



## Christina E. "Tina" Mark

March 15, 1958 - January 18, 2025

Christina E. "Tina" Mark, 68, of Bainbridge, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Columbia, she was the daughter of the late John and Odessa (Hixon) Biesecker. Tina was the wife of Dana Mark with whom she celebrated 47 years of marriage this past December 17th.

Tina was a graduate of Elizabethtown Area High School class of 1976. She previously worked for Lancaster Parks & Recreation as a state naturalist. Tina was a member of Encounter Church in Bainbridge and the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society. She enjoyed teaching children about Native Americans, nature and spending time at Camp Yolijsa.

Surviving in addition to her husband, Dana, are three children, Anthony Mark of Fleetwood, PA, Alesha Kerr of Rheems, and John Mark of Bainbridge; six grandchildren, Odessa, Sophia, Lauren, Arielle, Kiera, and Josie; and two brothers, John Larry Biesecker, husband of Nancy of Elizabethtown and William Biesecker, husband of Elaine of Lititz.

A memorial service honoring Tina's life will be held at Word of Life Chapel, 139 Wickersham Rd, Bainbridge, PA 17502 on Monday, January 27, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the church following the service. Interment will be private at Bainbridge Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-194 or the Haldeman Mansion Preservation Society, PO Box 417, Bainbridge, PA 17502.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Life Chapel  
139 Wickersham Road  
Bainbridge, PA 17502

## Visitation

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# Tribute Wall

SM

“ My grandma Tina was a wonderful woman who had endless love to give.  
I remember all of us grandkids would pile into the Subaru, and she'd take us to Conoy Creek where we could climb through the cold currents and sit in the waterfalls. She taught us all how to be fairies. Then, we'd head back to the house-- our clothes still damp from the creek. We'd gather closely around her in the garden as she'd tell us a secret: "The spiders are our friends..." All of us, big-eyed and round cheeked, would release ourselves from the huddle in search of spiders. We would find each one, unique and slender hanging from their own intricate dreamcatcher. Then, when the sun would begin to set, she would call her wolf pups back to the den, and we would tell her all about the spider friends we made...  
We were taught not only to be kind to other people, but to be kind to all creatures, big and small. Grandma Tina was clever and sweet, and she will forever live on through that endless love she gave us.  
Love you, Grandma.  
-Sophie

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**Sophia Mark** - February 24, 2025 at 10:08 PM

AL

“ Though I didn't have the chance to know her well, I know how much she meant to my parents and to everyone whose lives she touched. My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. Wishing you comfort, strength, and peace in the days ahead.

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**Audrey Lounsbury** - January 26, 2025 at 11:20 PM

LS

“ I remember serving with Tina and Dana 40 years ago at Camp YoliJwa. Tina was always friendly and shared much about nature. My prayers are with Dana and family during this trying time.  
Loraine Sersch

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**Loraine Sersch** - January 25, 2025 at 04:29 PM

PC

“ Tina was a good friend, and she has done so much for the Native American community and the Haldeman Mansion. We will miss her.

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**Pam and Bob Censier** - January 25, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DS

“ Tina was a champion for teaching Native American culture & natural history. She was a long time member of Chapter 28, Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society and was guest speaker last year at Blue Rock Heritage Center. She spoke about her Conoy background, growing up near the Haldeman Mansion and was instrumental in preserving the Haldeman Mansion so others can appreciate the history of the area. A great loss to friends, family and the community. We will hold Tina in our prayers and memory.



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**Debbie Saylor** - January 22, 2025 at 08:37 PM

SC

“ The last time I saw Tina was at Deb and Vaughn’s home where we all watched the eclipse together. She was always easy to talk with and informative about all things nature. I remember having conversations about raising children and she always had words of wisdom regarding that too. Sonny and I loved and admired her. Our deepest condolences to her beautiful family.

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**Sonny and Connie** - January 22, 2025 at 01:02 PM

CS

“ Tina was a sweet lady. When talking with her, she would lift up our Lord and Savior. Tina lived her christian walk with Jesus Christ. She will be missed.

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**Cindy Strahin** - January 22, 2025 at 10:37 AM

BC

“ We all loved Aunt Tina so much. She gave all of us nephews and nieces such wonderful childhood memories (we were more like little brothers and sisters to her). She taught us a strong love of family, love of nature, and love of Jesus. Amy John Billy Wendy and Brenda -we could laugh for weeks talking about the memories she created for us..she was brave enough to allow us all to be in her wedding to Dana! Aunt Tina loved her family, her horses, her dogs n cats, anything that had a heartbeat, soul, or living cells. She loved, taught, and changed so many lives. We will miss you here on earth so much. We can’t wait to see you in heaven Aunt Tina! Much Love, Brenda Clair and family. ❤️🙏

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**Brenda Clair** - January 21, 2025 at 07:41 PM

BM

*So very sorry to the family of Tina. she was the little neighbor girl who played with Rick and Glen. she was always so nice to everyone. she will be missed.*

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**Barb miller** - January 22, 2025 at 09:24 AM