



Rodney Mark McDonnell

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Our loving husband, father, brother, and friend passed away in a car accident. Mark was born to Rodney and Beatrice McDonnell in Clute, Texas. Mark began singing as soon as he could speak and was an inaugural member of the Austin Boy's Choir in Austin, TX. Mark loved Texas and was raised there until he turned 19 when he left on a service mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Finland speaking Finnish. In 1984 Mark moved to Provo, Utah to attend school at Brigham Young University. He loved performing for others and began on stage performance in 1981 with his rendition of File in 110 in the Shade. Additional productions include: Ruddigore: The Witch's Curse, BYU (1984), Inherit the Wind, BYU (1985), Enemy of the People, BYU (1992), Falstaff, BYU (1993), Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Provo Tabernacle (2000), A Christmas Carol, Hale Center Theater (2009) and H.M.S. Pinafore, Valley Center Playhouse (2010), Hairspray, Sierra Theater (2010). Mark served active duty in the US Air Force from 1987 to 1992. In 1991 he auditioned with 8,000 other active duty contestants for Top's-n-Blue, a variety show that travels around the globe performing for Airmen and their dependents. Mark was one of the 22 finalists selected to perform with this elite group, but he turned down the opportunity to continue pursuing his Bachelor's Degree at BYU – where he met and married his wife of 17 years, Jennifer Lynne Auger. Mark and Jennifer were sealed in the Logan Temple following a family tradition that spans back to Jennifer's grandparents. Mark continued to be an active member of his church and his community until the day he died. Together they raised a beautiful family consisting of Austin (16 years old), Sierra (14 years old), Autumn (11 years old), Celeste (9 years old), Christopher (5 years old) and Wyatt (3 years old). Mark loved playing sports but his greatest love was coaching his children in sports. Mark had a knack for starting the children playing as soon as they could walk. Mark's favorites were baseball, football, softball, and golf. Mark was a friend to



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all. He remembered everyone he met and the many details about their life. You couldn't go anywhere with Mark without him running into a dear friend. Mark knew a little bit about everything and a lot about nothing which made him a fierce competitor in any board game, which was a favorite family pastime. Mark was deeply loved and will be sorely missed. Funeral services held 11:00 am, Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the LDS Stake Center at 1176 North 730 East, Pleasant Grove, UT where friends may call prior to services at 10 am. Interment with military honors at the Pleasant Grove Cemetery.



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KB

Karyn Ericksen Bunnell posted:

I was saddened to hear of the tragedy that happened to Mark. I was always impressed at his voice and his willingness to share that amazing tenor sound. Everytime I hear "I am not his father, he is mine" I see and hear his voice. I hope that our paths will cross again and we can sing praises to the Lord. Love you and Jennifer very much.

November 10 at 6:36 AM

KE

Kerry posted:

Mark was a good friend and a great co-worker. He will deeply missed.

October 25 at 5:37 AM

RE

Rick Ericksen posted:

I feel deeply for your loss. I don't remember meeting Mark personally, but I worked for a time with his father Rodney while in Houston, and recall his Dad speaking of him often. I hope you find comfort from the Eternal Comforter at this time of loss. We shall remember your family in our prayers.

October 24 at 6:43 PM

MD

Marilyn Davis posted:

Dearest Jennifer and sweet children- My heart is with you. Mark was one of my favorites from VCP. He was always so kind to me and so fun to be in a play with. He has left you a great legacy. Remember-there are lots of us out here who love you!

October 23 at 10:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rodney by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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