



Mark Jay Bell

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If only our eyes saw souls instead of bodies,
How different our ideals of beauty would be.

Lauren Jauregui

Quote shared by Mark

Mark Jay Bell passed from this life on March 18, 2023. He made a grand entrance into the world weighing in at almost 10 pounds on January 28, 1969. He is the baby in his family of 8 children born to Eileen Allred and James Hyrum Bell Jr.

Mark attended Bountiful High and was loved by many and made lifelong friendships while there. For 2 years he shared his love for Jesus Christ as he served a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in the Rochester, New York area. Mark graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and went on to get a Masters in Science and Architecture at the University of Nevada.

Mark had an enamoring, joyful spirit. Mark's kind heart, sensitive spirit and infectious laugh seemed to attract friends wherever he was - at home, at school, in his career and on the street.

He came into this world with many gifts that he generously shared with all he encountered. Becoming a skilled cellist was one of those precious gifts. After going through years of piano, organ, and violin lessons with 7 children, Mom finally got a child that loved music as much as she did and would stick with it long enough to create beautiful, soul-filled music. Mark shared his music with many whenever he was asked. He was a member of the Utah Youth Symphony, played with the SLC Ballet Orchestra and was a sought-after studio cellist. When you heard Mark play, you didn't just hear the notes, you felt Mark's soul.

Mark had a creative, artistic designer's eye. He was able to have a career path in the very area he was exceptionally gifted in. He could see things in a way that most of us could not. Mark was a perfectionist! His detailed computer renderings of a home or a piece of furniture that he had



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designed were done to perfection. When his creations came to life it was truly magical. Mark shared his expertise with many as he designed their homes and interiors. He spent much time and energy to make sure a project was finished just right.

Death brings life into sharp focus. It is at times like this that our gratitude for the Savior is increased immensely. We feel His compassion and comfort “Come unto me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Mark is freed from the shackles that kept him earthly bound. We know death is not a final goodbye, we will be with Mark again.

We send Mark off on his beautiful new journey with our confidence in him, our faith, love, and support.

There will be a Memorial Service in remembrance of Mark on April 15th 2023 at 2pm. LDS chapel 1282 W 1875 N Farmington, Utah



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EP

Erin Perkins posted:

I was able to run over to Mark's moms viewing. It was my prep period and Mark was the only one there. We got to talk and cry together for a good 20 min before I had to go back. Mark shared all the great things he would miss about his mom. Every single thing he said- how loving, how caring she was...was Mark. He made Highschool so much fun. He always had us laughing and his smile was infectious. I love you Mark!

April 14 at 4:42 PM

JS

Jim Sorensen posted:

Mark was my companion in the Missionary Training Center. He was a kind soul and lived his family and spoke about them often.

April 14 at 5:40 AM

JS

Jim Sorensen posted:

Mark was my companion in the Missionary Training Center. He was a very kind soul and loved his family dearly and spoke about them a lot.

April 14 at 5:37 AM



Brett Sampson posted:

Mark always has looked for and created beauty in people and in the world. He was my zone leader in the New York Rochester Mission in 1989, who had style; he was my roommate, who philosophized and laughed hysterically with me; he was the best man at my wedding, who ran to buy me a better shirt in the middle of the day, went to our new apartment and found Marcie's lost veil, and played the cello at the reception; and he is my dear brother forever. One quintessential memory is the afternoon in 1993, when my then fiancé Marcie came to Mark's and my apartment, because the three of us were going to go do something together. She had on white Keds shoes (no socks), white shorts, and a blue oversized sweater with a wide v-neck bordered in green--all very preppy. I was in the living room with her while Mark got ready. When he came out to go, he took a quick look at Marcie, and said he'd be just another minute. He went back into our room, and a few minutes later, popped out, striking a pose, and wearing EXACTLY the SAME outfit as Marcie. We all fell on the floor laughing. I'm pretty sure he changed before we all went out.

April 12 at 7:13 PM



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Russell Clove posted:

Mark literally changed my life and saved my mission. After struggling for the first 3 months of my mission, I was sent to serve with Mark in Amherst. After I contemplated going home, Mark showed me how fun, creative, and spiritual missionary life could be. We quickly became best friends. He was my best man at my wedding. We were able to stay in touch over the years, albeit with large gaps of time between visits. I had lost contact with Mark and often worried and wondered about him. I love Mark and know he is in a much better place now. I miss my friend! ❤️

April 11 at 8:12 PM



Robert Schaffer shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mark was everything that has already been said. He was an incredibly gifted musician, a gifted architect, a gifted designer. He was also a gifted friend and partner who always put others first. He was also one of the most spiritually gifted people I have ever met. Many of you know of and benefited from his spiritual insights and loving guidance. I know Mark as GIFTED in every way. It is a yerrible loss that he will no longer be able to share his gifts with the world. But I know he is in a better place and I know he is watching down over us, continuing to guide us with his love. Gone too soon. I love you Mark. ❤️

March 27 at 1:49 PM



Matt H posted:

Mark somehow made you feel better about life and yourself just by being around him. He brightened the world because he couldn't help but love. That's just who he is. Thank you for your light my friend. My love and tenderness to his family and those closest to him.

