



Mark Strassel

December 29, 1949 - January 31, 2006

MARK STRASSEL

Mark R. Strassel of Plano, TX, passed away on January 31, 2006. He was preceded in death by his parents, Margery and Harry K. Strassel, Jr., and his brother, Harry K. Strassel, III of Louisville, KY. Mark was born in Louisville, Kentucky on December 29, 1949.

He was a lifelong University of Kentucky basketball fan where he attended college and was a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Mark was a true Renaissance man as well as a world traveler. He was a wonderful person who lived life to its fullest and will be truly missed by all.

He is survived by his caring and devoted wife of 14 years, Jane Strassel of Evansville, Indiana. Jane is from a very loving and spiritual family. The prayers and undying love from all of their family and friends helped them through this very hard time.

Mark is also survived by his wonderful aunt Elizabeth Jenks and cousin, Virginia Ann Jenks of Birmingham, Alabama. He is also survived by his sweet, dear niece, Amy Strassel Latulip and her daughter, Samantha Nicole Latulip

of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mark also leaves behind his uncle, John E. Mack of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, his cousins, Bob & Bernadette Mack, Bill Mack, Mitch and Mary Mack, all of Berkeley, California. Also surviving is dear family friend, Pat Ricchio of Ft Walton Beach, Florida.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Friday, February 3, 2006 at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 3, 2006 at Pierre Funeral Home at 1:00 P.M., Rev. David Nunning officiating. Entombment will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of choice.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

FEB 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Strassel*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I'm not sure this will be seen all these years later. But Happy Birthday, my old friend. I have been thinking of you all day. I didn't know of your passing back then, but you're always bigger than life in my memories. You introduced me to Dr Jay-my husband (who had just received his letter of admittance to medical school, lol) 41 years ago. I kept thinking about you and talking about you today and when I looked up your name, I see this. I didn't know today is your birthday, but it seems like a miracle of sorts that you have been so present with me today. My prayers and thoughts are with you Jane, but I'm also so happy you had Mark in your life for 14 years, although I wish it was so much longer, he had to have given you many laughs and sweet happy days. He was my neighbor across the hall when I moved to Louisville and was always up when I got off work at midnight. He made me feel welcome in Louisville. We called him Eagle, and I have always wished we had stayed in touch. But today, I think I was touched. Thank you once again, sweet friend.*

Liz Everman Eckman - December 29, 2021 at 09:12 PM



“ *Jane, You have my deepest sympathy for your loss of Mark. You and Mark will be in my continued prayers. I love you so much. Love, Jes###imported-begin##Jes###imported-end##*

February 17, 2006 at 05:29 AM



“ Jane,

I am so saddened by your loss of Mark.

He was an awesome guy and we have such great memories of him.

I have enjoyed all our visits with him and you. Favorite memories include: The always fun visits to your home in Florida- including the fun times on the beach, meeting Pat, meeting Millie right after she joined your family, the great dinners you prepared, relaxing in your back yard, the hidden house key,

just hanging out, Kentucky Lake Reunions complete with pontoon boat rides and the great, matching, green "Norman Family Reunion" t-shirts we all so proudly sported-(Thank You), your visits to Evansville-especially when you stayed with us at our house, (Mark ALWAYS telling me how great the house looked-which always made me feel good), dinner at the Red Geranium, (when Mike was our server),

the Mowers-(private joke), all the conversations about the "CIA"-(also private joke), our trip to Louisville, and so many more then I could list. I am going to miss Mark. I know you are going to miss Mark. Hang on to your great memories, stay strong, keep your positive attitude, and continue to rely upon your faith in God and prayer. I love you so much, my dear sister and friend. I am always here for you, day or night. I want to keep the wonderful memories of Mark alive. I want to laugh at the fun times. If you are sad, I will cry with you. Mark has graduated,

and I am happy for him. We will miss him, because we love him.

You can clearly see how valuable his life was by the great impact he had on so very many people. It is not just about the date of our birth and our death...it is ALL about the DASH in between! I am so

blessed that Mark was a part of your DASH and mine, and I am very blessed that you are such a huge part of my DASH. From my DASH to yours-I love you, Joan

Stephens

February 13, 2006 at 06:34 AM



“ Dear Family,

I'm so very sorry to hear of such a great loss of your loved one. My prayers are with you that our loving Heavenly Father will comfort your hearts and send you His peace that only He can give. God will lift your heavy burden and grief from your hearts as He loves you so much.

Love, Rosanne Ogden##imported-begin##Rosanne Ogden##imported-end##

February 11, 2006 at 11:36 PM

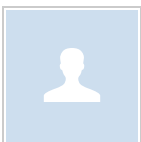


“ Jane - Our thoughts and prayers are always with you. We now have the wonderful memories of Mark to treasure forever. What joy he added to the Norman family!

We love you,

Jeff, Diane, Kristen, John, Jacob and Dominic##imported-begin##Jeff & Diane Norman##imported-end##

February 09, 2006 at 11:16 AM



“ Jane,
Our prayers are with you.

