



Mark Davidson Freeman

June 15, 1952 - May 12, 2024

Mark Davidson Freeman, 71, while surrounded by his family he loved so dearly, met Jesus face to face on May 12, 2024. Not only was he welcomed into Jesus's arms, but also the arms of his mother, Rosemary (Rosie) Freeman, and his father, John (Jack) Freeman. There is no doubt that Rosie tried to race Jesus to get to Mark first. He is survived by the love of his life since he was 16, Ramona (Monie) Freeman. They were blessed to celebrate their 50th anniversary last summer. He is also survived by his three daughters, Jennifer (Eric) Folz, Jessica (Josh) Rabuck, and Jaclyn (Danny) Moore, and grandchildren Will, Madde, Izzy, and Lucy Folz, Grace, Isaac, and Ellie Rabuck, and Ruthie, Teddy, and Hannie Moore. He is also survived by his brother, Patrick (Jeanne) Freeman, and many nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by his four beloved grand-dogs, Blu, Winnie, Lola, and Poppy.

Born on June 15, 1952, the second of two boys, Mark claimed to rule Helfrich Park with a purple bike and a group of friends finding trouble if it did not find them first. His mother confirmed what we also know—he had a big heart from the start wanting nothing more than to follow his beloved big brother and stay close to his mom. He graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1970, where he excelled at football. He went on to play at the University of Evansville where he broke many records and was inducted into the Purple Aces Hall of Fame in 1988. After graduating from college, he worked at IBM for over 30 years and then retired to become the first CIO at Berry Global and retired from

there in 2016.

His favorite title was Dad. Mark's girls changed him from a tough football player to a dad who was seen on a few occasions with curlers in his hair and painted nails. One of his greatest goals in life was to see his girls happy, even going as far as promising to buy them horses, buying ducks for his grandchildren on a whim, and "grounding" his daughters only if they didn't have plans. He wanted nothing more than his "Mon" nearby holding his hand, and his girls together for "soup Sundays." He also loved time with his family in Florida, staying late on the beach with his blue cooler until the sun went down or the beer ran out. He was arguably the best sandcastle and sand alligator creator on the beach.

As he grew, so did his faith. He dedicated his life to God and to various ministries including St. Vincent Daycare and a high school worship team. What his girls thought was a "mid-life crisis" - when he learned to play the guitar - led to God using Him to change many lives through His beautiful music ministry at Mater Dei High School. This program grew to include other churches, and his influence on his "kids" made loving God "cool." He displayed the deep love of Jesus to all he met and encountered.

Mark loved being with the people he held dear. He enjoyed Wednesday breakfasts with his high school friends, afternoons on the course with his golfing companions, and time spent with his college football buddies. He also loved his time with new friends he made at his mom's nursing home. He continued to visit the residents he came to know and love even after his mom passed.

Mark loved his people well. He was the best husband, father, brother, papa, uncle and friend. He will be deeply loved and missed. We know for certain that he is in heaven, a place with no drive-throughs to stress him out and plenty of

monkey and dog videos to make him laugh. We know he has joined those he loved in heaven and now dances with his mom, hugs his dad tight, and is making friends with anyone he sees, just as he did earth side. We rejoice in the hope that Jesus saved a guitar for him, and he is worshipping Jesus in heaven, with no more sorrow or tears and only the fullness of joy.

“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”

1 Corinthians 13:12 NIV

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Jerry Pratt and Rev. Jim Sauer officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:00 AM until service time on Thursday at Resurrection Catholic Church, 5301 New Harmony Road.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni, 1300 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720 or for Mass intentions.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mark Davidson Freeman*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 15, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Davidson Freeman*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 14, 2024 at 05:51 PM

ND

Such great family pictures. I will miss the warm hug I got from him each time we saw each other.

Nancy Dame - May 15, 2024 at 12:24 AM

HN

Dear Monie, Pat and family. You have my most sincere condolences on behalf of Mark's passing. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I regret that I cannot attend the visitation or funeral mass due to some serious foot problems. A great and wonderful human being as we all know. God Bless your family and know that Mark will never be forgotten. My love to all. Herb Neighbors

Herb Neighbors - May 15, 2024 at 11:55 AM

SB

You have my prayers and condolences. Peace be with you family.

