

Mark Vincent Strubbe was born on July 22, 1952, in Hudson, South Dakota, to Vincent and Betty Strubbe. He was raised on a family farm near Rock Valley, Iowa, alongside his three siblings and attended Rock Valley High School. Following his education, Mark served his country with honor in the United States Army for 20 years.

Mark was united in marriage to Susan King. Together they were blessed with three children: Shawn (Jenny) Strubbe, Tonia (Jeremy) Van't Hul, and Jason (Amy) Strubbe. During Mark's military career, the family spent many years traveling and creating lasting memories. After his retirement from the Army, Mark and Sue returned to Rock Valley to be closer to family.

In April 2014, Mark's health declined, and he became a resident of Whispering Heights. Despite his challenges, he remained known for his vivid storytelling, warm personality, and great sense of humor. He had a natural ability to bring joy to those around him and was often the life of the party.

Mark cherished time with his family, especially playing catch with his grandchildren, enjoying popcorn while watching his favorite shows, and never being without his Diet Pepsi. He also loved fishing, cutting wood, and spending time outdoors whenever he was able.

Mark passed away after a long battle with health issues at Whispering Heights in Rock Valley on Monday, March 23, 2026, at the age of 73.

Grateful for having shared his life are his three children: Shawn (Jenny) Strubbe; Tonia (Jeremy) Van't Hul; and Jason (Amy) Strubbe; eight grandchildren: Danielle (Marcus) Van Keckerix, Dominique (Austin) Blankespoor, Madison (Trai) Cleveringa, Zachary (Aubri) Strubbe, JT Van't Hul, Tia Van't Hul, Trista Van't Hul, and Reality Strubbe; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Billie (Ray) Berner.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Betty Strubbe; brother, Jim Strubbe; sister, Vicki Olson; brother-in-law, Harvey Olson; and nephew, Mike Berner.

## *Remembering the Life of Mark Vincent Strubbe*

*July 22, 1952 ~ March 23, 2026*

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE**

2:00 PM, Friday, March 27, 2026

Porter Funeral Home  
Rock Valley, Iowa

### **OFFICIANTS**

Jason Strubbe  
Pastor Chris Van Beek

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*"One Day At A Time"*

Kris Kristofferson

*"How Great Thou Art"*

Randy Travis

*"Take Me Home, Country Roads"*

John Denver

### **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Danielle Van Keckerix ~ Dominique Blankespoor

Madison Cleveringa ~ Zachary Strubbe

JT Van't Hul ~ Tia Van't Hul

Trista Van't Hul ~ Reality Strubbe

### **PRIVATE FAMILY INURNMENT**

Valley View Cemetery  
Rock Valley, Iowa

*Mark's family invites everyone to stay for a time  
of refreshments and visiting immediately  
following the memorial service.*

# *In Loving Memory*

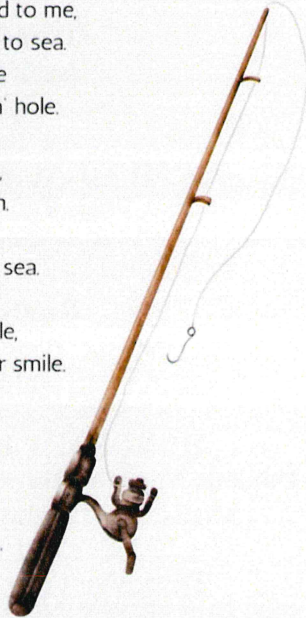
## *Gone Fishing*

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.  
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'.



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