



Mark Harris Chambers

June 13, 1953 - April 20, 2025

Mark Harris Chambers, age 71, of Mackinac Island, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 20, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on June 13, 1953, in Petoskey, Michigan, to Patrick and Joyce (Harris) Chambers.

Mark grew up surrounded by the beauty of Mackinac Island — a place that would shape his life and forever hold his heart. He was proud graduate of the very first class of Mackinac Island High School, Mark's roots in the island community ran deep. His working life began as a Dock Porter at the Windermere Hotel, where he forged lifelong friendships and a deep connection to the island's rhythms. At 19, driven by curiosity and adventure, he embarked on a solo bicycle trip from St. Ignace to Washington — a testament to his independent spirit and quiet courage. He returned home with an even greater love for the island and continued his work at the Windermere before starting with Edison Sault Electric in 1984. In 1985, Mark married the love of his life, Jody Johnson, and together they built a family filled with love, laughter, and shared adventures. Mark also drove Mackinac Island horse taxi, always lending a hand whenever the island needed. He worked as a lineman for Cloverland Electric for thirty-two years, retiring in 2015.

Mark was a co-founder of the Mackinac Island Ski Club, a member of “the Maniboajo Bay Yacht Club”, and a faithful member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Mark loved sailing on his beloved boat the Windermere, gliding through cross-country ski trails, or paddling a canoe in quiet waters, playing baseball, and he was a whisperer of all animals, especially horses.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Jody Chambers; children, Richard (Kate) Chambers of Mackinac Island, Emma (Dan) Motz of Mackinac Island, Robert Chambers of Mackinac Island, Maggie (Eric) Obschering of Mackinac Island, and Clara Chambers of Mackinac Island; grandchildren, Beau, Maizy, Birdie, and Scottie Motz; siblings, John (Jane) Chambers of St. Ignace, Michigan, Nancy (Gene) Laborde of Appleton, Wisconsin; cousin - whom he considered a sister, Margaret Doud of Mackinac Island; brothers and sisters-in-law, Coley (Debbie) Johnson of Dansville, Michigan, Linda "Summer" (Chris) Porter of Evergreen, Colorado, Brad (Bev) Johnson of Reno, Arizona, and Martha Johnson of Clark Lake, Michigan.

Mark was preceded in death by his daughter, Olivia Chambers; parents, Patrick and Joyce Chambers; aunt & uncle, Jeannette & Robert Doud; and brother-in-law, Jeff Johnson.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Mackinac Island on April 24, 2025, at 11:00 AM.

Final Resting Place will be at St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mark's memory to the Olivia Chambers Fund for Chronic Diseases, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1933, Mackinac Island, MI 49757.

Family Life Funeral Homes - St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be given to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Catholic Cemetery

Garrison Road
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anne's Catholic Church
Main Street
Mackinac Island, MI 49757

Tribute Wall

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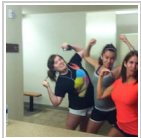
“ i played softball with mark and Mikie ,chubs Ike , clayton , when i lived on the island 1986-1995 team was island service company, cross country skied and tennis with him, we put the night lights up at turtle park, { i helped adjust the lighting with mark on the pole}.
LANNY

LANNY STANKIEWICZ - January 05 at 01:22 PM

LG

“ Dear Jody and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We havent seen you the last couple times we were on the island but you have always been in our thoughts. You and Mark built a wonderful family together and clearly have the love and respect of so many. It is great to read of Mark's spirit and dedication. Love and prayers to you all. Lynn and Robert

Lynn Sweeney -Goesten and Robert Goesten - May 18, 2025 at 01:32 PM



“ I am just offering my condolences. I am a distant cousin (Chambers). I knew Mark's mother years ago, she was my grandfather (Ted/Theodore's sister, he passed in 1983) sister. After my parents moved to TN I lost touch with Uncle Gordon, Uncle Ken, Aunt Joyce, etc... I was looking into my grandfather's WW II service when I saw this. My name is Tina Schoerner, my mother is Terry Chambers.



Tina Schoerner - May 08, 2025 at 06:40 PM

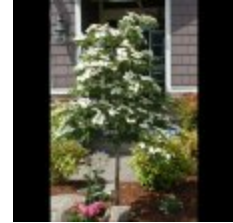
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“ *Billy, Stephanie, BreeGracie & Juni Olsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Harris Chambers.*

Billy, Stephanie, BreeGracie & Juni Olsen - May 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM

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“ *Billy, Stephanie, BreeGracie & Juni Olsen purchased the Chinese Dogwood Tree for the family of Mark Harris Chambers.*



Billy, Stephanie, BreeGracie & Juni Olsen - May 06, 2025 at 10:30 AM

AN

“ *I was saddened to hear this. I always loved running into him in town. At a time when certain islanders were bullying and shunning me, he was always cordial and friendly to me. He would always greet me with a smile and a big hello. It might not have seemed like much to him, but the power of a few kind words should never be underestimated. I appreciated his kindness. Prayers to the family.*

Anonymous - April 23, 2025 at 03:13 PM

GP

“ *To our friend, Jody and family, We're so sorry for your family's loss. Mark was a great man in so many ways. Our prayers and condolences to you and your family during this sad time.*

George and Brenda Piliouras - April 23, 2025 at 12:52 PM

GG

“ To Jody and family, Judith joins me in extending our deepest sympathy. Mark was a wonderful friend who was always a joy to be around. We would often see him at different places on the Island and always enjoyed listening to him. He loved the Island and was a people person. May the memories of his outstanding life help the ease the pain of your loss.

George D. Goodman - April 23, 2025 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ Dear Jody and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss, and will be praying for all of you, especially tomorrow during the funeral time. Words cannot describe what a wonderful person he was. Sending our thoughts and love. Jerry and Reinette Murray

Jerry & Reinette Murray - April 23, 2025 at 10:04 AM