



## Mark Kleckler

May 28, 1968 - July 28, 2016

Mark Kleckler, age 48 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Thursday afternoon, July 28, 2016, at 5:14 PM near Ozark.

Mark was born May 28, 1968 in Flint, Michigan. He was the son of Louis Kleckler and Pauline (Trovillion) Kleckler.

Mark is survived by: his mother – Pauline Kleckler of Vienna; his children – Karli Jo Kleckler of Tunnel Hill and Wesley Greer of Simpson; a sister – Tracy (her husband, John) Freel of Grand Blanc, Michigan; a brother – Mike Smith of Wyoming; 2 nephews – Ethan and Wes; as well as a host of other relatives and many friends.

Mark was preceded in death by his father.

Mark was a 1986 graduate of Vienna High School. He attended Fort Scott Community College in Kansas on a rodeo scholarship and also attended Murray State University.

Mark had a lifelong passion for horses. He was a talented horse trainer and farrier. Mark was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Mark attended the Ozark United Pentecostal Church.

A gathering of family and friends honoring the life of Mark Kleckler will be conducted Monday evening, August 1, 2016, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the family.

To share a memory of Mark or to leave an online message of condolence for his family, please visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Kleckler*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I am very sadden to hear of Mark's passing. He was very dear to me for many years, although life sent us in different directions, the memories we had will last a life time. He loved his daughter more than words can say and was so proud of her. I had the opportunity to communicate with Mark several months ago after 20 years and I thank God for that.*

*Rest in Peace.*

*Jules*

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**Jules** - September 12, 2016 at 09:18 AM



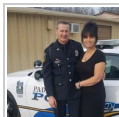
“ As I have read these comments below about Mark, I laugh at all those descriptions of him being a horse trainer/guy. You see, I know Mark from way back in 1983 when he moved to Vienna, IL, and I couldn't say he'd spent much time in the saddle before then. Or, if he did, he certainly didn't have characteristics showing he did! Mark and I hit it off at the beginning since I was doing the bull riding in the High School rodeo, and for a few years there he was one of my main hang around buddies. Heck I may have been the one who got him into all the rodeo/horse life. After I graduated, bull riding faded too, and I traded Mark some coon hunting things for my riding gear. I now wonder if he wore my spurs for those rodeos later on. As time went on, my police career sent me in other parts, and I had heard Mark's life sent him in other directions as well. Ironically, about two years ago I asked some folks in the Vienna area to pass along my phone number to him and have him call me. Sadly, that attempt and an unread FB message didn't get to him.

*I write this for his kids, because I doubt either of them even know my name. But know that I still laugh at the antics Mark and I did 33 years ago, and occasionally I'll stumble across a photo of us at the 9 Day Trail Ride in the 1983-1985 era.*

*And Mark, I don't know what happens from here on, but know that I smiled thinking of you last week when I was in IL and drove past Trovillion Lake. I still don't know how we didn't get caught with that deer that night, but I bet a Game Warden would have flipped had he seen me with all that blood across my face!*

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**Carlos Kerley** - September 07, 2016 at 01:43 PM



*Your friend, Jr Kerley*

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**Carlos Kerley** - September 07, 2016 at 01:45 PM

DC

“ *Don Cook lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Don Cook** - August 06, 2016 at 11:03 PM

KE

“ *Tracy, our deepest condolences on your loss. You are in our prayers.*

*Karen, Tobin, Madison and Hunter Elliott*

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**Karen Elliott** - August 02, 2016 at 07:48 AM

LM

“ *Linda And Jeff Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Linda and Jeff Mathis** - August 01, 2016 at 11:26 AM

CW

“ *Christie West lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Christie West** - August 01, 2016 at 09:53 AM

KJ

“ *Kelly Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Kelly Johnson** - August 01, 2016 at 09:22 AM

