



# Mark Harris Workman

APR 4, 1950 - JAN 1, 2024



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**M**ark Harris Workman departed from this life on one/one 2024 at age 73. He leaves behind 1 wife, 1 daughter, 1 sister, 1 dog, 2 sons, 2 brothers, 3 Nissans, 6 cases of SPAM, 6 grandkids, 793 FaceBook friends, 52,145 photos on his phone, 110,136 views of his prayer, more friends than can be counted, and a house full of paintings. Mark was a number man, an accountant. Mark was welcomed into the world by Merlin Horne Workman and Doris Roe Koger on April 4, 1950 in Delta, Utah, where he spent the first four years of his life. His family then moved to Baytown, Texas, where he lived until he graduated from Sterling High School. He remembered the year that they first integrated his school. Mark loved his time in Texas and had that Southern hospitality all his life. He especially remembered working at the Village Inn pizza parlor and dragging Texas Avenue with a variety of cars, his favorite being a 1968 Pontiac. Mark was a car guy and fondly remembers every car. After high school, he joined the Navy and had many Navy stories—some of them were even true! After the Navy he spent some time in Utah where his parents had relocated. While there, he and some friends decided to have a California adventure selling smiley-faced car air fresheners, hoping to get rich but returned to Utah with a fist full of bills. Mark decided to pursue an education and enrolled at the U. While working and attending school, his sister RaeAnn decided to introduce Mark to a newly single mother of one, Connie Beth. After a whirlwind courtship of 17 days, RaeAnn suggested to Mark to elope with Connie to Elko, Nevada on February 2nd, 1974. For some reason, Connie agreed. Mark and Connie lived in many places. They moved to Brigham City with son Ryan while Mark finished his degree in accounting at Weber State. There they added two more children, Trace and Tanille, before moving to Richmond, Utah where they welcomed another daughter, Melissa. They lived there for 18 years and raised their four children in an old home with a wood burning stove fueled by scrap wood from the La-Z-Boy factory where Mark



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was the controller. Richmond is where Mark learned to garden and to grill. His “grillers” became legendary! Mark also met Greg Sievers, an artist, and became an avid fan and collector of great art. The family made life-long friends who supported them through the tragic loss of their Melissa. After Trace and Tanille graduated from high school, the family relocated to Davis County, mainly to live close to Barbara Ann, his favorite cousin, and her husband Henry. Mark and Connie settled in Layton and added to their collection of wonderful friends. Their yard is a shady one so Mark cultivated a 125-foot garden in Jared Brown’s sunny parking strip. He enjoyed sharing the produce he grew with the neighbors but also included flowers and herb for aesthetics. Mark and Connie loved their neighborhood so much that Mark convinced his son Trace and bother-in-law Nolan to move to “the hood.” Living close together allowed many joyous celebrations. Of course, Mark continued the “grillers,” creating glorious memories. Mark was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was sealed to Connie in the Manti Temple in 1975. He served in several positions. He loved being part of the scouting program, especially when Trace was a scout. But his favorite calling was in the Elder Quorum in Richmond, Utah. Mark’s bother Myron lured Mark to the beautiful shores of Bear Lake where Mark spent many days enjoying the beauty of the lake and taking thousands of photos, which he shared on his beloved FaceBook. His photos were art and he gained quite the following. Mark also loved to eat and regularly took picture of his meals to post. Mark treasured his days at the lake. The world will miss Mark. FaceBook might collapse. Café Sabor might fold. Quirkyworky@hotmail will fade away. He spent his life collecting friends and paintings. His dog Kimo will continue looking for his buddy. Farewell to the most unique man on the planet. Mark is survived by Connie Beth Taylor, his wife of 49 years and 11 months, his children Ryan Baker, Jaqueline Tanille Kelsch (Bill), Merlin Trace (Stephanie); grandkids Maili Ann, Jaycee Beth, Merl Tyler, Jedidiah Thomas, Kaleb Stoor, Taylor Bryant Baker; his siblings Merlin Paul (Siri), RaeAnn Nilson (Glen), and Myron Leigh (Christy). Preceded in death are parents Merlin Horne Workman and Doris Roe Koger, daughter Melissa Ann Workman, sister-in-law Bonnie, and nephew Mason Paul Workman.



