



Mark Taylor Cornish

March 10, 1952 - February 16, 2026

Mark Taylor Cornish, age 73, of Storm Lake, Iowa died February 16, 2026 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held Friday, February 20, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. To watch a livestream of the service, use the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17EqEcqSMZ/> The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mark was born March 10, 1952 in Iowa City, Iowa to Dr. Lawrence Robert Cornish and Betty Jean (Fuller) Cornish. Mark married Jayne (Fuller) Cornish on July 1, 1973. Mark and Jayne had two children, Christopher Lawrence Cornish and Justin Read Cornish. In 2007, Mark married the love of his life, Deborah Sue Cornish. Mark and Deborah lived in Storm Lake until his death.

Mark graduated from Indianola, Iowa High School in 1970 and then attended the University of Kansas. He graduated with a B.A. degree in Business from the University of Iowa in 1974. Following his graduation from the University of Iowa, he attended Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska and received his J.D. in 1978.

Mark was a partner in the law firm of Stern, Diehl, Cornish & Jensen with offices in Storm Lake and Albert City, Iowa. Mark retired as senior partner in 2022 after practicing for 44 years.

Mark was active in his church and community. He served as chairman of the Finance Committee of the United Methodist Church, City Attorney for the City of Albert City, Iowa, Probate Referee for the Buena Vista County District Court, Storm Lake, Iowa, Vice Chairman of the Buena Vista County Public Health Department Advisory Committee, Member of the Buena Vista County Homemaker Home Health Agency Respite Care Advisory Committee, Chairman of the Buena Vista County Hospital Adolescent Treatment Center Advisory Committee.

Mark enjoyed golfing for many years. Mark also loved motorcycling with very good friends. Mark and Deb put over 125,000 miles on four different Harleys. Mark was also an avid gun collector.

Mark was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Storm Lake, Iowa. He helped many people in the program. Mark died with nearly 38 years of sobriety.

Preceding Mark in death were his parents; his uncle Herman Fuller, Jr.; his brother Matthew R. Cornish; his infant brother Peter Nels Cornish; his father-in-law Reverend J.D. Little; his mother-in-law Leona Little; his step mother-in-law Violet Little; his brothers-in-law Stephen Little and Paul Little; and his childhood dog Lucky.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah S. Cornish; his children: Christopher L. (Nicole) Cornish; Justin R. (Miranda) Cornish; his stepchildren: Elizabeth R. Eller and Joshua R. Eller; his grandchildren: Harper R. Cornish; Emma L. Cornish; Cooper A. Jackson; sister: Barbara J. Brooks; niece: Christine E.

Cornish; nephews: Brendan R. Cornish; John P. Cornish; Michael T. Cornish;
and his “big brother” King Richard Cole.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Memorial Service

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Taylor Cornish*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 20 at 11:35 AM

SO

“ *My deepest, heartfelt condolences. Keeping you close in thoughts and prayer, Deb & entire family. God bless.*

Sheri Opem - February 24 at 10:54 PM



“ *A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.*

February 22 at 04:43 PM

BV

“ *Barbara Veit lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish*



Barbara Veit - February 22 at 02:21 PM

JP

“ Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Jennifer Peters - February 21 at 10:48 AM



“ My wife Gina and I met Mark through his son Chris. We went to Sturgis, SD and, for a couple of trips, would meet up with Mark and Deborah while there. I'm not your normal looking guy because I have tattoos on my head, neck, back, down both arms and hands. Even when we first met it didn't matter and he made both my wife and I feel like we were part of the family. We always had such an amazing time riding through Spearfish canyon, Needles Highway, or anywhere in the Black Hills we ended up going. We'll never forget those trips or how Mark made us feel so loved. He will be missed and loved always.

Cameron Johnson - February 20 at 05:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.

February 20 at 05:03 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



February 20 at 05:03 PM

TI

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Mark, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon Him. Tina and Family - Lots of Love and Prayers to Deb and their family*



Tina - February 20 at 03:17 PM

LM

“ *Love, Katie Morgan purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.*



Love, Katie Morgan - February 20 at 12:36 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 20 at 12:13 PM

TE

“ *Terri and Ivan Eftink purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.*



Terri and Ivan Eftink - February 20 at 09:03 AM

KO

“ It was with great sadness when I heard of Mark's passing. I met mark and Deb three years ago and we quickly became friends, we stayed close through many visits to Mayo and also texting.

Mark was a true friend and a blessing. My heartfelt condolences to his entire family, especially to my friend Deborah. May God surround you with His peace, comfort you deeply and shine His everlasting love upon you during this difficult time..



Kennedy Ombaye - February 20 at 03:10 AM

AC

“ Al,Linda Carlsen lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Al,Linda Carlsen - February 19 at 09:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



February 19 at 06:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



February 19 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.

February 19 at 11:50 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



February 19 at 11:50 AM



“ We wish Mark's family our sincerest condolences! Nick & Konny Droegmiller

Konny Droegmiller - February 19 at 11:33 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



February 18 at 09:00 PM

CS

“ Christine Cornish & Rose Souliotis purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



Christine Cornish & Rose Souliotis - February 18 at 08:01 PM

PD

“ Pat Davidson lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Pat Davidson - February 18 at 06:48 PM

SS

“ Shannon Sundine purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



Shannon Sundine - February 18 at 05:20 PM

DR

“ Doug and Marcia Rebhuhn lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Doug and Marcia Rebhuhn - February 18 at 03:40 PM

DS

“ Donna & David Stanton lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Donna & David Stanton - February 18 at 02:46 PM

AD

“ Arnie & Theresa Dahlstrom lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Arnie & Theresa Dahlstrom - February 18 at 02:08 PM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Cheryl DeMan - February 18 at 01:13 PM

JC

“ Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - February 18 at 11:53 AM

LC

“ *Deb, We are so sorry for your lose. Mark was one of a kind and we loved working with both of you.*
Bill & Lana Crilly



Lana Crilly - February 18 at 11:50 AM

DE

“ *Sending our deepest condolences to the Cornish family.*
From: The Eckerman family in Michigan



Deborah Eckerman - February 18 at 10:15 AM

KS

“ *Kermit & Julie Schultze lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish*



Kermit & Julie Schultze - February 18 at 10:12 AM

CF

“ *Cintron family purchased the Simply Elegant Spa thiphyllum for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.*



Cintron family - February 18 at 09:27 AM



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



February 18 at 07:04 AM



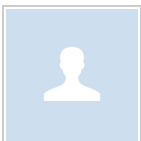
“ *Mark was a standup guy in every way. A master at his craft, loving husband and father, and a pretty darn good motorcycle rider to boot! He will be sorely missed by us all. Deb, you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. Greg and Sandy*

Greg Mattson - February 18 at 06:52 AM



“ *Randy &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.*

Randy &. - February 17 at 10:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.*

February 17 at 07:07 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.*



February 17 at 07:07 PM



“ *The South Carolina Littles purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.*



The South Carolina Littles - February 17 at 07:05 PM



“ *deborah zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish*



deborah zerfoss - February 17 at 06:38 PM



“ *From The Paul Little Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Taylor Cornish.*

From The Paul Little Family - February 17 at 06:15 PM

FF

“ From The Paul Little Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Taylor Cornish.



From The Paul Little Family - February 17 at 06:15 PM

SS

“ Steven & Colleen Swanson lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Steven & Colleen Swanson - February 17 at 06:14 PM

DJ

“ Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Mark Cornish



Deb and Kevin Jesse - February 17 at 06:09 PM