Stan Blazier - May 16, 2024 at 03:33 AM

SB

Peace be with you and your family.

Stan Blazier - May 16, 2024 at 03:36 AM



Melanie Richardt

“ *Melanie Richardt lit a candle in memory of Mark Davidson Freeman*



Melanie Richardt - May 18, 2024 at 05:46 PM



Melanie Richardt

My husband, Dan was Mark's next door neighbor when they were boys growing up. Dan was very sadden with the death of his childhood friend. Due to his own health problems he was unable to attend Mark's funeral. He wants to sent his heart felt condolences to Mark's family.

Melanie Richardt - May 18, 2024 at 05:53 PM

KH

“ To MONIE, PAT, and FAMILY I am so sorry for your loss! I grew up in the neighborhood with Mark and Steve Craig, who was my cousin. Mark work a couple summers on my Dad’s Christmas tree farm. When my Mother passed, Mark stop by Pierre’s to pay his respects and said he had fond memories of her Kentucky Fried chicken, as she was from Morganfield KY. I’m sorry I was unable to attend the funeral, as I was out of town. Thoughts and prayers for the whole family. Keny and Marty Hollander.

Kent Hollander - May 17, 2024 at 01:15 AM

AH

“ Sending my deepest sympathies. I loved attending Liturgical Ensemble with Mark at Mater Dei. He was such a positive presence, and a beautiful soul.

Amelia (Reckelhoff) Hartz - May 16, 2024 at 08:43 PM

LR

“ Sending you all my love today. Sorry I couldn’t be there with you in person. Lots of great memories with Mark. Florida trip, watching him and my Dad play guitar together, and how he allowed Jaci (and I) countless slumber parties that no doubt involved choreographed dances to loud music. ❤️ What a beautiful life and huge loss.

Liz (Webster) Riedford - May 16, 2024 at 11:28 AM

JK

“ So glad we ran into Mark at the North Central production of Frozen this fall. The Korb family certainly benefited from Mark’s midlife crisis of learning to play the guitar when he taught Elizabeth how to play in high school. And Jeff always got a kick out of Mark calling him “Jeffy” over their many lunch chats. Sending all our love and condolences.

Jeff and Jennifer Korb - May 16, 2024 at 09:38 AM

SC

“ Monie,

I'm so very sorry to read of the passing of your husband. I met Mark while you and I were serving on a Tres Dias team together. You were such a beautiful couple and seemed so perfect together! May you and your family feel the peace that surpasses all understanding.
Sherri Cook

Sherri Cook - May 16, 2024 at 09:13 AM

JF

“ My deepest condolences go out to Monie and Mark's wonderful extended family during this difficult time in their lives. My thoughts and prayers are with all of them as I pray that the strength in their faith will help each along the way in the future.

John Forsythe - May 16, 2024 at 08:57 AM

DK

“ Dan K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

Dan K. - May 15, 2024 at 10:52 PM

DK

“ *The legacy of a man is often stated, did he leave the world a better place, than when he entered. By all accounts Mark succeeded in this endeavor. A loving husband to Monie and family patriarch, a successful business man, a star in the sports arena, and just as important, a great friend and mentor to many, I consider myself fortunate to share our relationship.*

My personal conversations with Mark concerning God, faith and forgiveness will stay with me always. I consider myself blessed to have had these uplifting conversations, when I needed them most.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Monie and the extended Freeman family.

Dan and Linda

Dan Keefe - May 15, 2024 at 10:47 PM

BW

“ *Bill Welcher purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



Bill Welcher - May 15, 2024 at 09:41 PM

DF

“ *My sincere condolences to Mark's family. When I came to Evansville with IBM, Mark was our rock. I never met anyone with such impact and charisma in the community. He will be remembered as a great leader, friend, and colleague.*

Denise Freier - May 15, 2024 at 08:50 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 15, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ *RIP good friend. I will miss our conversations.*
Steve McDaniel

Steve McDaniel - May 15, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *George & Julia Gaylord planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.*

George & Julia Gaylord - May 15, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ *Monie, Jennifer, Jessica and Jaci - I'm so sorry for your devastating loss. Mark felt like my second dad back on Aspen drive and I have so many wonderful memories with him! I can still vividly remember him teaching Jaci and I pranks to pull on the neighborhood boys or him helping us spy on Jennifer and Jessica. I have the best memories of our vacations in Florida together too. I also felt so much support from him over the years too. What was a wonderful, special man. What an epic loss. Sending you all my love!*
Love,
Kate (Endress) Doerksen