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A celebration of his life will be held January 6th at 1:00 pm in the LDS stake center at 1954 East Antelope Drive, Layton, Utah. There will a visitation at the stake center Friday January 5th 6:30 to 8:30 and 11:30 to 12:30 on Saturday the 6th. Please wear your favorite color to the funeral. He loved color. Services can be viewed by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85914819520?pwd=L1p3L2hsZFhhSXVDU3dHRW1KTmJnQT09>



# Tribute Wall

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**David Christensen** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



I just heard of Mark's passing. I took Mark sailing with me on the Great Salt Lake and got to know this good kind gentleman. He had a great sense of humor and was a fine sailor. We stayed friends on Facebook afterwards and shared memories. I am so sorry for your loss. I'll leave a poem I wrote in tribute to sailing friends past and present. Mark knew my AKA: Windpoet and really got a kick out of it. God Bless. .

August 10 at 9:03 AM



**Regan Andersen** posted:

I LOVE the Workman family! Due to HIPPA laws, I can't say how we met, lol, but I've known Mark & family for a decade or more. The whole family are some of my favorites, & Mark will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to all the family. He loved you all beyond measure & talked about you incessantly! ;) You will all be in my thoughts. The world has lost an amazing, wonderful man. ❤️

January 11 at 8:50 AM



**Bob Beaudoin** posted:

Mark was a life member of the Lincoln Highway Association. He was at the last conference in June 23 at Folsom, CA. He will be missed from this group.

January 9 at 6:14 AM



**Linda Ableman** posted:

So sorry to hear about Mark. I worked with him in accounting at FMC Jetway in the late 90's. He was charismatic, and made everyone feel welcome, and appreciated. He had that Texas drawl, and I could even hear it when reading an e-mail from him. Mark recommended that I go to Zion National Park; he was right, it is stunningly beautiful. He left FMC to hike the Appalachian Trail. I stayed in contact with him after I moved back to California. He agreed to be a job reference for me. Deepest condolences to his family - you've lost a wonderful person.

January 7 at 7:47 AM



**Brenda Faulk** February 9 at 5:17 PM

So sorry & really surprised to hear of Mark's passing! I especially loved his obituary...that is Mark to the T! He had the best personality & such a good sense of humor. I went to Jr. High & High School with Mark & he always reminded me of the time he shot me with a paper clip hooked on a rubber band & got caught & sent to the Principals Office. Oh, those were the good ol'days! He will be missed & my heart goes out to his wonderful family & Connie!



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DC

**Dena Christensen** posted:

Oh, how I love Mark and Connie. It's been so long since I have seen you. My memories of Mark are some of my best. After I lost Zan he called me a few times. I always knew it was him because he would start with How are you Dena Rae. Only person that called me that. I fear for the mischief he and Zan will now get into in Heaven. All my Best to you Connie. Love you, Dena

January 6 at 11:15 AM

JM

**Jim Mccarrey** posted:

What a great obituary of Mark. I have many memories of Mark. I have always respected how Mark lived in the present. If he wanted to do something he did it. I remember scout camp where he and the other leaders called each other delereous for the whole week. I remember going home after the camp and looking up what the word even ment. Being around Mark was always an adventure. The world will not be the same without him. I morn/celebrate with the Workman family at this time. I know I will see him again when my time comes to pass to the other side.

