



## Mark T. Wagner "Ketchum"

December 4, 1948 - November 13, 2021

Mark T. Wagner "Ketchum," age 72, of Kalamazoo, passed away suddenly Saturday, November 13, 2021 at his home. Mark was born December 4, 1948 in Allegan, son of the late Harry and Eveline Ketchum and was adopted and raised by Philip Wagner. Mark was a graduate of Lawton High School class of 1967. He was employed by Uniquely Gourmet and was a born salesman with the gift of gab. Mark was an eternal optimist and a friend to anyone. Mark was a very loving and caring man and cherished wearing the hats of husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and mentor. Mark was not one to sit still and refused to retire.

Surviving is his wife of 28 years, Luella; children, Emily (Evan) Linnert, Joe (Heidi Stevenson) Wagner, John (Errin Ironside) Wagner, Laura (Carl Hicks) Winsborrow, Barbara (Tom) Wright; grandchildren, Cody, Tyler, Daton, Macayla, Melody, Logan, Evalyn, Olive; great grandchildren, Inara, Mikasa, Navahia, Zelda; stepmother, Ann Snyder; countless nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Harry Wagner and Marianne Ketchum, who both passed earlier this year; a granddaughter, April Winsborrow; and niece, Lora Sherburne.

Following his wishes cremation has taken place. Inurnment will take place in East Cooper Cemetery, 7942 N. Riverview Drive, Cooper Twp., at 10 AM on Tuesday, November 23. The family will meet friends at Gobles United Methodist Church from 11 AM until time of service at noon. Masks will be required. A luncheon will follow. Because Mark loved to feed people and was always thinking of others, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Christian Neighbors or the Otsego St. Vincent De Paul. Arrangements entrusted to the Gobles Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home, <http://www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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## East Cooper Cemetery

D Ave at Riverview Dr.  
Cooper Township, MI,

# Events

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**NOV 23 Inurnment 10:00AM**

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East Cooper Cemetery  
D Ave at Riverview Dr., Cooper Township, MI, US

**NOV 23 Visitation 11:00AM**

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Gobles United Methodist Church  
210 E. Exchange, Gobles, MI, US

**NOV 23 Memorial Service 12:00PM**

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# Comments

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“ Hayleigh Ann Birdsall lit a candle in memory of Mark T. Wagner "Ketchum"



Hayleigh Ann Birdsall - December 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM

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“ ust a month ago or 2 i was trying to get somewhere by walking from my house and i really wanted to see someone i care about and he found me walking about halfway there and then he took me to where i needed to go he was such a wonderful person and he had the same smile that day and said hop on in and he gave me a ride because he saw me walking and saw me almost get hit by a car and it had happened two times so he decided to go to my house to see if anybody was home but then nobody answered the door and he found out i was home alone and left to walk to a persons trailer on Taylor Rd which was about 2 to 3 hours of walking from where i was and he drove me to that persons house asked if i had eaten yet i said no and he had offered me a trip to the grocery store or McDonald's for fruit or a meal and i said fruit and he took me straight to the grocery store and brought me home that day my fear is that he died suffering i know he did not deserve that some people are saying it was a heart attack but i hope he rests in peace and that he is safe and sound in heaven.

Hayleigh Ann Birdsall - December 01, 2021 at 09:35 AM

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“ I was shocked to hear of Mark's passing this morning. I was introduced to Mark when I was attending Western Michigan University way back when. We reconnected on Facebook and found we had mutual friends in common as I was from Paw Paw. He had a great sense of humor and was just a nice human. He had a great love for his family and I know he'll be missed by so many. May his memory be a blessing to all of you.

Dawn Brisbane - November 29, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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“ I am so very sorry and shocked! We had some wonder times at WMU. My thoughts are with your family.

**Marilyn Marrah** - November 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM

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“ Have known few and more generous, honest and motivated people then Mark. His visits to our woodshop will be missed. Tosh

**Jim McIntosh** - November 23, 2021 at 10:37 AM

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“ My cousin Mark was so kind and generous. We were so shocked and saddened by the news of his passing. Mark made it a point to stop at our store often. Whether it was just to say hello and talk about his beautiful family or to share some of the wonderful products he worked with. He helped us on so many occasions. Our store would not be the same if it wasn't for Mark. To save us shipping costs he would bring us products and also worked to split our orders with other stores to avoid the large minimum orders. He will be greatly missed! Our heart go out to his family and friends. May there be peace in the many beautiful memories.

**Debbie Ketchum** - November 21, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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“ I remember Mark, Fondly. He was good friends with my Dad (David Beegle). They used to have such good fun together. I also remember we received jars of pickles, tomatoes, ect. I am sorry for your loss.

**Laura Beegle** - November 17, 2021 at 07:54 AM

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“ Luella, sending thoughts and prayers. Barbara Merchant

**Barbara Merchant** - November 17, 2021 at 06:12 AM

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“ Mark and I were kids together in Lawton and spent many days and hours together. He use to enjoy riding with me on my Motor cycles. Mark spent more time at our house then he did any other place. He use to come over and right away get into the jar of Pickles, he loved the home canned Pickles. I will miss him.

**Dick Gwilt** - November 16, 2021 at 09:48 AM

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“ Vicky Souza lit a candle in memory of Mark T. Wagner "Ketchum"



**Vicky Souza** - November 16, 2021 at 07:49 AM

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“ So many wonderful memories of our friendship that began in 1969 while students at Western Michigan University. More recently, the conversations and social visits we enjoyed at Mark’s office locations as well as our “road trips” to wherever the road took us. RIP my beloved friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.  
Tom & Ginny Kowalski

**Tok Kowalski** - November 15, 2021 at 08:07 PM



“ I fondly remember Mark and Harry on their farm and my brother & i on my grandfather's 1farm directly across M 40. We exchanged some dialect. Can't recall all that was said. great being raised in Gobles. RIP

**BRENDA HUNTER** - November 30, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ Mark was such an amazing person he was the kindest most caring loving person in the whole world i was his neighbor and is friend we were very close with him and Luella my name is Hayleigh Birdsall and my dad is Micheal Scott Birdsall he did not deserve this he is the most amazing person in the whole world this is such a tragedy he was always there for anybody no matter who or what they are and he had the biggest heart he was a good person he helped me calm down and feel better the very last time i saw him was when i walked over without telling my parents cause i was taking pumpkins out to our pasture and then i saw his truck in the front lawn and he said hi so i decided to walk across the street without telling anyone and every time something happened he was always positive he had the biggest heart and was such a wonderful person it is so hard for me to accept the fact that hes gone and is not coming back i still think to myself hes over there and still alive so i can see him one last time but i lie to myself

**Hayleigh Ann Birdsall** - December 01, 2021 at 09:28 AM