March 31 at 2:59 AM



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LJ

Lisa J shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mark is a true soul friend. He was with me as I took some of the biggest steps forward in my life. I have so many wonderful memories with him. There are too many special (and hilarious) memories to share in a public forum. One of my favorite memories with Mark, is getting scuba certified together and taking a trip with he and my husband to La Paz. Mark was up for anything. Any experience was brighter and more fun when Mark was there. Mark, I will miss you terribly, but I'm comforted knowing that you are no longer suffering. I know that you are bringing joy to those around you on the other side. Love you forever.

March 30 at 10:56 AM

KR

Krista March 30 at 4:18 PM

Wow This is the Mark I remember from next door growing up. We are sad. Sorry life got so hard for Mark. He was a wonderful person.

RP

Rick Perry shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Mark was a friendly, caring, loving man. He brightened up the people and places he was around. My heart is heavy knowing he has passed but happy for his rest. He was a giver, in this picture he is buying pjs for needy kids! Mark inspired many! Peace and love to all that know him!

March 30 at 4:51 AM

DW

Diana West posted:

Mark was one of my first friends. We grew up together and I have so many happy memories of him. I loved listening to him play the cello. I loved that he could make me laugh. My love and prayers are with the whole Bell family. ❤️

March 28 at 8:04 AM

BG

Blake Geilmann posted:

I served with Mark in Binghamton NY and what a wonderful experience it was. He was so kind to those that we met and always was in a joyful mood. I always admired how non-judgmental he was to others. My condolences to the family, he will be missed. It was a privilege to know him and to work with him.

March 28 at 7:03 AM



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Jeff Larsen posted:

-Mark was such a wonderful guy, and sooooo talented! Hearing him play the cello was a beautiful experience. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.

March 28 at 6:16 AM



Jennifer Cullimore posted:

I am a childhood friend of Mark. I would walk to and from Oak Hills Elementary daily. I love Mark! He was an accomplished cellist and such a kind soul. He was artistic and so talented. I love his family and I love Mark. My heart and prayers are with Mark and his family. Please know I felt his soul then and now. He is at peace and I am thankful for my time with him.

March 27 at 5:41 PM

ST **Stephanie** March 29 at 4:51 PM 



Vonda Sheppard shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mark was an amazing brother in law, uncle to my boys, and part of my family. He has left behind beautiful memories that I will and I know my kids and family will cherish forever. While we all mourn his loss, we find comfort knowing he is finally at peace. His spirit and memories will live on in our hearts. I am so happy that I got to be a part of his life. There will never be another Mark. The world lost a good one. Till we meet again.



March 27 at 1:49 PM



Robyn Tolman Ward posted:

I love Mark! He is a bright spot in my high school memory bank; he was a friend to everyone, kind, non-judgmental and unconditionally loving. He brightened up the hallways and classrooms and made me feel like a million bucks.

March 27 at 4:01 PM



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Reed Simonsen posted:

Many, many memories, mostly of your great sense of humor and inability to keep your tongue in your mouth while playing the cello! It will be nice to meet again without the baggage. Best to your wonderful family. - Reed

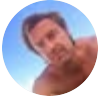
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April 10 at 1:39 PM





