



Mark T Sargeant

November 10, 1953 - December 29, 2019

Mark Tracy Sargeant of Orem, UT passed away peacefully at age 66 on December 29, 2019 in Payson, Utah. He was born November 10, 1953, in Newport, OR, the second of 11 children born to Perry David Sargeant and Ada Christene (Hansen) Sargeant. Mark was preceded in death by his father and infant sister, Susan. Mark is survived by his mother of Elko, NV and 9 siblings: Phillip (Marcie) Sargeant of Anderson, CA; Grant Sargeant of Elko, NV; Matthew (Lorri) Sargeant of Kamas, UT; John (Christy) Sargeant of Pleasant Grove, UT; Mary Lou Schaat (Brian) of Rexburg, ID; Stephen (Vicki) Sargeant of Kimberly, ID; James (Valerie) Sargeant of Spring Creek, NV; Ruth (Steve) Garvin of Elko, NV; and Rebecca Sargeant of Sparks, NV. Mark married Rosalynne Taylor of Camarillo, CA on June 11, 1977, in the Los Angeles Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They are the parents of five children (and grandparents of nine): Jacob M. Sargeant of Portland, OR; Tracy L. (Matthew) Phillips of Evans, GA; Kristin M. (Miguel) Ruiz of Layton, UT; Ashley R. (Wally) Breitenstein of Springville, UT; and John T. Sargeant of Salt Lake City, UT.

Mark grew up in Newport and Portland, OR; San Bernardino, CA; Westbridge and Osoyoos, British Columbia, Canada; and Montello and Elko, NV. In 1971, he completed High School in Wells, NV, graduating as the valedictorian. In 1973, he graduated from Ricks College in Rexburg, ID, then served two years in northern Italy as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1976, he began attending BYU in Provo, UT, and enrolled in Army ROTC. He completed a BA degree in Political Science in 1978 and a master's degree in Public Administration in 1979 at Brigham Young University (BYU). He entered active duty Army service as a Military Intelligence officer in April 1979 at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. After paratrooper certification at Ft. Benning, GA in January 1980, he served three years in the 501st MI Battalion, 1st Armored Division, near Ansbach, Germany. Subsequent military assignments were at USAICS in AZ; US FORSCOM in GA; III US Army Corps (Fwd) near Maastricht, Netherlands; 66th MI Brigade in Augsburg, Germany; the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS; and USSTRATCOM at Bellevue, NE. After more than 20 years, he retired in mid-1999 and moved to Orem, UT.

Mark then worked for Pleasant Grove City, UT in its Community Development department. In 2001, he began working for the Security Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, focused on security for missionaries and other Church interests in Africa and the Caribbean. In 2012, he retired again and began part-time work as an FBI contractor conducting background investigations. He also did some part-time work as a school bus driver before serving with his wife as member and leader support missionaries in the Orem Heatheridge Stake. In October 2016, Mark was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), a fatal neuromuscular disorder. He and his family are very grateful for the assistance of the Veterans Administration; Paralyzed Veterans of America; the ALS Clinic of the George E. Wahlen Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Salt Lake City); Dr. Summer Gibson and staff at the ALS Clinic of the University of Utah Clinical Neurosciences Center; CNS Home Health & Hospice; Bristol Home Health & Hospice; ALS Association (Rocky Mountain Chapter) and Riverton ALS Support Group; the nurses, CNAs and staff at the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Central Utah Veterans Home; and the outpouring of love, support, and service of family and friends.

Family and country were always both very dear to Mark. He enjoyed world travel but his favorite place was home with his dear Rosie. He enjoyed good music, good books, good friends, and good food. Mark's life-long association with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was of paramount significance. He enjoyed serving as a counselor in eight bishoprics, as a high councilor in several stakes, and as a temple worker in two temples. He greatly enjoyed Boy Scouting service, especially the great outdoors and fishing. He loved to express his testimony of the restored Gospel of Jesus Christ and his gratitude for the Atonement and Resurrection of the Savior, Jesus Christ. He always enjoyed serving with fellow veterans of American Legion Post 72 in Orem, UT in recent years. Mark will be greatly missed by many friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Missionary Fund of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Heatheridge Stake Center, 450 East 2000 North, Orem, Utah, where a viewing will be held prior to the service from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Interment will be in the Orem City Cemetery.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

