Mark Steven Johnston, age 62, of New Rockford, ND, died Monday, August 3, 2020 in his home.

Mark Johnston was born on February 1, 1958, the son of Jerry and Margie Johnston in Lansford, ND and graduated from Lansford High School in 1976. He attended Minnesota State University of Moorhead to complete his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Education.

Mark started his teaching career in Fargo, ND at Shanley High School. He got married in 1991 to Laurie and moved to Wyoming for a year where he was a Park Ranger, which was an exciting experience. From there Mark and Laurie moved to Texas where he taught for twelve years. They decided to move back to North Dakota and he has been here ever since. During these years Mark traveled to many states and had many adventures; from feeding marshmallows to alligators in the swamps of Louisiana to attending Les Miserables on Broadway in New York City. However, his greatest pride in his life was raising two of the most amazing kids in the world. He loved them with all of his heart.

He enjoyed golfing, apple pie, and pi. He never failed to put a smile on everyone's face. The amount of lives he touched cannot be counted (although we're sure that he would try).

He is survived by his daughter, Briana (Andrew) Floyd, Bagley, MN; son, Eric (Angela) Johnston, Fargo, ND; mother, Margie Johnston, Harlingen, TX; two brothers, Terry (Tonia) Johnston and Jeff (Deb) Johnston; three sisters, Mickey (Andy) Gonzales, Gwen Siegmund, and Marie Johnston; many nieces and nephews; as well as his students and coworkers, whom he thought of as family.

He is preceded by his father, Jerry Johnston.

In Loving Memory



Mark S. Johnston

February 1, 1958 – August 3, 2020

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day To laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, he set me free.

"Gone Fishing" ~ Mr. J.

Celebrating The Life Of

Mark Steven Johnston

February 1, 1958 – Lansford, ND August 3, 2020 – New Rockford, ND

CELEBRATION OF LIFE Friday, August 7, 2020 ~ 10:00AM - 3:00PM Ceremony at 11:00AM New Rockford Golf Course, New Rockford, ND

> **OFFICIATING** Fr. Reese Weber

MUSIC Meaningful Songs Selected by Family and Friends

> HONORARY BEARERS All of Mark's Family and Close Friends

BURIAL Castle Rock Valley Cemetery, Castle Rock, MN

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home – Carrington & New Rockford, ND www.EvansFuneralHomeND.com