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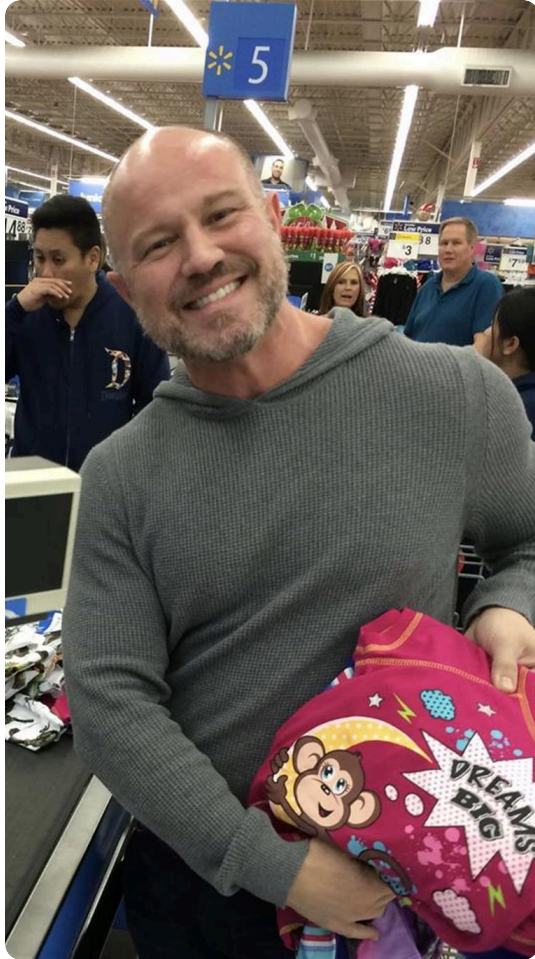
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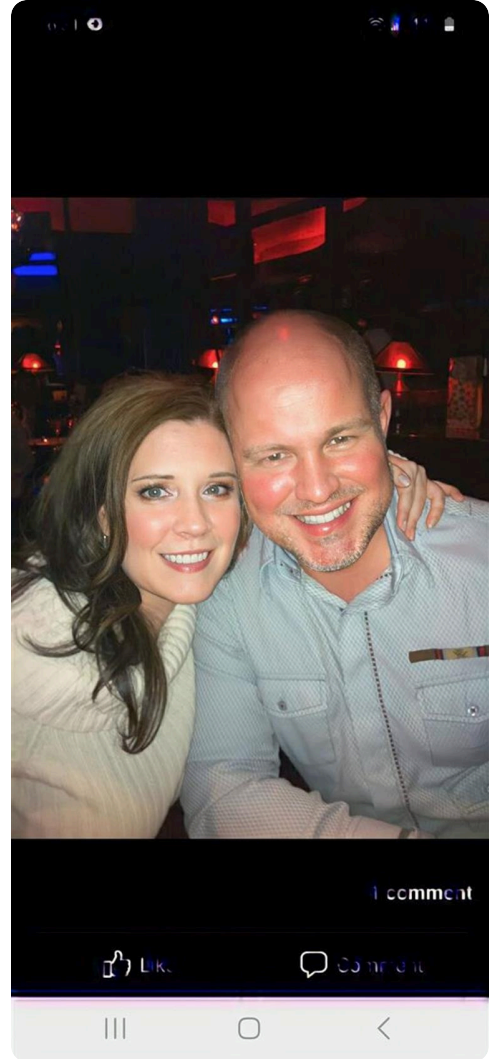
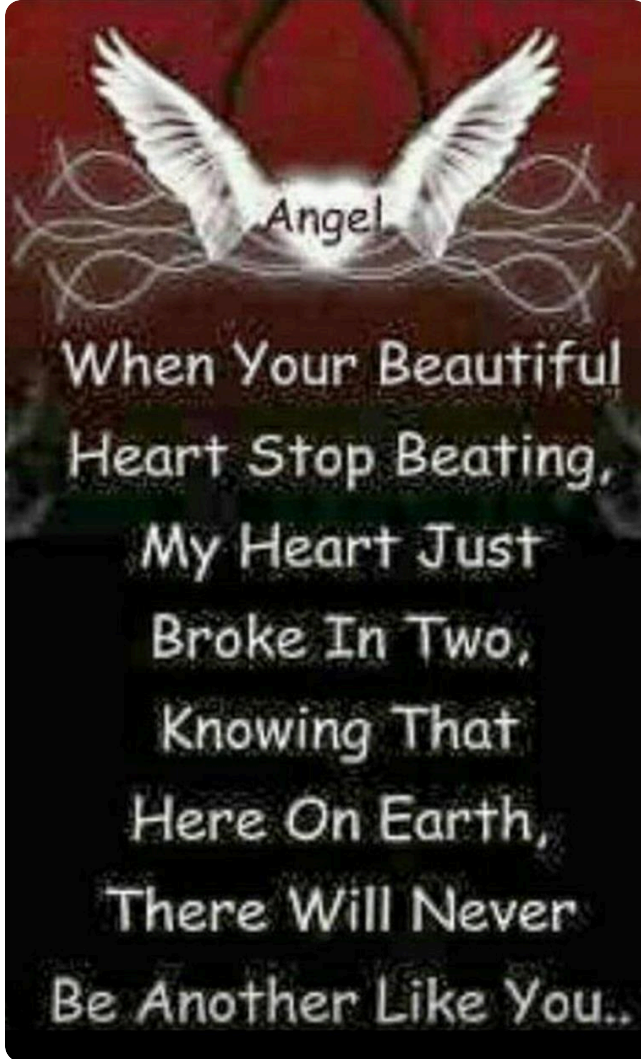


That Smile



Vonda Sheppard shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 27 at 4:21 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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