



Mark D. Fox

May 5, 1945 - October 8, 2020

Mark Douglas Fox, a loving, kind, gentle Husband, Father and Poppie left his earthly home October 8th, 2020 at the age of 75.

Mark was born May 5th, 1945 in Marshall, Minnesota to his loving parents: Lorraine Mae (Haraldson) and Del Merle Fox.

Mark is survived by his loyal wife of 52 years, Linda Fox. Daughters Melissa (Fox) Thompson husband Chris and Christine Fox; grandchildren, Elijah, Noah, Zeke, Joseph (Tamara), Trey, Elizabeth and Nicole. Sister, Kathy Giles; Brother-in-law, Steve (Beth) Hollon; niece, Gigi Johnson; nephews, Greg (Sasha) Johnson, Scott (Aimee) Hollon, Mike Hollon; great-nieces, Maddie and Anneliese; great-nephews, Harrison and Brigham.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Del and Lorraine Fox and sweet baby Michael.

Mark lived in Marshall, MN for the first 16 years of his life. He enjoyed the outdoors and fell in love with wild game hunting. He and his father, Del, spent time together hunting and fishing in Minnesota and Canada. When Mark's mother passed away suddenly when he was 16 he moved to Austin, Texas. He graduated from high school in Austin in 1963.

Following high school Mark proudly enlisted into the US Air Force where he served as a Supply Sergeant from 1964 to 1967. While in the USAF he was stationed in Lincoln, Nebraska where Mark met the love of his life on a blind date in 1965. His next deployment led him to Anchorage, Alaska, "The Hunter's Paradise".

After completing his Military tour Mark went on to marry Linda Hollon on Valentine's Day 1968 in Lincoln, Nebraska. The newlyweds then moved to OKC for Mark to start his career in the paper industry. His first sales job was for Carpenter Paper. Mark and Linda then moved to Austin, TX to further learn and develop his paper selling skills from his father.

In October 1971 Mark moved to Carpenter Paper in Tulsa. He became the leading salesman in the paper industry; he won salesman of the year more times than his competitors could count. Mark was well known and loved for his skills in the paper industry. He worked hard to get the best deals for his clients and firmly believed in honesty in his business and personal life. He lived by the motto "A man's word is his bond".

One of his proudest achievements was becoming a 32nd degree Mason, following in his father's footsteps. He was a man who sought to serve others and in being a Mason would allow him to observe others at a greater reach.

Mark had a son, Michael Channing Fox, that was born an angel on October 25, 1971. Mark was devastated and genuinely thought of his son daily. He often wondered what Michael would have been like and would he have had his brown eyes. We rejoice knowing they are together in Heaven hunting, fishing and telling all the great stories of life.

In 1973 his daughter Melissa (Missy) was born and then in 1975 he got his brown eyed Christine. In his lifetime he was the best father a girl could have. He was patient, kind, loving and always making sure his girls felt loved.

Mark spent his free time hunting, dog training and serving as an active dedicated member on the Bow Council of Oklahoma. He enjoyed the BOA because it allowed him time with other bow enthusiasts and time to teach young up and coming bow hunters. Poppie also spent time teaching his grandchildren how to shoot a bow. There may have been some interesting moments but no one was harmed, and fun was had by all.

Mark retired from the paper industry in 2003 after many health issues began to develop. It was so extremely hard for him to walk away from a booming career. He was at the top of the paper industry and had accomplished so much. To this day people still speak fondly of him and reference how good he was at his job.

In 2004, after having health issues and many years of differing diagnosis it was found that he had Lewy Body Dementia. This was a crushing diagnosis for Mark and began years of sadness and a fight to find a way to continue life as normal as possible. Mark always faced adversity with hope and perseverance. He desperately fought the disease until his last moments.

