



Marlin M. Mittag

December 22, 2024

Marlin M. Mittag died on December 22, 2024 in his Aurora home surrounded by his wife Pauline (Polly) of 58 years and their three boys. He was 88 years old. Marlin was able to spend his last months of life at home viewing his lovingly tended backyard garden because of home hospice care managing dementia and Parkinson's disease.

A graduate of MacAlester College, Marlin taught German language in Wausau, WI before being drafted into the Army. In 1960, he received an early honorable discharge in order to teach German language at East Aurora High School, where he taught German and United States History, led the German Language club, and taught for 35 years. He earned his M.A. in German from the University of Colorado in 1966.

He met his wife Pauline (Corbin) Mittag in Aurora and married in 1966. They made their home on the near west side of Aurora and raised their family of three boys: Mark (Colleen), Matthew, and Daniel (Valerie).

In Aurora Marlin served for 15 years on the Aurora Block Grant Working Committee, a committee that makes grant investment decisions to improve Aurora's neighborhoods. After retirement, he continued to serve the community through Kiwanis. He also was active in the Christian faith, first at Grace Lutheran Church and more recently at the bilingual New Hope Lutheran Church meeting at St. David's Episcopal in Aurora.

Marlin enjoyed a good book, classical music, playing violin, family camping trips, nurturing his vegetable garden, and sharing his good sense of humor.

He encouraged his boys in sports, music, scouting, and in their aspirations. He and his family volunteered for more than 20 Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center (LOMC) Memorial Day Work Weekends to prepare the camp for summer outdoor youth programs. He made all feel welcomed in the Mittag home and community through holiday dinner invitations, volunteering to make and serve meals at Hesed House, and being a refugee family immigration sponsor.

Marlin was born in Fort Atkinson, WI to Chester and Elsie Mittag and was the oldest of six children. As a young boy, the nickname "Butch" stuck, and he went by "Butch" within his immediate family circle the rest of his days. He was preceded in death by his parents, his uncle Harold Mittag who inspired Marlin in music and German language; his sister Kathryne (Clark Wangerin) of Brookfield, WI, his sister Marika formerly of Fort Atkinson, and his brother Mark (Joan) of Fort Atkinson. He is survived by his brother Daniel (Karen Mittag) of Fall Creek, I and Christine (Teen) Shrank (John) of Reedsburg, WI, as well as his children, five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. The Mittag family thanks the many family and friends who called, sent letters, and came to visit Marlin during his hospice care. The family thanks the caregivers from Brightstar Health Care who helped the family have Marlin be at home on hospice care and to manage Marlin's dementia and Parkinson's, as well as to the caring staff at Suncrest Hospice who served Marlin at his home.

Memorial visitation will be held Friday, January 3, 2025 from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street Aurora, IL 60506, 630-631-5500.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. David's Episcopal Church in Aurora, and the remains will be buried at Riverside Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for Marlin's family or sign the guest book.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Aurora's Hesed House

(www.hesedhouse.org) or the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon,
IL (lomc.org).

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM.

St. David's Episcopal Church
Aurora, IL

Burial

JAN 4 (CT)

Riverside Cemetery
414 N. River St.
Montgomery, IL 60538

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I knew my dear friend, and colleague for 61 years; when I came to East Aurora High School, Marlin was my Department Chairman for Foreign Language for one year; much later in the 1980's he was not only Chairman of Foreign Language but in my Department because he taught American History. I am sorry that I was unable to attend his Service at St. David's Episcopal Church but I was recovering from a Medical Procedure. We had many great memories including cookouts at Oakhurst Forest Preserve for the National Honor Society. I was able to visit Marlin and Polly a few days before he passed. We spent two hours about our past experiences. Rest in peace my dear friend and God bless Polly and the whole family
Jerry Lubshina

Gerald - January 04, 2025 at 11:59 PM

CS

“ Cadine and Steve purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marlin M. Mittag.



Cadine and Steve - January 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM

HK

“ So sorry to hear this sad news. Sending love to the entire Mittag family.

Holly Klerekoper - December 30, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BH

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Polly, & your dear sons & family. Happy to know Marlin as my German teacher at East High & to later know him as a friend at Grace. Our time as couples gathering is a fond memory for Bob & me. Arms around & love, May & Bob Heiden

bob heiden - December 30, 2024 at 09:26 AM

BS

“ Marlin was the consummate teacher and professional by any standard. He was a person of honor, integrity and and class. The class of '67 will miss him. Bill Suhayda

Bill Suhayda - December 30, 2024 at 01:06 AM

KI

“ Marlin was a person of decency, constancy, and tolerance. It's a rare and graceful combination, and I will always love him for that.

Kiki - December 29, 2024 at 01:10 PM

DS

“ As Pastor of Grace Lutheran I admired Marlin's quiet and faithful presence among us. I continued as a friend to admire Marlin's courage in the face of Parkinson. Now friend RIP.

David R Slaght - December 26, 2024 at 07:06 PM

RA

“ Roxana A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlin M. Mittag.

Roxana A. - December 26, 2024 at 07:04 PM