up to me & we talked just like we had seen each other yesterday, I will never forget that & all the goofy things he did way back when. My heart aches for Chelsea, Clay & the rest of his family & friends. Rest in peace Mark. Posted by Robin Bennett - Holt, MO - Friend May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss! Thoughts and prayers to you all! Posted by Jan Townsend - Bloomfield, IA - Friend May 09, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

In memory of your loved one and with sympathy in your loss. May you find comfort in your great memories. Posted by Karen Burns Mattly - Corydon, IA May 09, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for Mark's family of their loss, he will forever be missed. Posted by Marion & Jane Zemo - Centerivlle, IA - Friend May 09, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mark I will always remember you as a great friend, wonderful father and a very Loyal Person. Keep in touch from Above! You will be Truly be Misses. Rest In Peace! Posted by Deanna Varese - Friend May 09, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

I am writing this with a very heavy heart as today I realize a very dear friend has been taken away. Words cannot say what he meant to me and all of his family. Mark will be missed by many and will be forever in our hearts. Thank you Mark for being there for me. You will be forever loved. My deepest sympathy goes to Clay, Chelsea, Rochelle, Kent and his parents. Rest in peace Mark.
Posted by Marlys Ragan - Moravia, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

So very sorry. I enjoyed working with Mark. He was a great person. Posted by Madeline Cummins - Ankeny, IA May 08, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Chelesa I am so sorry for your loss. May God be with you and your family and this saddened time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Thinking of you Reggie & Debbie VanDyne
Posted by Debra VanDyne - Centerville, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers! Mark was an amazing guy and will be deeply missed. Posted by Haley Cowan - Cincinnati, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am praying for strength and comfort for all of Marks family and friends. He will be missed .
Posted by Janet Demry - Centerville, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

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Anonymous posted:

Chelsea and family, I am so sad to hear and see the reports of Mark's death. Please know that I will be thinking of you all in the coming days. Posted by Dianne Strickler - springville, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God bless the family with comfort. My heart aches. The world will miss Mark so much. He was a great person and I'm so glad the I was able to know him. Posted by Barb Melvin - Centerville, IA - Friend May 08, 2016

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Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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