JAN **Viewing** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

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Heatheridge Stake Center

450 East 2000 North, Orem, UT, US, 84097

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Comments



“ Just today we learned that Mark had passed away last year. We were saddened to learn that. We first met Mark and Rosie in the ROTC program at Brigham Young University. But we got to know them the best as Mark sponsored me into the 501st MI Battalion in Katterbach, Germany. That was a pleasant surprise. I remember his example to me of dedication to his profession, his family and our Heavenly Father. The Army Battalion we were assigned to was new in the Army inventory. As such there were many growing pains. As the Battalion S2 Intelligence Officer he was responsible for much clerical work in management of personnel records. In the infant days of databases I can remember many nights assisting him as he catalogued personnel records. More than one night, as I was reading off details for him to record, I would look over and view him with his eyes closed, asleep, but still conversing with me! He was amazing. He was a great mentor of patience and perseverance. There were other times we crossed paths with Mark as his family served in the Netherlands (he stopped by our Army quarters in Ludwigsburg, Germany when we are sure he was on a tight schedule).

I remember his devotion to our Savior. Nobody could withstand the feelings of the Spirit when he would tearfully bear his testimony. Everyone would respectfully listen with mind and heart. We hope to meet him again someday!

Rosie we love you. We remember your music and your smile. May they always be there.

Bruce & Carol Funk - January 09, 2021 at 03:31 PM



“ My wife and I first met Mark and his wife when our daughter was competing to perform with the Utah Symphony - their son John (a very talented pianist) was also there competing. I remember one of my first impressions being - how does he keep that smile going like that. The situation with the competition was of course stressful, but his smile and positive attitude was such that it made us feel good about the challenge. You might say it was almost contagious. Throughout the competition, performance, and many other music events I never saw a scowl on his face even when talking about things that were serious or concerning. Later Mark and his wife were called as missionaries in our area and it was obvious that they were a force for good. They were always super supportive and uplifting. Thank you Mark for being a positive influence in our lives. I have no doubt that there are many who are better off for having known you.

Thank you, Leon & Kikue Jensen

Leon Jensen - January 11, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ I first met Mark when his family relocated from Utah to Montello, Nevada. I can remember the great conversations we had on our daily 100 mile round trip bus ride to Wells High School. We were all so proud when he was named valedictorian of our graduating class and that he was from our tiny little town of Montello. Mark was one of the most intelligent people I have ever known but above that kind hearted, down to earth, and humble. I believe that from day one Mark was on a “mission” as evidenced by his dedication to his church, his impressive accomplishments and military service to our country. I’m proud to have been his friend. I’ll never forget Mark and think of him and his family often.

George Hernandez - January 10, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Last Sunday, our dear friend, Mark Sargeant passed away. My wife and I are poignantly mourning Mark's passing away. He courageously battled ALS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, which is better known as “Lou Gehrig’s disease.” May the Lord's loving arms cradle Mark in His warm embrace, as one of His honored warriors and noble sons of America's sacred soil of freedom. He will be greatly missed by many people. He may have passed through the veil of death beyond our mortal view, but he will never be forgotten. May the Lord's abiding love, incomprehensible peace, and comforting solace sustain Mark's family during this difficult time of mourning as they walk the path of bereavement. We will deeply miss Mark's contagious smile, friendship, fearless faith, and indomitable courage.

Clyde Triptow - January 09, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers at the Church Security Department are with your family at this time. We are so sorry for your loss. Mark had a special spirit about him, and you could always count on him for a smile. We hope that you will receive an extra measure of peace from heaven during this difficult time. Please know that we at Church Security loved Mark, and feel blessed to have crossed paths with him in this life.

Gregg Dunn and the Church Security Department

Gregg Dunn - January 09, 2020 at 11:59 AM



“ Jeannie Newman lit a candle in memory of Mark T Sargeant



Jeannie Newman - January 06, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Mark was our home teacher for many years. His service to us was never ending. On the day we left for our mission to Nauvoo, Mark painted our kitchen ceilings because we noticed that they needed painting before the Barbers moved in. He was there for us when we left our beloved Orem.

