



## Mark E Morrissey

February 25, 1954 - November 11, 2023

Mark Edward Morrissey passed away on November 11, 2023 at the age of 69 in Bloomfield, New Jersey. He was born on February 25, 1954 in Syracuse, New York, the second oldest of five children. He graduated from Cicero High School in 1972. His studies in Graphic Design began at State University of New York at Syracuse 1983 - 1985, graduating with high honors. He then pursued a BFA in Graphic Design from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, graduating in 1988 with honors.

He worked for many years in what he referred to as, “the noble field of print journalism”, as a graphic designer. His career began with the Asbury Park Press in New Jersey. He spent a few years working in Tacoma, Washington at The News Tribune as lead designer/art director, working on many projects, one of which was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. Mark eventually settled in Bloomfield, New Jersey where he held a long time position at The Star Ledger in Newark, winning multiple awards for revolutionizing newspaper sectional design. Later in his career Mark worked for McGraw Hill-Construction and Benchmark Education.

In his early years Mark’s creativity was expressed through the visual arts, and as a drummer playing in various local bands with his brother Jim. Later in life some of his hobbies included fly fishing, photography, collecting automobilia and driving his beloved Porsche 911. His passion and creativity continued to

flourish when he began writing articles about his pride and obsession, automobiles, specifically Porsches. His dedication to research and his lifelong passion for cars served him well in achieving his first published article in 2012 for a major Porsche enthusiasts publication, Excellence. More info can be found on his website, [www.MarkMorrissey.org](http://www.MarkMorrissey.org)

Mark was known for his warm and friendly nature, silly and infectious sense of humor and was a proud and beloved member of R Gruppe, a Porsche 911 enthusiasts club. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Mark was predeceased by his daughter Lily and parents Jim and Mary Morrissey. He is survived by his wife Connie of 22 years, sons Jesse Morison and Joseph Morrissey, grandson Maxwell Morison, his brothers Jim Morrissey(Gail), Michael Morrissey(Sabrina), sisters Melissa Scherzi (Dennis Waldron), Amy Fancher, aunt Holly Healy(Mickey), several nephews, a niece, and many cousins.

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In lieu of flowers, donations to the family to help cover the funeral costs will be greatly appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761  
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

### Funeral Service

NOV 19. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home  
337 Belleville Avenue  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He first contacted me in 2018 about watch repair and I serviced a few of his mechanical watches over the years. Rest in peace.* ”

JD - February 05, 2025 at 03:04 PM

JE

“ *Who can ever forget Mark's impression of Sylvester the Cat's impression of Tony Curtis in Spartacus: "I love you Thparticuth!" Hilarious. Rest well old friend.* ”

John Ellingson - June 09, 2024 at 12:44 AM

RB

“ *So sorry to read of Mark's passing. He and I worked together at SmithKline Labs and played together in the rock band Krackers. Mark was a good drummer, and singer too. He was a man of strong faith and high character. My sincere condolences to his family.* ”

Ric Brush - November 26, 2023 at 05:33 PM

BP

“ *Mark and I worked together at The Star-Ledger for a decade; and in every memory I can summon of him, he's smiling. He made the world a brighter place for everyone--just a lovely guy to be around.* ”

Brad Parks Parks - November 20, 2023 at 11:55 PM

GS

“ *Mark was not only a talented graphic artist, he was a joy to be around. May his memory be a blessing.* ”

Guy Sterling - November 20, 2023 at 08:07 AM

MT

“ *Always a friendly face in the Star-Ledger newsroom. May he rest in peace.*

Mike Tully - November 19, 2023 at 06:46 PM



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



November 19, 2023 at 09:24 AM

TD

“ *The Star-Ledger Art Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark E Morrissey.*

The Star-Ledger Art Department - November 19, 2023 at 09:24 AM

TM

“ *Mark came to Syracuse quite a few years ago in his Porsche, of course, to visit old friends. We hadn't seen each other in 25 plus years, yet it was like we saw each other everyday. A kind and gentle soul. Rest in peace my friend. Tom Marafino*

Tom Marafino - November 19, 2023 at 08:11 AM

XA

“ Cher Mark, vous me manquez déjà. Vous êtes l'un de ceux qui m'ont fait découvrir la passion Porsche. Vous m'avez fasciné avec votre auto, tellement unique comme votre personnalité. Qu'allons nous faire sans vous, Monsieur "Volants et Autocollants". Toutes mes condoléances à votre famille. Soyez en paix.



