

## *Mark Hiser* *1958- 2024*



Mark Hiser died on September 26, 2024 in Upton. He was 67 years old.

Throughout his life, Mark's most enduring passion was the outdoors. From his earliest days as a boy, growing up on fish hatcheries in Northern California, Mark was outdoors. His life revolved around fishing and hunting and he became a seasoned and expert outdoorsman. He loved to teach and mentor others.

Mark went to high school in Burney, California and graduated in 1975. He married Kathryn Hiser in 1977, the mother of his three daughters, and they moved to Cottonwood, California where he lived

until he retired. Mark worked for PG&E for over 30 years, working long days and many holidays on the electrical grid across the north state. In 1997, Mark met Jana and they formed an unbreakable bond, strengthened no doubt by their mutual love of fishing and hunting.

In 2020, Mark realized one of his life's dreams when he retired and moved with his wife Jana and dog Baxter from California to northeastern Wyoming. He built a beautiful garden from which he harvested nearly all the fruits and vegetables that he and Jana ate year round. In the small, tight-knit Wyoming community, Mark quickly became a familiar face. Mark's brother Matt moved to Wyoming as well, giving Mark a deep sense of peace to be close to each other in retirement. Mark preferred to keep a small, tight circle of friends and loved ones. He was hardworking, adventurous, and dedicated to whatever he set his sights on. Everyone knew Mark was intelligent and quick-witted, but fewer had the privilege to see that he was deeply sentimental. He had a beautiful singing voice and often burst out in song, in the kitchen or from behind the wheel of his truck. Mark was vivid in life and will be remembered by all that knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Jana Daugherty-Hiser, three daughters Monica Ballard, Brianna Hiser, Stephanie Hiser and four step-children Kori McDaniel (David), Kaitlyn Hollister (Craig), Bret Hollister (Amanda), and Blake Hollister (Ann). Mark is survived by nine grandchildren: Tully, Elliott (Monica), Theodore, Eva (Brianna), Patton, Paige, Ellis, and Emilia (Kori), and Lukas (Blake). Mark is also survived by his only brother Matt (Bonnie) and his nephews and their families - Garrett (Tiffany, children Chase, Bella) and Landon (Dixie - children Lauren, Ethan, Aubrey). Mark was preceded in death by his father Curtis (2017), his sister Terri (Gary) (2021), and his mother Bernadine (April 2024).