Paul and Donna Hartman - January 02, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ Mark's Canadian ancestry, in particular Elmer & Lilas Hall were the same reasons for our years up cattle ranching in beautiful British Columbia, Canada. We chopped wood, we hauled water and we courageously as kids can, helped built the church membership up in the Alaska Canada Mission field. Mark was smart, handsomely valiant and loved to find kindness, grace and humor in it all. Thank you Mark and well done Rosie.

Sevy/Harris Family - January 04, 2020 at 06:51 PM



“ I was stationed at Katterbach, Germany from 1980 to 1982 in the 501st MI Battalion. I remember him very well as Lt. Sargeant, the epitome of an officer and a gentleman. A more decent fellow I have never met. I wish I had gotten to know him on a more personal level. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Erik Sunde - January 01, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ I Worked with Mark. He was a great man. Always loved seeing his smile. He was one of my favorite vets to work with he was a hero in every sense of the word. And he will be missed. My prayers go out to his friends and family



Drew Anderson - January 01, 2020 at 11:20 PM



“ I met Mark on the 804 bus to SLC in 2001. He told me my name is Sandrina in Italian and I told him his name is Marco in Spanish and going forward that was our names. We shared many stories about Belize and he shared many about his sweet Rosie and his family. We had long talks on those bus rides and together with other bus buddies, we had baby shower, missionary farewell and birthday parties on THE BUS. He was truly a genuine friend. I last saw him at the ALS benefit in July where his smile was still as big as his spirit. I know I made a true friend in Marco here and beyond! RIP my dear friend until we meet again!

Sandra Manville - January 01, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ Uncle Mark was the sweetest guy. He is a great example of genuine kindness. He knew the value of family. You could always count on Uncle Mark showing up to all the family get togethers. He has always taken an active role in gathering family stories and information such as phone numbers and email addresses. I think one of Uncle Mark’s callings in life was to be a peacemaker and unifier.

I remember when I was about 10 years old I took a trip to Canada with Nathan, my dad (Steve), Mark, Kristin, Ashley and John. Grandma and Grandpa and Uncle Grant were there as well. We road- tripped up to Canada and saw many of the places they had lived growing up. Ashley had brought a cassette tape with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen songs. Ashley Kristin and I listened to it on repeat in Uncle Mark’s car for hours. Uncle Mark was so patient and such a good sport about it. That was a great trip and the memories made are priceless.

Another treasured memory occurred much more recently. At Hannah’s wedding this last December there was a time when all the Sargeant family members in attendance were there dancing and celebrating. Uncle Mark came and joined us on the dance floor for a song. I know it wasn’t easy for him and I think it was amazing that he came over and danced with us anyways.

Thanks for your example Uncle Mark! I love you. Until we meet again!

Your Niece,
Sarah Waldram

Sarah Waldram - January 01, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ I got to know Mark when David asked several people to drive boys down to Moab for a Priests’ Quorum river float. I left my vehicle there and drove back to Orem with Mark. We talked all the way home about Canada, military life and the Church. He told me about meeting his Rosie and his family. He was always so positive and it was a joy to be in his presence. You’ll always be missed by our family Mark. You’re a good man.

colleen Tobler - January 01, 2020 at 04:54 AM



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Larry Ujhely - December 31, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ I first met Mark during his mission in Milano and the Saints there loved him. My words also reflects the feelings of Sister Pilar Isabella and her family, to whom he taught. We all are in debt with him. After I had the chance of meeting him again in Salt Lake. He always was a real Christ's disciple. His testimony of the Gospel was in all circumstances showed by his actions. An excellent friend, a true gentleman a very intelligent soul, a most honorable bearer of the Priesthood. His true character sustained him with faith till the end. I know he loves dearly Rosie and all his children and grandchildren. They are most blessed to have such a Patriarch for eternity and I wish for all his family to find comfort in this. He will be always missed and remembered with the greatest affection by all who knew him.

Fino quando noi ci rivedremo, sia il Signore sempre con te!

Ana-Maria G. Turley

Ana-Maria G. Turley - February 08, 2020 at 02:42 AM