

NOVEMBER 11, 1947 - AUGUST 19, 2022



It is with great sadness that the Cowen family announces the death of Mark Cowen. Mark passed away at the age of 74 on Friday, August 19, 2022, at home surrounded by his loving family, after a two-and-a-half-year battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Mark was born on November 11, 1947. He was born and raised in Elizabeth, NJ. He was a long time member, in good standing, of the New Jersey United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local # 715 for over fifty years. He served as President of the Millwrights and Carpenters Retirees Club. He worked and supervised numerous jobs spanning the tri-state area.

Mark loved watching his son Michael play baseball and coached him for many years. He was a lifelong sports fan and loved watching his teams, the Jets, Packers, Yankees and Dodgers. His passion for football was evident, when in his late teens, Mark attended and took part in a try out for the New York Jets.

Later in life, Mark joined the Union County Senior Softball League, playing first-base for the American Legion/Linwood Inn Softball Team, where he made many friends that he cherished and spoke about daily.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Melanie, together forty one years, married for thirty

seven years; his four loving children, Michael Nathan Cowen of Union, Mark C. Cowen, Gina Franco (Waldo) of Mountainside, Lisa Williams of Westfield; his four beloved grandchildren, Evan Williams (Elizabeth), Mikayla Williams, Jordyn Franco, Justin Franco and Great-Granddaughter Mia Rose Williams; his devoted brothers and sisters, Michael Mace Cohen, Rima Jakub (Jeffrey, deceased), Rebecca Barner (Jeffrey), Robin Cohen, Mahlon Mace Cohen (Ausra); several nieces and nephews, and his cherished Jack Russell Terrier, Lucy.

Mark had many friends and touched the lives of people with kindness and understanding. All who knew him and all who loved him will never forget him.

A visitation for Mark will be held Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, 2124 East Saint George Ave, Linden, NJ 07036. Family and guests are invited to gather at the funeral home the following morning , Friday, August 26, 2022 at the funeral home from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. A funeral mass will follow from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM at St Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Rd, Elizabeth, NJ 07208.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at www.lls.org. To make a donation, mail Mark's full name and check to: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY 10087