Kate - May 15, 2024 at 11:53 AM

MK

“ *Monie and family, I am so sorry about Mark's passing. Your loss is so personal and we all want to make it better for you but feel helpless. You and your family are in my prayers, praying that God gives you strength and courage to move forward. If we could only understand God's plan, this may not be so painful and empty. You and Mark are always going to be a loving couple.*

Marge Karhoff

Marge Karhoff - May 15, 2024 at 08:49 AM

PS

“ *Our sincere condolences to Monie, family, and friends. Such a difficult journey to have to take. You and Mark were always such a lovely couple. I pray that you find your strength in both Christ our Lord and Angels in human form (family & friends). Know that SO many are praying for you.*

God Bless,

Pat & Pat Singleton (Reine) 🙏🙏🙏

Patricia Reine Singleton - May 14, 2024 at 10:04 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



May 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM

WP

“ Whitney, Julie, Steph, Jane and Paige planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

Whitney, Julie, Steph, Jane and Paige - May 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM

RF

“ Monie and family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Strong christian, good husband, good father, good grandparent and good friend. A life for all to emulate.

Randy Mattingly and family - May 14, 2024 at 08:00 PM

TE

“ Tiny Group (Shelly, Megan, and Emily) purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



Tiny Group (Shelly, Megan, and Emily) - May 14, 2024 at 07:04 PM

JJ

“ May the love of Friends bring you comfort today & in the days to come.
Mark will surely be missed by friends at Crown Colony.
Jerry & Kathy Jones

JERRY JONES - May 14, 2024 at 04:49 PM

PS

Mark did so much for so many people. He exercised with my son, when leading the music group at MD my granddaughter was involved with singing. He was a neighbor of mine & stopped often just to talk. He definitely will be missed & my prayers will be with the family for a long time. May God bless all of you love, Peggie schnur

peggie schnur - May 14, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



May 14, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



May 14, 2024 at 04:20 PM

AW

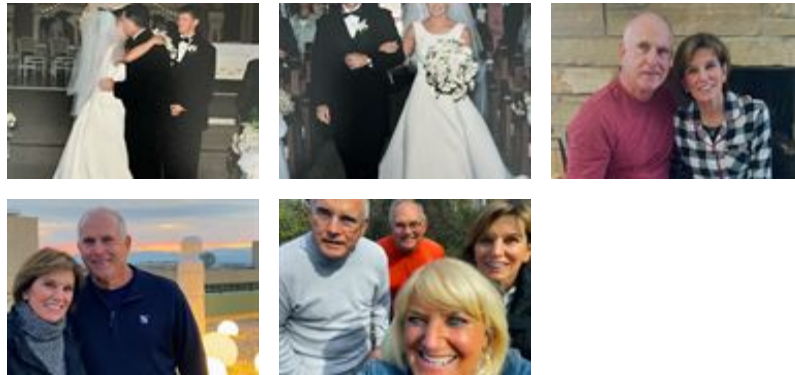
“ *Aaron & Megan Walker purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



Aaron & Megan Walker - May 14, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ 310 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 14, 2024 at 03:56 PM

NL

“ Nancy L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

Nancy L. - May 14, 2024 at 03:54 PM

TB

“ Monies and family I'm going to miss Mark deeply. I'm glad we had the opportunity to be friends. We all are going to miss the "true stories" at Crown Colony. Tom Buoni

thomas michael buoni - May 14, 2024 at 02:31 PM

UB

“ USI Romain College of Business planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

USI Romain College of Business - May 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



May 14, 2024 at 02:22 PM



“ *Monie and family; I'm so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was such a good man. Please know I'm keeping you and your family in prayer during this difficult time. I said Mass this morning for Mark, and I will do the same tomorrow. May he now enjoy the fullness of everlasting life. John Mark*

John Mark Etensohn - May 14, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Condolences to the Freeman family.*

Mike and Gloria Cardoni

Michael Cardoni - May 14, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DE

“ We were so very sorry to learn of the loss of Mark. He was not only a great friend but a remarkable man whose presence touched many lives. We feel honored and lucky to have known him. Mark brought happiness to the world with his kindness, humor and big smile. The world has lost a bright light but heaven has gained a star.