AW

“ *Aleatha Wright lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Aleatha Wright** - August 01, 2016 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ *said, Rocky Mountain is calling me  
Gonna take a walk up where I can sing  
Turn and face that western wind  
Oh, and I'll be home again  
If you love me, don't you be afraid  
To look in my eyes and open up the gate  
Then watch me ride beneath a newborn sun  
Just like them horses  
When it's time to run..... RIP Mark*



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**Jenny Cornelius** - July 31, 2016 at 04:07 PM

DW

“ *cowboy rip*

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**dave wright** - July 31, 2016 at 12:25 PM

AB

“ Amy And Clint Bishop lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



Amy and Clint Bishop - July 30, 2016 at 11:57 PM

EH

“ Ellen And David Hill lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



Ellen and David Hill - July 30, 2016 at 08:30 PM

TM

“ RIP my friend.



Tammy and Ravi Morris - July 30, 2016 at 05:57 PM

TM

“ Tammy And Ravi Morris lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



Tammy and Ravi Morris - July 30, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Kleckler.*



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July 30, 2016 at 05:55 PM



“ *Jolene Calabria Parks lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Jolene Calabria Parks** - July 30, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ *This was hard news for us here in Oklahoma. Mark and dad had been friends many years and is even Karli Jo's godfather. Dad, Brian and I are truly heart broken for Pauline and Karli Jo. Karli just happened to be here with us when we got the news and so glad she still had her friends here to help her cope these past few days. We will be leaving Oklahoma in the morning to bring her home for the service. We love you sister and will forever be here for you. Always remember daddy loved you and was proud of you.*

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**Cece Bledsoe Johnson** - July 30, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Kleckler.*



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July 30, 2016 at 05:14 PM



“ *Doug And Myrla Miller lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Doug and Myrla miller** - July 30, 2016 at 04:59 PM



“ *JD And Tammy Mathis lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**JD and Tammy Mathis** - July 30, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ *Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Bill and Barb Warmack** - July 30, 2016 at 02:55 PM

VL

“ He was our neighbor and he was our friend. He was a very hard worker. We are shocked at the news .prayers for his family ...especially his mother and daughter. Hugs from Vickie and Pete in Ozark Illinois

Vickie Newcomb and Pete Ardison III - July 30, 2016 at 01:38 PM

VL

“ Vickie Newcomb And Pete Ardison LII lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



Vickie Newcomb and Pete Ardison III - July 30, 2016 at 01:34 PM

LO

“ Mark was truly a cowboy, he knew his horses. He was my friend. Lonnie

Lonnie - July 30, 2016 at 10:58 AM

LH

“ Those we love who pass away live on in us through our memories. Sending big hugs Aunt P, Karli, Tracy and Mike



Lorie Hawkins - July 30, 2016 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Kleckler.*



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July 30, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Very sorry for your loss, I met Mark when my mom and I went to his barn to look at a big black horse he wanted to sell. Mark saddled him and turned him loose in the arena, and this horse scared the living life out of me. This horse bucked so hard, made the meanest sounds I'd never heard from a horse. I looked over at mom and said; you really want me to buy this mean black mess? I did and I did ride him, against everyone telling me that Hershey would hurt me. When I ended up selling him , he went to a rodeo company and not one cowboy could ride him. RIP Mark*

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**Robin Beers** - July 30, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *Clarence And Patricia Caraker lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Clarence and Patricia Caraker** - July 30, 2016 at 09:52 AM

CO

“ Cary & Michele Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



Cary & Michele Oliver - July 30, 2016 at 06:13 AM

DW

“ I'm gonna miss you little brother,i love you !

Doug Walter - July 29, 2016 at 10:31 PM



“ Brandi Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



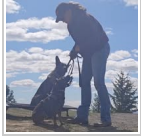
Brandi Beasley - July 29, 2016 at 09:27 PM

LC

“ My sincere condolences to Pauline and Karli!!! He will be missed by both of you! May he rest in peace.



