



Mark D. Horton

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Mark Douglas Horton, age 64, of Sheffield Twp. passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2017.

He was born on May 19, 1952 in Lorain, Ohio to Glenn and Charlotte (nee Mitchell) Horton and graduated from Clearview High School in 1970 and from Kent State University in 1974. Upon his graduation from college he was employed by Gilford Industries of Oberlin in the advertising department.

Mark enjoyed photography, boating, scuba diving and traveling the world. He especially enjoyed entertaining his friends and family at his and his wife, Barbara's home in Marblehead.

He was a very proud alumnus of Clearview High School and announced the football games for many years.

He began his career in fire fighting as a teenager working as a volunteer fire fighter for Sheffield Twp., where his grandfather, Glenn Horton served a Fire Chief and his father, Gene served as a fire fighter.

Mark served the City of Elyria as a Fire Fighter for 29 years. He had been involved in the fire fighters union throughout his career. He served Local 474 as President for 25 years before stepping down in 2006 to focus on his role as the Ohio Association of Professional Fire Fighters (OAPFF) Secretary/Treasurer.

In Elyria, Mark was able to grow the local's influence by building relationships within the Fire Department and with City Council. In 2004, Mark was elected OAPFF Secretary/Treasurer. Since that time, he professionalized the operations of the organization; oversaw relocation of the OAPFF offices to be closer to other organizations with whom the Association does business; assisted with reunification of locals from the Northeast Ohio area; and worked diligently in the interest of fire fighter and public safety.

He was instrumental in expanding the legislative influence of the OAPFF during his



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tenure. Under the leadership of Secretary/Treasurer Horton and President Mark Sanders, the OAPFF has garnered tremendous respect on Capital Square and throughout the state of Ohio.

In November 2015, Mark was elected Trustee in Sheffield Township, Ohio, a position in which he was proud to serve.

Mark is survived by his wife of 33 years, Barbara; his beloved dog, Edith; step-mother, Jerry (Jeremiah) Newbury; brother-in-laws, James (Kathy), Thomas, and Donald Burrill; 2 nieces, Lorie Brengelman, and Kelly Briggs; nephews Thomas, Mark, and Christian Burrill, and Anthony and Justin Briggs; loving cousin, Angie (Pat) Riley; many other cousins; and tens of thousands of grateful fire fighters across Ohio and throughout the Country.

The Horton family will receive friends on Friday, February 17, 2017 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Copper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, February 18th. at 10:00 a.m. at Elyria Catholic High School Coliseum, 725 Gulf Rd. Elyria, OH 44035. (EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT THE HIGH SCHOOL). Private family entombment will follow the service at Calvary Cemetery, Lorain.

The family suggest contributions be made in memory of Mark to the Friendship Animal Protective League, 8303 Murray Ridge Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 or to the Mark Horton Memorial Fund, at any Huntington National Bank Location, Account Number 01662749517.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.dovinreberjones.com



Events

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Visitation

 **Friday**, February 17, 2017


 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



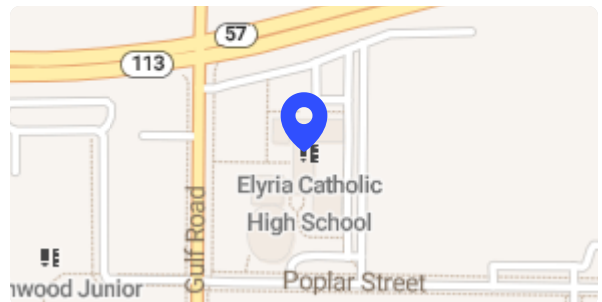
Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, February 18, 2017

 10:00 AM ET

 **Elyria Catholic High School Coliseum**

725 Gulf Road, Elyria OH 44035





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WB

Wayne Baird posted:

KNEW HIM FROM CHS SORRY TO HEAR OF HIM PASSNIG ON

July 17 at 12:56 PM

MK

Mike Keys posted:

I am sorry I was unable to express my condolences in person. I always found Mark to be professional in all of my dealings with him. In spite of the fact that our positions often put us on opposite sides of issues, I always thought that we had mutual respect for each other. I know that I respected Mark and the work he performed for the City of Elyria and for his union. Mike Keys

February 19 at 12:03 PM

NB

Nasreen Bhumbra posted:

So shocked by Mark's untimely death. My thoughts and prayers with Barbara and Mark's family and friends. Nasreen Bhumbra Toledo OH

February 17 at 7:20 AM

GB

Gary & Jill Biltz posted:

Our deepest sympathies for the loss of Mark, a true brother. Gary & Jill Biltz

February 16 at 3:47 PM

RD

Ron Dziak posted:

I remember when Mark was born. His parents were so happy and proud of their baby boy. His mom and mine were good friends. When Mark was elected our township trustee, it was a day to rejoice, knowing that a good man would serve with all he had. Mark will be missed by many who were affected by his unending devotion. Rest well, my friend...Ron Dziak

February 16 at 12:31 PM

WC

Willis Calhoun posted:

Sorry for your loss! Graduated with Mark. Live in Sheffield Township most of my life. With sympathy Willis & Lynne Calhoun

February 16 at 11:32 AM



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Jim & Linda Henry lit a candle in honor of Mark.

We will miss a very dedicated friend and brother and all your efforts to improve fire fighting and safety in the department. We enjoyed all the good times at the Marblehead picnics and boating, reverse raffles, skiing and love of pets. Sorry we can not be there but you are in our hearts and prayers. Jim & Linda Henry

February 16 at 9:59 AM



Pat Echko lit a candle in honor of Mark.

RIP Trustee Horton. Thank You for your dedicated service to Sheffield Township. You will NEVER be forgotten. You will live in our hearts forever. Pat Echko

February 15 at 4:48 PM



Vincent Howard February 16 at 3:26 PM

RIP Secretary Horton.. Thank you for your service as a Union President as a Fire Fighter from Elyria. We will all miss you. You always had a smile on your face all the time. You were there when someone needed to talk to you about a problem. It was hard to believe when the first notice was placed on the computer. I worked with you for 13 years as a Fire Fighter and 24 years as an Arson Investigator/ Inspector with Elyria Fire Department. I am very sorry I will be unable to attend your Memorial Service but I am not driving the far any more. I will be 85 years old in May and the furthest I drive is to Mt Gilead to our daughters house to see our grand children and our great grand children. I thought about contacting Marion Fire Department but this is a small town and I didn't think they would be going besides I am a burden as I use a rollator/walker to get around. God Bless all who attend this service and God Bless Barbara and all of Mark's relatives. Vincent Howard, Retired in 1999.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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