Jennifer and Craig Titzer##imported-begin##Jennifer Titzer##imported-end##

February 09, 2006 at 09:01 AM



“ I just wanted to say that I am thinking about you and that my prays are with you. I will never forget the times we shared while visiting you both. May God be with the both of you and know that everything happens for a reason. Love Ryan###imported-begin###Ryan Matt###imported-end###

February 09, 2006 at 12:06 AM



“ Jane we were so sorry to hear of your loss. Mark will be greatly missed. The two of you made such a great team. Mark was always so cheerful with a great smile, he never had an unkind word to say about anyone. As we all know Mark wore only the best clothes and always looked great. We will always remember the fun Norman family reunions at Kentucky Lake. We always looked forward to the times that you and Mark came home to visit. Dave and I will always remember our trip to Plano over New Years Eve weekend and spending time with both of you. Mark will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. We love you both. Dave Kathy and family###imported-begin###DAVE AND KATHY ESCHE AND FAMILY###imported-end###

February 08, 2006 at 08:10 PM



“ Dear Mark,

I will always remember you, as you are unforgettable. I will always remember your smile and your laugh, which was infectious, your great sense of humor, the way you lived life to the fullest, the fact that you knew that "presentation is everything",

and pardon me if I do not have the correct words on this next one, but it was something like "even the best laid plans can go awry", or "better laid plans have gone awry", and

"I've been where you're going"! I have been "borrowing" your sayings for quite some time now...just thought you should know! I loved your stories, your passion for UK and all things that you believed in, your never ending thirst for knowledge, (which is why you knew so much about everything and why I could never play Trivia with you), and the love you shared with Jane, my sister and friend.

You and Jane were quite the "team!" The love the two of you shared was felt by all who knew you. I am going to miss you

so very much, but you will forever be in my heart. I find great comfort in knowing that you are reunited with your

Mom, Dad and brother, and also my Dad

and Grandma Seibert. I loved the story of the "heavenly bed" that Jane shared with me. I trust that yours is even more wonderful than you could ever have imagined! I love you Mark. I love you Jane.

You will both be in my thoughts and prayers, always!

I love you, Joan###imported-begin##Joan Stephens###imported-end##

February 08, 2006 at 12:58 AM



“ Jane, we are so sorry for your loss, but we have so many wonderful memories of the two of you. Mark, thanks for some of these memories. The Norman family reunions at Kentucky Lake - swimming, boating, eating, sharing lots of laughs. You and Mike being the big Kentucky fans. Political discussions with Joe, loving the fact that you moved to Bush country. Visiting you and Jane in Louisville and the guys going to Cincinnati for barbecue. Celebrating Mike & Ellen's wedding with us and telling me that Jane was the best thing that ever happened to you. Mark, we will miss you, but we will never forget you. Our love and prayers will always be with you and Jane.##imported-begin##Joe & Donna Beuligmann & family##imported-end##

February 07, 2006 at 11:23 PM



“ Dear Jane,

If memory serves me correct, I believe that I have met you and Mark on two occasions. The first time was vacationing in Destin (1995?) at the Ratterman home, and I believe the second time was a subsequent visit in Louisville.

Even though it was only several hours that I have spent with the two of you, I couldn't think of any time better spent. It turns out that Mark knows my sister Sharon from way back when, and he knows many of the same people. Some of these folks are UK fans, believe it or not.

Mark is indeed a Renaissance man, and one that you could spend hours sharing stories and laughter about old times. Mark reminds me of Colonel Matt Winn, who catapulted the Kentucky Derby into the spotlight as Churchill Downs' most famous president. They say Matt has "seen them all". Matt started the Derby glass, among many traditions.

I don't know if Mark has seen it "all" but he has lived life to its fullest, and has more stories to tell than anyone I can recall meeting. Maybe Charles Kurault would give him a run on the trivia, but I can't be certain.

Jane, I have been speaking of Colonel Mark, and not of you. As I also shared many a laugh with you as well, I can say this with certainty. How fun-loving and impassioned a story-teller and renaissance man would Mark be if you weren't the lovely wife at his side? He wouldn't be the same person, not remotely. A renaissance woman at his side, perhaps?

For people lucky enough to meet Mark, hours can be with you for an eternity. And for those who have known Mark for years, like my sister Sharon, Tina, Vigen... well, they are luckier than me.

God bless you and your family.