January 5 at 7:10 PM



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LB

**Lori Bowcutt** posted:

Mark was a great neighbor! He will be missed. I will miss the pictures he would take of Bear Lake, especially the ones when he would go to the marina and get pictures of the sail boats. Glad he is with Melissa now ❤️. Lori Bowcutt & Ann & LD Bowcutt

January 5 at 9:41 AM

JL

**Jacqueline Lapore** January 5 at 3:41 PM

I feel guilty because at first, I thought Mark was like the other foreigner that naughty and had no respect. but He is so nice and kind and so respectful. Mark is proud to say that He loves Miss Pooch(Connie's wife) and His children. Proud of His Brother and rich Sister. proud of the achievements of His Grandkids and other families. and asking for prayers for Miss Pooch's speedy recovery. Not knowing that He is also sick! A week before I heard the news that He had cancer He sent me money to give and to help our neighbor who has liver cancer. and after 2 days my neighbor died! Even though He is in critical condition He helps others and He doesn't mind His sick self! He is an Angel that God sent to help those in need! I'll treasure your memories forever my Prince! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤️❤️ Thank you for our friendship.it's hard to accept that you are gone! But Maybe God has a better plan for everything! Bye-bye, and I'll miss you! I hope we meet again in the next chapter of my Life!

JL

**Jacqueline Lapore** January 5 at 2:59 PM

I can't control my tears every time I see this photo! Mark my Prince is so good and kind, very respectful and generous! He is an Angel that God, sent to me. We video call maybe 3x.I hope that He is happy in Paradise with our God now! Thank you for everything and for the beautiful photos you shared. Thank you so much! 🙏🙏🙏

AR

**Adam Rearick** posted:

So sorry for your loss. We had the privilege of seeing Mark most mornings when walking our dogs, tending to his beautiful garden. He was always quick with a hello and a chat about the weather. He was a wonderful neighbor and we'll miss him walking by with his buddy Kimo in the evenings, we always laugh at Kimos antics and Mark would laugh and shrug reminding us that it was Kimos time for us all to appreciate him! Thankful we were able to know just a little bit of an obviously incredible guy - The Rearick's

January 4 at 2:15 PM



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**Marie Fredrickson** posted:

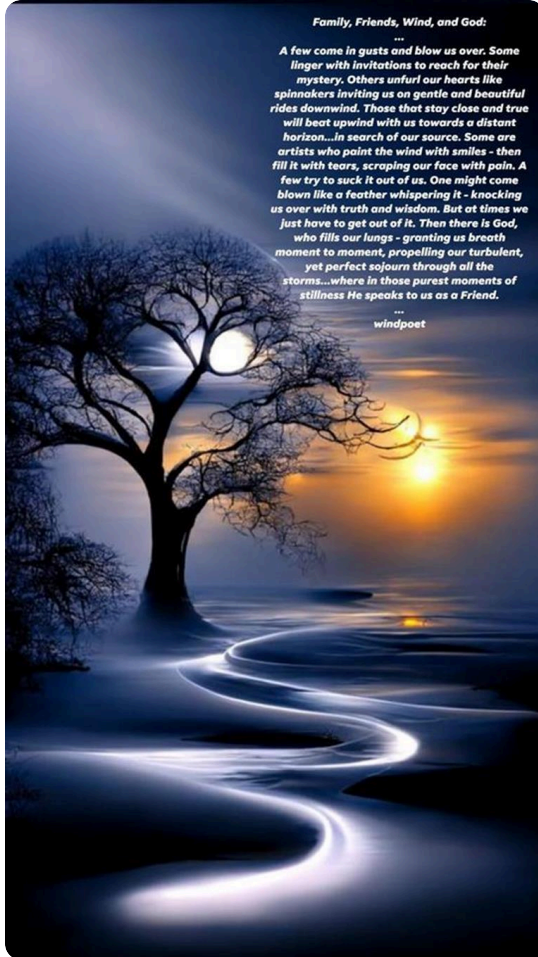
Mark was on the activities committee with me in our Richmond ward. We did a cowboy Christmas party for everyone over 18 years old. We had a team and sleigh to go for a sleighride. Mark and my husband Bruce "planted a Christmas tree in Bishop Kip Panter's yard. On the sleighride they cut down the tree and brought it back to the church to be decorated with cranberries and popcorn strung by those less adventurous people. Great food great entertainment! Love Mark and Connie and their family. We bought their Richmond home when they moved to Layton. Smooth sailing Mark! Marie Fredrickson

January 4 at 1:02 PM



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August 10 at 9:03 AM





## **Memories only last if you share them**

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