Mark loved fiercely and anyone that knew him loved him back. He could walk into any room and make new friends instantly. He was truly the good in this world. Mark would

often stop and pick up people walking on the side of the road and take them where they needed to go. Much to his families panic and orders to stop. His family watched him buy food for families in need. Mark never let someone's needs go unfilled. He was generous and loved to make people know that they mattered. He loved spoiling his wife and made sure Linda felt like a queen. Mark taught his daughters that life is tough sometimes but they have Fox blood in them, and they can do great things.

Over the years he made friends into family. Gene and Emily Makela and their children Annie, Kathy and the Rev. Matt Makela. Gene was a brother to Mark and through the years the two of them made great hunting memories. Some of which we can tell in public and some that will remain top secret.

Our hearts will forever be missing our sweet Husband, Father and Grandfather. He was the soul of his family and joy of our lives. We know he is at peace with his heavenly father and has been made new. He is watching over each of us, and walking streets made of gold.

We grieve because we were LOVED.

Viewing will be 12-8pm, Monday, October 12, 2020 with family present from 5 to 7pm at Moore Funeral Home - Southlawn Chapel; 9350 E 51st, Tulsa, OK.

Funeral services are 10am, Tuesday at Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel, 3612 E 91st St, Tulsa, OK with interment directly following at Forth Gibson National Cemetery.

Events

OCT **Viewing** 12:00PM

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Moore Funeral Home - Southlawn Chapel
9350 E. 51st St., Tulsa, OK, US, 74145

OCT **Funeral service** 10:00AM

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Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel
3612 East 91st Street South, Tulsa, OK, US, 74137-3976

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Moore Funeral Home - October 12, 2020 at 02:22 PM



“ Dear Linda, if you only knew what kind of great emotional assurance it has been knowing that my brother, Mark, was blessed with such a lovely and loyal wife, wonderful children, and so many amazing grandchildren. We pray that everyone who loved Mark, and who has loved and admired the two of you and your enduring marriage and life together from near and far, is able to find peace, comfort, and happy times again in the days ahead. Thank you for looking out for my brother for so many years. You are a true matriarch. Love, Mary Kathleen, your grateful sister-in-law, and the rest of your family here in California, including Greg, Sasha, Gigi, Madison, and Dennis.

Mary Kathleen - October 13, 2020 at 06:19 AM



“ Your loving sister-and-law and family out West purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mark D. Fox.



Your loving sister-and-law and family out West - October 13, 2020 at 03:55 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of Mark's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. We served together and became friends in Alaska. Many happy memories and especially our brief visits together over the years. We shall meet again Brother in the celestial lodge above.
Roland and Eve Noel

Roland Noel - October 12, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ Thank you Roland, Dad absolutely cherished your friendship. I remember when you came to visit. Thank you for being such a good friend to dad.

Missy Fox Thompson

Missy - October 14, 2020 at 09:36 PM



“ Brent and a Tangie Beatty purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mark D. Fox.



Brent and a Tangie Beatty - October 12, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark D. Fox.



October 12, 2020 at 02:24 PM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark D. Fox.



October 12, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mark D. Fox.



October 12, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Moore Funeral Home - October 12, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ Linda , Missy and Christine. Mark (Dad) was such a kind man. He will be missed but my memories of our chats together and visiting bring a smile to my face.
Mike.
Our deepest condolences.
The Andreoli family

Michael Andreoli - October 12, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark D. Fox.



October 12, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ Linda, Missy & Christine,

I am so sorry for your loss, My heartfelt prayers go out to you all. May God ease your pain and comfort you through this time. My love to you all.

Jenny McCreary Ozgul



Jenny McCreary Ozgul - October 10, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ I will always remember Mark as a professional who helped me out a million times over the 18 years I was in the industry. He was always willing to fight for your needs, never told a lie, and always had a smile. While I enjoyed dealing with him, I'm most thankful for the things he taught me by example. He taught me a lot that I continue to use every day in life. Thanks Mark. May you have eternal rest and peace.

Jim Funk - October 10, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark D. Fox.



October 09, 2020 at 02:22 PM