

Mark Rulon Mortensen

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Mark will be greatly missed for his ability to connect with others and his warm heart.

- Sydney

Mark was a man in whom there was no guile.

- Chad Evans

Mark was certainly a bright light in a world that has been dark of late. He will be sorely missed by our family & friends. Especially the loss of his positive energy in all of our lives.

- Joe Barker

The world is a darker place today with the loss of Marks light. May your heart find peace and comfort in remembering his light , kindness and his smile.

- Heather Openshaw

My condolences to Marks family. His family, which are many, will need Gods love and strength. Love to all Aunt Carol

- Carol Urdahl

My deepest condolences to all of Mark's wife and family. He will be missed by many.

- Duncan Gilmour

Mark came to AZ and stayed with us for about a week, when he was a kid, We love Mark and am so sad to hear of his passing! Much love and sympathies to his family. May you find comfort and feel his love! Aunt JoAn loves you Mark

- JoAn Mortensen Ellsworth

My heart goes out to Spencer and Kathy and their children. Our children are not supposed to go before us. I feel your pain. My sincere love and prayers of peace and comfort be with you during this most difficult time. ■❤■

- Jeanie Horsley

As one of Mark's former youth leaders (and neighborhood friend), I was shocked to learn that he "graduated" early from the school of mortality. He must have been in the "AP" program! Mark's mission on this earth is done. Now it is up to us (not in the AP program) to make a positive contribution to our families and community like Mark did. Well done Mark! I look forward to meeting you again after I graduate. In the meantime, I express my condolences to your wife, children, parents, siblings, friends and extended family members. I hope they share the view expressed in the following quote: TOGETHERNESS Death is nothing at all --- I have only slipped into the next room. Whatever we were to each other in this life, that we are still. Call me by my own familiar name. Speak to me in the same easy way, as you always did. Laugh as we always laughed, at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, and think of me. Pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before --- only better, infinitely happier. And for ever --- we will all be one together, with Christ. Carmelite Monastery Waterford, Ireland "Death is nothing at all --- I have only slipped into the next room. Whatever we were to each other in this life, that we are still. Call me by my own familiar name. Speak to me in the same easy way, as you always did. Laugh as we always laughed, at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, and think of me. Pray for me. Let my name be the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before --- only better, infinitely happier. And for ever --- we will all be one together, with Christ." Carmelite Monastery Waterford, Ireland

- Ray Anderson

No expiration date on Marks epitome of: kindness, thoughtfulness, empathy for others positive about everything etc. "Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always Near, still loved, still missed And forever Dear" author unknown May the Lord bless you and keep you in your time of sorrow. Love Pat & Dave Whitney

- Patricia Ann Whitney

My heart is heavy by Mark's passing and I offer my sincere condolences to his wife and family. I cherish my memories with my cousin; Camping in the Wind Rivers via horse back as youth was one of my favorite memories with Mark. Later, I stayed at his house for a few weeks one summer and we enjoyed numerous games of HORSE on his indoor basketball court. He had an amazing shot and always beat me despite my best efforts. As I sulked in defeat he lovingly joked with me that I was acting like a baby and gave me the nickname, "baby O", haha. Mark,

thank you for your example of love and compassion and for teaching me to enjoy life even through losses. You will be missed.

- Owen Mortensen

I can't imagine your pain right now aunty, but please know that I am here for you. May your loving husband rest in peace. sending you and your love one loads of love and prayers.

- vicke feao

Our condolences to both Spencer and Kathy and all family who have been affected by this great loss. We love you, and hope you can feel lifted by this knowledge at this difficult time.

- Rachel Horsley Stellet

Our sincere condolences to Mark's wife but our dear friend/family Hepi and children, Nani, Papa, Pita, Siu. Mark blessed our friends/family with love and happiness. Our hearts go out to you Hepi, children as well as Mark's family at this difficult time. 'Ofa lahi atu Pres. Tupou and Seniuila Tupou

- Seniuila Tupou

Very sorry for the loss of your lovely husband but we know that Heavenly Father always have plan for everyone ■ much much love ■ ❤ for you Hepi from all of the family from New Zealand ■■

- Noo Mauala

Mark and I were coworkers for 5 years. He was the friendliest coworker of all and will be missed by so many. My heart goes out to Mark's wife, family members and closest friends.