Lorraine Childers - July 29, 2016 at 09:04 PM



“ *I have no words ...my heart is broken.*



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**Jennifer Greer** - July 29, 2016 at 08:00 PM

BT

“ *Becky Turley lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Becky Turley** - July 29, 2016 at 06:25 PM

JM

“ *John McCuan lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**John McCuan** - July 29, 2016 at 06:13 PM

GC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss Karli.. I didn't know your dad for very long but for the length of time I did, he wasted no time in speaking of you and how much he loved you.. He helped me with my horses and I was just in awe of the knowledge and talent he had with horses... He was a true cowboy... He will be missed.. prayers for you and the family.*



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**Gena Childress** - July 29, 2016 at 05:07 PM

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*REST IN PEACE COWBOY MARK YOU WERE ONE OF A KIND ,NEVER BACKING DOWN OR AWAY FROM WORK OR TO LEND SOMEONE A HELPING HAND SO VERY SORRY CARLI FOR NO FATHER EVER LOVE THEIR DAUGHTER THE WAY HE LOVED YOU GOD BLESS YOU THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN THE DAYS TO COME MAY THE POWER OF THE MIGHTY JESUS LAY HIS HAND UPON YOUR SHOUDERS*

**ALVIN AND ROBERTA THOMASON** - July 29, 2016 at 06:09 PM

AR

*“ Karli Jo I am so sorry, your Daddy was a good man. He was a very dear friend. I just spoke to him last week. This just makes my heart so sad. Fly with the angels Mark, we will all miss you.*



**alicia roach** - July 29, 2016 at 04:39 PM

JM

*“ The world loss a good man and cowboy. So sorry to the family for there loss.*



**Julie Feazel Murphy** - July 29, 2016 at 04:19 PM

NF

*“ Thoughts and prayers are with Karli and her family during this difficult time. We are here for you girl. Love you so much! Love, The Foss'*

**Nikki Foss** - July 29, 2016 at 03:55 PM

CR

“ *Carol Racey lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Carol Racey** - July 29, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JR

“ *Janice Ralls lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Janice Ralls** - July 29, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ *Mark was like my brother I will miss him. He was a great cowboy and a very hard worker. I know your in heaven riding I love you.*



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**Brandy Barger** - July 29, 2016 at 02:15 PM

DJ

“ *Debbie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**debbie jones** - July 29, 2016 at 02:06 PM

DH

“ *Darcie Hancock lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



Darcie Hancock - July 29, 2016 at 02:04 PM

EM

“ *Prayers so sorry for your loss.*



Emma - July 29, 2016 at 01:57 PM

Tara Evans

“ *Tara Evans lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



Tara Evans - July 29, 2016 at 01:56 PM

Tara Evans

*So many wonderful teenage memories with Mark in them . My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Tara Evans - July 29, 2016 at 01:59 PM

TR

“ Tracy Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



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**Tracy Richardson** - July 29, 2016 at 01:48 PM

DJ

“ Very talented Cowboy.

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**debbie jones** - July 29, 2016 at 01:44 PM

MQ

“ Michelle Quertermous lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



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**Michelle Quertermous** - July 29, 2016 at 01:40 PM

 Mary Jaye Faulkner

“ Mary Jaye Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler



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**Mary Jaye Faulkner** - July 29, 2016 at 01:04 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Mary Lou Hynes** - July 29, 2016 at 12:34 PM

JB

“ *Joy Beggs lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Joy Beggs** - July 29, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ *Tammy Werner-King lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Tammy Werner-King** - July 29, 2016 at 11:43 AM

JG

“ *Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Jason Grant** - July 29, 2016 at 11:37 AM

MN

“ *Michelle Cagle North lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**michelle cagle north** - July 29, 2016 at 11:23 AM

SR

“ *SHERI ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**SHERI ROBINSON** - July 29, 2016 at 09:58 AM

SR

*Pauline, I am so sorry.*

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**SHERI ROBINSON** - July 29, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *Jay Trovillion lit a candle in memory of Mark Kleckler*



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**Jay Trovillion** - July 29, 2016 at 09:50 AM

TM

“ *So sorry for your loss!!! Praying for ALL the Family!!*

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**Theresa McKenzie** - July 29, 2016 at 09:43 AM