*With Sympathy and Love,
Nancy and David Eddy*

David A Eddy - May 14, 2024 at 01:04 PM

JD

“ Joe & Kathy Denk purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



Joe & Kathy Denk - May 14, 2024 at 11:14 AM

BK

“ Bob and Mona Kroll planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

Bob and Mona Kroll - May 14, 2024 at 10:06 AM

BK

“ Bob and Mona Kroll purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



Bob and Mona Kroll - May 14, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



May 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ The Jeff Walkup Family & Joe Claybrook planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

The Jeff Walkup Family & Joe Claybrook - May 14, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ Mark was a remarkable man! He was a Frat brother and football teammate. Tough and determined yet one of the most personable people you would ever meet. I remember being blown away several years ago when I attended a Catholic religious event and there was Mark playing guitar and singing hymns glorifying his faith and love of God. He was very good and his genuineness came through his music. I am fortunate to have known him! He will be missed here on earth but he is no doubt playing on the varsity in heaven. My prayers are with Mark and all his loved ones! RIP my friend!

Dave Scheu - May 14, 2024 at 08:00 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



May 14, 2024 at 07:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.*



May 14, 2024 at 06:50 AM



“ *Thomas B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.*

Thomas B. - May 14, 2024 at 06:50 AM



“ *Our dear friend Mark,
We spent many dinners and events together ...even Mark and Monie visited our inauguration becoming American citizens ...and celebrated afterwards...
Recently had a great fun dinner at Da-Ru-Ma in Fort Myers with the so called Evansville group and a few others in our Crown Colony Community. It makes us speechless to realize the happening with Mark ...life can be over any moment.
We keep Mark in our prayers and in our best mind memory spot and wish him a good journey to reunite with his beloved ones in heaven.
And will see Monie hopefully soon in fall.
Karl & Irmie Platzer*

Karl and Irmie Platzer - May 14, 2024 at 04:09 AM

WS

“ With HIS love, pookie& charley storms planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Davidson Freeman.

With HIS love, pookie& charley storms - May 13, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



May 13, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ Mark Freeman came into my life when I didn't know I needed extra faith. My faith was tired Mark showed me how to have fun and worship God. He nurtured my faith and watched it grow for the 2 years I was a part of the liturgical ensemble. He took me to my first casting crowns concert, my love of contempt Christian musics flourished. The lives of so many students were connected with Christ because of Mark. Just like my father I'm sure he is dancing with Jesus.

Elizabeth Kirsch - May 13, 2024 at 10:18 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mark Davidson Freeman.



May 13, 2024 at 10:15 PM



“ *I’m so sorry to hear about your loss. So many good memories of Mark. I remember the day my Grandpa McAtee passed away 35 years ago. Mark made a very somber day bearable by hitting me by telling me stories and hitting me on the back of the head. I was 12, so yes it was funny.*

That grew into me looking forward to every encounter, through his support in our family, the last being in April of 2021, another very somber day for us all.

Thank you for always being family, there are a lot of people who are rejoicing the reunion. Help us understand and accept that.

Erich Muensterman - May 13, 2024 at 09:56 PM

JD

“ *To the Freeman Family-
Our prayers will be with you all as you go through the days, weeks, months & years ahead. May we all live such a beautiful life as Mark.
Sincerely, John & Jeanne Dewig*

j dewig - May 13, 2024 at 09:18 PM

SK

“ *It was a true blessing to know Mark and Monie. We met them in Florida in our community and we'd get out to dinner about once a season. I would visit with Mark at the clubhouse and along the road whenever we'd pass; him on bike and me on foot. Though I can't say we were "best friends", I can say the times were the BEST when we would go to a restaurant with a group. Mark was an inspiration about enjoying friends and a Manhattan. May God bless you Mark and rest in peace, my friend.*

Stan Kasper - May 13, 2024 at 08:39 PM

TB

*.....no better teammate;no better person;
a great human and a great being
.....a loss to so many
God's blessings to Mark and his familywe all mourn this loss
Tony Burchett
Aces Football*

Tony Burchett - May 13, 2024 at 08:59 PM

KP

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