John Mock###imported-begin###John Mock###imported-end###

February 06, 2006 at 11:36 AM



“*Jane, I haven't known you long but I feel like I have, from all the stories I hear from Connie. You are an awesome person. When I met Mark, I could tell you two were the perfect couple. You seemed so much in love. I am so sorry it had to be this way. I will always keep you in my prayers. I hope to see you again, soon. Love, Dianna###imported-begin###Dianna Johnson###imported-end###*

February 06, 2006 at 09:21 AM



“*Uncle Mark: I'll always remember how fun you were...laughing and sharing stories with me! Remember hanging out in our hot tub, grilling those huge steaks, asking me trivia questions, some important "Life Lessons" you shared with me at Mike and Ellen's wedding in St. Louis, the awesome semi-truck you gave me for my 2nd birthday - which I still treasure, the basketball game at Aunt Donna's, the fun time you and my dad had in 1994 when you visited us in Fishers, IN, the time we visited you and Aunt Jane in Florida right after my first birthday and you threw me up in the air in the pool and didn't catch me when I came back down! Most importantly, always remember "The Circle of Trust!"*

Thanks for being an awesome Uncle and friend. I know you are happy to be in heaven with your mom, dad and brother, Harry K.

I love you and miss you, Kevin Howard###imported-begin###Kevin Howard###imported-end###

February 05, 2006 at 07:52 PM



“ *Mark: Your love for Jane and your zest for life will live on in our memories forever. We are all better people for having known you. We Love You, Russ, Connie, Kevin & Emily Howard###imported-begin###Russ, Connie, Kevin & Emily Howard###imported-end##*

February 05, 2006 at 07:16 PM



“ *Dearest Jane and all of Mark's family:*

We had the great joy of knowing Mark and sharing our wedding in Point Clear, AL with you and our dear friend Debbie Brock. Our prayers and deepest condolences to you and yours. Love, Jim and Mitzi###imported-begin###Jim and Mitzi Anthony###imported-end##

February 05, 2006 at 06:13 PM



“ *Dear Jane, I was deeply saddened to hear about Mark's passing. I will always remember him as an insightful, gentle and loving person who lived and enjoyed a great life sharing it with you. I will cherish all the great times we spent together, and it was coincidentally nice that we chatted not too long ago. I will miss Mark. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Love, Vigen###imported-begin###Vigen Biglari###imported-end##*

February 03, 2006 at 03:47 PM



“ Dearest Jane,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I know that 14 years is not long enough, but I know that you both enjoyed life's journey and loved and cared for each other in the very best way. Mark's life was blessed with great joy because he found you. With all my love and sincere sympathy.

Sharon Sparrow##imported-begin##*Sharon Sparrow*##imported-end##

February 03, 2006 at 11:17 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to you during this unfortunate time. Mark was a heck a fine fellow with an infectious smile. I along with many, many more that grew-up with him will always carry those memories. Take care of yourself during this time and know in spirit Mark will be forever a part of us.

Nick Nicholson
Prospect, Ky##imported-begin##*Nick Nicholson*##imported-end##

February 02, 2006 at 06:28 PM



“ I remember Mark as the white-haired little brother of Harry who was my best friend for many years in grade school and middle school. Harry and I were very close to the same age. I was thinking about the Strassel family and Mark in particular just last week, having lost contact with the family years ago. I am very saddened by the news of his death. It is a blessing to read that he was surrounded by friends and family.

Whenever I am in Louisville and back in the old neighborhood, I drive by the old Strassel home on Tyler Lane. It brings back many fond memories. I remember the Strassels at home watching a UK football game on TV one New Year's Day in the 1951 – 1953 time frame. Harry and Mark's parents were big UK fans. I can see Mark and Harry and the rest of our little band of kids playing “guns” around his house and in the woods (long gone, I am sure) behind his house. Later, it was pickup basketball games in their driveway. Harry and Mark used to really get into it when they were young. There are many more memories, too many to relate here.

My deepest sympathies to the Strassel family.

Charles Starks###imported-begin##Charles Starks###imported-end##

February 02, 2006 at 05:45 PM



Mark was my cousin and Harry Kaye and I were the same age. I loved the house on Tyler Lane. Just ran across this tonight. I wrote Mark's obit. Our mothers were sisters. Thank you for your kind words.

Virginia Ann Jenks - May 07, 2017 at 11:32 PM



“ *It's hard to imagine this world without Mark, but it's easy to imagine him in the next world, happy, healthy yet waiting for the times we will join him.*

Mark was a wonderful, loving and generous man. He was also smart and entertaining. I guess now someone else has a chance at winning a trivia game.

I will cherish my many memories of the times we spent together. Mark will be so missed.##imported-begin##Debbie Brock##imported-end##

February 02, 2006 at 01:48 PM



“ *Dear Jane and all of Mark's family,*

I am saddened by the news of Mark's passing. Our family has enjoyed many years of time and visits with Mark and the Strassel family over the years in Louisville and in Fort Walton and Santa Rosa. What wonderful memories we have to cherish!

Mark's memory will stay with me forever. I appreciate his deep knowledge of so many things and his sincere love for Jane, of people, Yorkies, UK, and living a full life.

I could go on for a long time about my deep appreciation for Mark's friendship.

My prayers and love are will all of you. May Mark peacefully join his parents and brother and Cabby and Papa Joe in heaven!

Love, Tina##imported-begin##Tina Ratterman##imported-end##

February 02, 2006 at 09:34 AM