

Mark Richard Dubois, 58, passed away peacefully on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Mark was born in Crete, Neb., on June 25, 1954. He graduated from Shawnee Mission High School in 1972 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics/finance from Pittsburgh State University, a bachelor's degree in forestry from University of Arizona, a master's degree in forest economics from University of Missouri, and a PhD in forest economics from Mississippi State University.

He worked construction in Kansas and Arizona from 1977-1989, and spent several years working for Georgia Pacific in Monticello, Ark., as a district manager. He took his first academic position at Auburn University in 1994. He worked for 14 years as a tenured associate professor in the school of forestry and wildlife at Auburn University as an affiliate for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System. He retired in 2008.

Mark was a passionate soccer dad, avid outdoorsman, and was famous for his sense of humor. He was known for his kind heart and an ability to make friends in any situation. He considered himself a social forester due to his work with helping small landowners, and he was passionate about his work with Rural Studios.

Mark is survived by his loving wife, Jean, of 36 years. They were married in Iola, Kan., on May 7, 1977.

Mark is lovingly remembered by his wife, Jean of Auburn, Ala.; father, Donald Dubois of Lenexa, Kan.; his siblings, Donna (Doug) Rees of Harbor Beach, Norman (Jan) Dubois of Olathe, Kan., Martin (Twyla) Dubois of Lawrence, Kan., Jean (Doug) Goodman of Lenexa, Kan., Mary Sue (Steven) Strickland of Flower Mound, Texas, John (Jennifer) Dubois of Prairie Village, Kan., Robert (Jane) Dubois of Overland Park, Kan., Paul (Amy) Dubois of Matthews, Va., Margaret (Mark) DeVoss of Springfield, Mo., and David (Beth) Dubois of New Lenox, Ill.; sister-in-law, Marianne (James) of Manhattan, Kan.; sons, Justin (Susie) of Birmingham, Ala., Christopher (Jessica) of San Jose, Calif., and Ben (Nancy) of Auburn, Ala.; grandson, Malcolm Miles of Birmingham, Ala.; and loving nieces, nephews and other friends and relatives.

Mark is predeceased by his mother, Florine Dubois; and his brother, James Dubois.

A celebration of life service will be conducted at the Donald E. Davis Arboretum on Auburn University's campus at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Jeffcoat-Trant Funeral Home & Crematory is directing.