



Mark Alan Kaffee

February 13, 1956 - November 6, 2021

Mark died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Miraculously, the Gamecocks won at nearly the exact moment.

Mark was known as a family man, and to many of us, simply dad, brother, cousin, or friend. To some, he was known as the man, and even Bill Nye, the Sno Cone Guy. He was famous for giving you “ones,” two in the eyes, his infectious laugh, and his best friend, Larry the Lobster. Mark had a way of making instant friends with strangers, and he always made you feel special. He loved all of his friends and family deeply. Most of all, he loved his daughter Meredith. He was her biggest cheerleader and confidant. When he was near, there was no shortage of laughter due to his array of dad jokes.

Mark was also a sports fanatic. Perhaps Grandpa Harts first ignited the love by taking Mark to wrestling at the township auditorium. Indeed, this love was entrenched when Mark had his best basketball game ever during his bar mitzvah week, going 8 for 8 from the right corner to lead his JCC team over St. Martins, gaining him entry into the shortest book of all time, Great Jewish Athletes. Without a doubt, there was no better fan of all the beleaguered teams of his family and friends, especially the Mets, AC Flora Falcons, Gamecocks, American Eagles, Capitols, and Lions everywhere.

The NCAA Tournament, Little Feat, Saturday Night Live, and Seinfeld reruns

will miss you. Sports celebrities everywhere hoped they could sign one more autograph for you. And indeed, Howard wishes he could bring you one more Diet Coke. We love you, Mark.

Mark was dedicated to helping cure type one diabetes. In place of flowers, consider a donation to JDRF Northern Florida Chapter in his name at JDRF.org/Memorial. Or you can mail a gift to JDRF, 1850 Lee Road, Suite 132, Winter Park, FL 32789.

Please join us at the beautiful Washington Oaks State Park to celebrate the life of Mark Kaffee on Sunday, November 21 at noon.

Tribute Wall



Rick
Kidd

“ I just today learned of Mark's passing. I've known Mark since 6th grade and we've remained friends all these years. He and his family lived just down the street from us on Oakhill Road in Columbia. I will never forget him. Back in those days when I was a young guy, I was bullied mercilessly by many students at Crayton Jr. High because I am gay. Mark was very popular and well-liked at school but he courageously always stood up for me and stuck by me as a friend. Just like his wonderful parents, he treated me and everyone he knew with kindness and respect. His jokes, his laughter, his love for his family, for his daughter, his love of life itself was infectious. He's the kind of man, the kind of person G-d expects us to be. He will be greatly missed by many on this Earth.

Rick Kidd - December 30, 2021 at 09:13 PM



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“ IT IS GREAT SADNESS TO LEARN OF MARKS PASSING. A GREAT NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND. MARK, ANDY AND I WERE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE PARENTS THAT WE DID. MR. AND MRS. KAFFEE WERE VERY PROUD PARENTS AND RIGHTFULLY SO. MARK AND ANDY WERE HARD COMPETITORS ON THE BASKETBALL COURT. WINNING DID NOT MATTER. IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE LAUGH! WAY TOO MANY MEMORIES TO WRITE ABOUT. FROM SACHEL FORD, CRAYTON AND A. C. FLORA.
GOD BLESS
HANK GADDIS

HANK GADDIS - November 22, 2021 at 09:51 AM

KT

“ I Knew Mark from my Kalco Lighting days. I was a customer service rep at Kalco. He would fly into Las Vegas for Salesrep meetings and he would always bring me all kinds of special flavor licorice from a candy store he would rave about in Jacksonville, Florida. He was always talking about his daughter, Meredith, however, I never got to meet her. Meredith, I'm so sorry for the loss of your father, he was a good man. Prayers 🙏💜💙🙏

Kathi Tremblay - November 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM

BW

“ Bill Nye, the Sno Cone Guy... I will always remember your wonderful smile, great sense of humor, and your love of sports. But most of all, I will remember how your eyes lit up when you talked about Meredith! You will be deeply missed! Xox. B.Wetmore

Betsy wetmore - November 19, 2021 at 08:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Kaffee.



November 19, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SG

“ Mark's poignant and humorous obituary is the best reflection of the man I know and loved. He made everyone smile and never knew a stranger. The world has lost a bright Soul.

Sylvia Gillotte - November 19, 2021 at 04:25 AM