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**Xavier** - November 18, 2023 at 02:59 AM

CH

“ The Benchmark Family will miss Mark's kind spirit, creative flair and his dedication to quality. He was an important member of our team who will be missed by many. Godspeed Mark.

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**Christine** - November 17, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Markie



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**Kent Wilcox** - November 16, 2023 at 03:37 PM

MC

“ Mark will be sorely missed by our Production Dept at Benchmark. A production dept team is usually a unique collection of very seasoned, hard-working, often old-school individuals who are committed to getting the task at hand completed no matter the obstacles. Mark epitomized those qualities. He was always helpful to me and to newcomers on our team. I admired his lifelong passion for the early Porsche. It was inspiring to me personally to see someone pursue a childhood love and bring it to fruition in so many ways, through his writing, videos and artwork. Mark, I know that you are carving curves in your Porsche somewhere down the road. We will miss you.

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**Melinda Charles** - November 16, 2023 at 10:02 AM

PK

“ Greetings to Mark’s friends and family. Mark had a great amount of involvement in the early Porsche 911 community. Much love was shared recently on a post in his honor on the Early 911S Registry. I have posted it here so that you can see the love and sorrow for Mark in our little community.

<https://www.early911sregistry.org/forums/showthread.php?170728-RIP-Mark-Morrissey>

*Our hearts go out to you all.*

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**Peter Kane** - November 16, 2023 at 05:23 AM



“ Mark was too humble. And he had a special way of making you feel not alone. Truly his super power. Near or far, he always made sure me and my father were included in everything. We will forever be grateful.

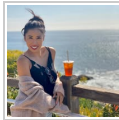
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**Vy Quan Nguyen** - November 15, 2023 at 06:03 PM

LE

“ Mark was a near and dear friend. He touched so many of us with a mutual passion for Porsche cars, vintage motorsports and so much more. A kind, talented, sweet man who loved his family and friends and would go to the ends of the earth to help others. Mark will be sorely missed.

Lewis Eig - November 15, 2023 at 04:49 PM



Vy Quan Nguyen - November 15, 2023 at 05:57 PM

KW

I have so many great memories. At about 5, he said that when he grew up he wanted to be a Horse!

Kent Wilcox - November 16, 2023 at 03:13 PM

JL

Mark became my buddy from his first day at Benchmark, we sat next to each other for several years at the office. We shared many deep and silly conversations about work, life, family, and coffee. And of course, cars! He introduced me to what later became one of my favorite Keurig pod coffee brands - I still buy them - thank you, Mark!. Mark was kind, thoughtful, smart, very humble, and multifaceted person. He always talked about his family with love and a special, warm, undertone in his voice. I will miss chatting with him and sharing life experiences. Hard to believe he is gone. My heart goes out to his family.

Julie Litrov - November 17, 2023 at 05:50 PM

KV

A true soulmate through out much of our earlier lives. Mark could light up a room with his "hello". I send my condolences to Connie, Joseph, Jesse, and brothers and sisters.

Karin Vladimer - November 19, 2023 at 10:52 AM

EL

*So sorry I don't usually read "messages" I just saw this & my heart goes out to Connie & the boys 😞 I definitely would have been to the funeral. Such a talented creative!! artist and a loving friend.*

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**Elise Levine** - November 20, 2023 at 10:21 AM