- Peter N.

Dear Mark, I will miss your endless positivity and sunny smile. You always welcomed everyone with such enthusiasm. Just having you at work made everything so much more pleasant. I am so grateful to have known you. Thank you, Mark, for helping to make this world a better place.

- Beverly Blake

My sincere condolences to Mark's family and friends for the loss of such an amazing man. Please know that he was such a bright light for everyone who knew him.

- Beverly Blake

Dear Mark, Know that even though you are gone from this life, but you will always be in our hearts. Your loving words and actions will always be remembered to guide me in this life. I will always be forever grateful to what you have done for me and my siblings especially for our mom; You made the choice to love another's children as your

own. You step up to provide, protect, encourage and love us. You may have not given us the gift of life but you have given us the gift of you. You made our lives easier. Thank you for stepping in and being the DAD you didn't have to be. Appreciate and Love You Always. "Family isn't defined by last names or by blood; it's defined by commitment and by love."

- Nani

We miss you every day.

- Sulieti Matelau

I grew up spending holidays with Mark, as he his my first cousin. My brother Tommy and I also had many play dates with he and his sister Katie as we aligned in age. Kathy was always very good to Tommy and I when we would come to play with Mark and Katie. She made our play dates special and fun. To this day I still treasure my relationship with Katie because of the time I spent with her as a child. I know Tommy feels a special kinship with Mark as well. I especially remember our christmas Eve dinners with just our two families. I also have many fond memories at Mark's home in Sandy where Spence and Emily still live. I remember watching JD show off all the stunts Mark could do around their fun house and I remember how much he loved to play basketball with his brother and cousins in their gym. I loved the way JD, Kathy, Spence, Happi and Mark's bishop described Mark , most especially at the end of his life because it is exactly the Mark I remember as a child. I had lost touch with him these past 20 years but I could tell that Mark died with the same pure heart he had as a child. They way he was described at his funeral service by his loved ones was beautiful and exactly how I remember him. He was pure love and happiness. From what I understand, from the words shared this week, Mark's dear wife Happi is to thank for his happy, pure heart in the last days of his life. She blessed him with love, joy and a family. What an angel. I do not know if she had a role reuniting him with his brother and savior Jesus Christ but I imagine she did and I feel so much awe toward both Angel Happi and the Lord Jesus Christ for giving this pure hearted man what he deserved in his last year of life. I am grateful to have known Mark and to be part of his eternal family. I am also grateful for the strong spirit of Christ I felt at his funeral and for his sweet bishops , JD, Happi, and Spence's remarks. Thank you all for blessing my life. - Molly Rice

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We were traveling last week and heard something about the passing of ward member. I was shocked when I learned it was Mark. We had the pleasure of getting to know Mark and Happy and sitting with them at church. I had recently run into him at Sprouts where he treated me like one of his oldest friends. I am so saddened by his sudden and premature passing and feel cheated out of a friendship that was just getting started. My deepest condolences for the family.

- Jed & Angie Lyman

R.I.P Mark we missed your smiling face and your positive attitude towards everyone we loved you always until we meet again siu

- Siu Inoke

Just found out that Mark passed into the next room that leads to eternity. An exceptional man that brought sunshine and joy to me as a customer at Sprouts. Looking at all these condolences, this is an angel. May his family find their

comfort in Christ's pure love.

- Darlene Pedersen

I grew up with Mark. He was my best friend of many years. I only found out about his passing today. We spent our childhoods together day and night. He was always a kind and gentle soul. He wouldn't hurt a fly unless he stepped on it. We played a lot of basketball together, all over the place. It was our passion. Lost track of Mark after high school. I wish I hadn't. It breaks my heart to hear this news. I give all my love to his wife, his dear parents, and all of his families and love led ones.

- Justin Holmes