



Mark Lesko

January 23, 1957 - June 4, 2026

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Born in Illinois in 1957 to Matthew and Marilyn Lesko, Mark grew up alongside his five brothers and developed a deep appreciation for the natural world that would shape the course of his life. Summers spent at Lake Shangri-La fostered a lifelong love of nature, conservation, and the outdoors.

Mark was an outdoorsman in every sense of the word. He found joy, purpose, and peace outside, and spent nearly every spare moment working on a project, improving the land, or helping it thrive. Whether tending his own property and tree nursery, volunteering countless hours with Seno K/RLT, or lending a hand to friends, neighbors, and strangers alike, Mark was a true steward of the land. He saw potential everywhere and worked tirelessly to leave every place better than he found it.

Mark possessed a remarkable gift for teaching. He generously shared his knowledge, skills, and wisdom with anyone eager to learn. Whether identifying plants and wildlife, teaching practical skills, explaining how something worked, or helping someone tackle a difficult project, he found genuine joy in passing along what he knew. His patience, encouragement, and willingness to help made him a trusted mentor and friend to many.

While his accomplishments were numerous, Mark's greatest pride and joy was his family. He met and married his graduate school sweetheart, Janet, and from the moment they found each other, they were true soulmates. Together, they shared 45 wonderful years filled with love, partnership, laughter, and adventure. Mark was a devoted husband who adored Janet, and theirs was a rare and enduring love built on unwavering support, deep friendship, and mutual respect. Together, they created a life centered on family, hard work, and shared values.

Mark was a loving father to Reva and Benjamin (Ariane), and he took immense pride in passing on his love of the outdoors, conservation, curiosity, and craftsmanship to his children. His lessons extended far beyond practical skills; he taught by example the importance of kindness, integrity, generosity, and caring for the world around us.

Nothing brought a brighter smile to Mark's face than his granddaughters, Josie and Lucy. He absolutely lit up in their presence. Whether exploring outdoors, sharing stories, teaching them something new, or simply enjoying their company, he treasured every moment spent with them. Being their Papa was one of the greatest joys of his life, and the love he had for them was evident to everyone who knew him.

Mark was known as a man of extraordinary kindness and generosity. He was the person people called when they needed help, advice, encouragement, or an extra set of hands. Selfless, hardworking, compassionate, and endlessly curious, he approached life with a deep sense of purpose and a genuine desire to make a difference. His quiet acts of service touched countless lives, often without recognition or expectation of anything in return.

Mark leaves behind a legacy of stewardship, knowledge, generosity, and love. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of

knowing him. Though his absence leaves an immeasurable void, the lessons he taught, the land he cared for, the projects he completed, and the lives he touched will continue to reflect the remarkable man he was for generations to come.

Although our time with Mark feels far too short, we find comfort in knowing he has been reunited with his beloved daughter, Reva, and the loved ones who went before him. While he will be deeply missed here, we take solace in imagining the joy of that long-awaited reunion. His love, wisdom, and memory will remain with us always.

Graveside services 10 AM Monday, June 8, 2026 at Agudas Achim Cemetery, 3690 East College Avenue, Cudahy. Memorials to Seno K/RLT. would be appreciated.

The family will see friends following burial at the Rubinstein Pavilion located at Chai Point, 1400 N Prospect Ave, Milwaukee on Monday only.

To join via Zoom:

When: Jun 8, 2026 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Mark Lesko Graveside Service

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82792876358?pwd=PTRmIGumaNqItDF66Ptb0e6rfsPJ6t.1>

Passcode:Lesko

Cemetery Details

Agudas Achim Cemetery

3690 E. College Ave.
Cudahy, WI 53110

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Shiva

JUN 8 (CT)

Rubinstein Pavilion
1400 N Prospect Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ Karen And Ron Rasmussen lit a candle in memory of Mark Lesko



Karen and Ron Rasmussen - June 10 at 10:52 AM

RZ

“ Rick Zdanowski lit a candle in memory of Mark Lesko



rick zdanowski - June 08 at 07:35 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



janet lesko - June 07 at 11:29 PM

RM

“ Janet and family—I remember Mark as an honorable, courageous, and sincere man coupled with kindness and friendship. He was a leader who truly cared about others and lived that life. May God hold you close as you mourn his loss and celebrate a beautiful life.

Rick Madison - June 07 at 08:57 PM

TR

“ Thank you for sharing his life story, his love of life, friends and family. A man of great integrity and honored respect. Just spending a ride with him at SENO opened up a new and beautiful world for me. What an attachment to nature and good, simple and honest things. Thanks Mark for showing what a great example of life can and should be. We'll miss his leadership and goodness. Just wonderful memories of a great individual.


Tom Reilly

Tom Reilly - June 07 at 01:25 AM

KR

“ Dearest Janet, Ben, Arianne and family,

We extend our deepest condolences for your most profound, life-changing loss.

Mark was such a warm and caring person, who always gave generously to his family, to many others, and also to the environment in so many meaningful, impactful ways. We were truly honored to be his friend, and to have volunteered with him at Seno K/RLT. Our lasting friendship with Janet & Mark actually began by meeting one another at Seno. Many wonderful times and great memories. 

*With our love and heartfelt sympathy,
Karen & Ron Rasmussen*

Karen and Ron Rasmussen - June 07 at 12:36 AM

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Janet Lesko - June 06 at 05:14 PM

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“ 24 files added to the tribute wall



Janet Lesko - June 06 at 04:30 PM