



Mark Lee Dufault

December 4, 1950 - March 5, 2020

Mark Lee Dufault Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother passed away peacefully surrounded by his family in Raleigh on March 5, 2020. Mark is survived by his wife Rose (née Zaller); sister Diane Alaskin of Sacramento, California; brother Steven Dufault of San Antonio, Texas; son Mark Dufault Jr. (children Ksenia and Nikolas) of Raleigh; daughter Amy Vetsch (husband Brian and children Tyler, Sarah, and Haley) of Yakima, Washington; daughter Kim Earnhardt (husband Charles and children Audrey, Charles III, Layla, and Dalton) of Raleigh; son Darin (wife Kimberly and children Benjamin, Martha, and Henry) of Raleigh; stepson John Teets (wife Gina and children Michael and Noah) of Cleveland, Ohio; stepson Timothy Teets (fiancé Brittany Johnson and children Sarah and Patrick) of Cleveland, Ohio; stepson Daniel Teets (wife Lauren and son Benjamin) of Cleveland, Ohio, and three adopted step-sons with five grandchildren.

Mark was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on December 4, 1950 to Harold Langley Dufault and Irma Ernestine Dufault (née Kistner) and was raised in San Antonio, Texas. Shortly after high school he entered the United States Air Force, where he began his career in engineering. Mark was fortunate to have a varied career through aviation, television, and MRI engineering.

Mark loved card games, motorcycles, coaching youth athletics, traveling, and Mexican food. Above all else, though, Mark had an enduring passion for

making and listening to music. He was a self-taught guitarist from his teenage years, Sunday morning radio DJ in his Air Force days, and celebrated by friends and family in his later years for hosting epic jam sessions into the early hours of the morning in his home living room.

A service will be held for Mark at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary, NC on March 10, 2020 at 2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent in Mark's name to the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (www.mhopus.org).

Cemetery Details

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd
Cary, NC 27519
(919) 465-0888
<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 10. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
221 Union St
Cary, NC 27511

Tribute Wall

RA

“ Truly saddened by your loss Rose. All those who knew Mark have lost with his passing. Mark is one of the reasons I have my job. He was one of who turned vocal when I married Stephanie and moved to California. Will never forget working with him and just talking some times. It was always a pleasure to visit you both. His wisdom and joculariry will be missed. A true friend and a good man.



Rod Acre - March 10, 2020 at 06:04 AM

KL

“ Rose, I'm truly sorry for your loss for Mark, A very compassionate man towards his family, friends and colleagues. It's been a pleasure working with him for many years, the conversation, the funny stories and life events over a few beers along the many years. His musical talents and fast wit kept us all laughing from time to time. May he rest in peace, keep a close watch over his family and guide you all through this grieving period. The memories will keep you strong and a smile on your face until you meet him again. A little Irish blessing for you all. May the road rise to meet you, and the wind always be at your back. May the sunshine warm on your face and the rains fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again. May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand. God Bless you all. Kevin & Jennifer Lennon

Kevin Lennon - March 09, 2020 at 04:14 PM

PW

“ It is very sad to lose a family but it is also sad we lost another Cowboy. Was really glad he could make it to the 50th reunion to be able to see everyone before he left this world. My prayers are to the family in their time of sorrow.

Paula (Smalling) Wood and Family

Paula Smalling Wood - March 09, 2020 at 04:06 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Lee Dufault.



March 09, 2020 at 02:35 PM

TM

“ I am so sorry to hear of Marks passing. I'm so thankful that we were able to visit at our 50th high school reunion. Mark & I attended school & church together. Peace be with his family.

Tommie Matthews Mergele - March 08, 2020 at 07:10 PM

MR

“ Mark was a good guy....sorry we had to lose him...Rest Easy guy..

mike rudy - March 08, 2020 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ *Mark was a great friend and a McCollum High School classmate "Class of 69". I was so happy that he and Rose were able to come to our 50th class reunion. He truly was one of the most thoughtful people I knew. He loved Rose and his family & friends so very much and was loved by them. He will be greatly missed by all. Prayers of Comfort to all.*

Janet Holt Scales

Janet -Holt Scales - March 08, 2020 at 12:38 PM

JH

“ *Mark was my only Uncle on my Dad's side of the family. He liked having fun and telling really bad jokes that he thought was funny. Even though he and my Aunt divorced, he was still considered family and I was touched that he came to my Dad's funeral. I know that his passing will leave a big hole in his children's lives because he was bigger than life.*

Joanne Hurley - March 07, 2020 at 10:04 PM

TK

“ *Mark was the 'cool' uncle. He always made everyone around him feel special. And he was always joking around. You couldn't help but have a smile on your face when you were with him. I will miss him! My prayers go out to his family.*

Teresa Klepac - March 07, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JW

“ *I always loved working and knowing Mark. He was always a pleasure. Our warmest condolences to Rose and the family.*

Jerry & Nancy White

jerry white - March 07, 2020 at 01:14 PM