



J Mark Jensen Sr.

October 14, 1949 - September 28, 2016

J. Mark Jensen, Sr. passed away on September 28, 2016, surrounded by his devoted family. He was born on October 14, 1949, in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. He attended Bellaire and Marian High Schools and the University of Houston. He was retired from owning a small business that catered to the building industry.

Mark was known for his smile that was a mile-wide, his infectious laugh, electric sense of humor, ability to never meet a stranger, and his kind and gentle heart. He was truly larger than life. Mark's personality and smile were huge, but his heart was even bigger. His positivity was contagious, and his hilarious character was such a blessing to all those around him. He will forever be missed by the family that he loved and cherished so much. He spent many years selflessly donating his time and energy to coaching his children's teams in the Katy Girls Softball Association, Katy Youth Football, Katy Youth Basketball, and Bear Creek Little League, just to name a few. He coached and mentored countless athletes, always seeing the special potential in each one.

As his kids grew older, Mark picked up many other activities to do in his free time. He enjoyed giving his time and service to St. John Vianney Catholic Church, going on travel adventures with his wife, supporting all of his grandchildren's sports and activities, crooning tunes, cooking, and watching his beloved Houston teams, especially the Astros.

For Mark, the most important thing in his life was his family. He was preceded in death by his father, James Neal Jensen, Sr., father-in-law, Leonard J. Heffler, and mother-in-law, Charlotte. He is survived by his mother, Juanita June Jensen, Denise, his wife of 46 years, his children, Julie (Ray) and J. Mark, Jr. (Sonya), and his grandchildren (the lights of his life), Kellie, Kendall, J. Mark, III, and Cole. He is also survived by his big sister, Diana Schamp and husband Jerry, and his brother (and life-long best friend), James Neal Jensen, Jr. and wife Gail. He was beloved by his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless family friends.

The Jensen family will be present to receive friends Tuesday, October 11, from 6-8 pm with a Vigil Service beginning at 7:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Dr., Houston, TX 77079. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, on Wednesday, October 12, at 10:30 am, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, TX 77079. Immediately following the funeral mass, there will be a reception at the church reception hall. The family will hold a private graveside burial later that afternoon.

To send flowers, or a memorial gift, to the family of J. Mark Jensen, Sr., please visit our sympathy store.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **11.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Vigil Service

OCT **11.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **12.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Tribute Wall



“ *J Mark Jensen Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *J Mark Jensen Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *J Mark Jensen Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *J Mark Jensen Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 11, 2016 at 01:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 11, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *Denise & family:*

Please accept our condolences for the loss of your husband, father & grandfather. Mark was one of a kind. Denise, we always enjoyed visiting with you and Mark at the Marian get-togethers. We are praying for you all.

Eileen & Damon Sedita

eileen sedita - October 11, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 10, 2016 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 10, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ *Sending much love and many heartfelt prayers to Denise and family to receive the peace and strength of the Lord Jesus to carry you through this difficult time.*



Debby Rapp - October 09, 2016 at 10:30 PM

PB

“ *Paula, Sam and Daniel Barnette purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



Paula, Sam and Daniel Barnette - October 09, 2016 at 09:30 PM

KK

“ *So saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Jensen. What a great man! Thinking of your family. Such a huge loss to the world and your family especially. Big loss to the Katy National Little League family as well. I'll never forget the help and confidence he had in Caleb. He will be missed.*

The Klingbeil family

kim klingbeil - October 09, 2016 at 08:26 PM

TC

“ *The Cantu Family ~ Paul, Marbelia & Camran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



The Cantu Family ~ Paul, Marbelia & Camran - October 09, 2016 at 05:23 PM

 Toni Jacques

“ *Toni Jacques purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



Toni Jacques - October 09, 2016 at 12:17 PM

MB

“ *Very few people that cross our paths live a life with their glass "half full" vs. "half empty". Mark was one of those! I have known Mark for 50 years and I am enriched by him!*
Michael Bennett

Michael Bennett - October 08, 2016 at 10:32 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 07, 2016 at 03:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 05, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Century Elevators Family & Friends purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



Century Elevators Family & Friends - October 04, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



October 04, 2016 at 09:29 AM



“ *J Mark we will miss you and your love for family.*

Sara Adkins

Sara Adkins - October 03, 2016 at 08:45 PM

CW

“ Our deepest condolences and prayers are with Coach Jensen, his sweet mom and the entire Jensen family. We had the pleasure of visiting with Mark while watching many Taylor Varsity football games over the past 3 years. He was one of the Taylor Mustangs # 1 fans and depending on how the game was going, Mark could provide some very interesting commentary up in the stands! What I appreciated is that win or loose, Mark always had an encouraging word to say to our son, Max! While there is no doubt that Mark loved watching Taylor football, I am certain that he loved watching his son, Jay, coach the Taylor Mustangs Defense even more! He was one proud dad!

We are so sorry for your loss!

Love, the Wright Family and #99 Max

Cydney Wright - October 03, 2016 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ A baseball game was not a baseball game unless Grandpa Mark was heard cheering on our boys at every game. He always had such faith in "Danny Boy" as he called my son and was always first to congratulate him should he make a great play or great hit. Such a joy and positive person to be around. You will be missed greatly.

The Markiewicz Family

Debbie Markiewicz - October 03, 2016 at 04:18 PM

TF

“ We loved spending time with Grampa Jensen during all of the baseball games we attended together over the years. He was always our most energetic supporter and a true student of the game. My son always commented that he could hear him over all of the other fans chanting "knock, knock, knock" as our players went up to the plate. He was quick with a joke and always made it a point to say something nice about our son Harrison and all of the other boys on the team. He was also liberal with unsolicited constructive feedback for the umpires, when appropriate. The Jensen's will be in our prayers during this difficult time. He will be missed dearly but often remembered.

The Shea Family - October 03, 2016 at 01:37 PM

TF

“ J. Mark was the sweetest, lovable and funny man. There are so many wonderful memories. The best one I have was of him imitating Muhammad Ali. He had this great smile. I'm so sorry for your loss Denise and family.

Love you J. Mark, you're loving cousin,

Theresa

Theresa Fisher - October 02, 2016 at 10:46 PM

MP

“ *Denise and family,*

Brad and I were devastated to hear of Mark's passing. It's seems so many of our memories of our kids growing up in Bear Creek Little League include you and Mark!

*No matter how long passed between times seeing him over the years, it seems we always seemed to pick up right where we left off. Mark loved his family above all else, baseball, his friends and and a good joke. We were so grateful to be present when he became a Catholic at St. John Vianney. He was so proud that day!
We love you all!*

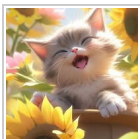
Brad and Martha Poole

Martha Poole - October 02, 2016 at 10:46 AM

LB

“ *Denise and family - there are no words, only great sadness. Praying for you.*

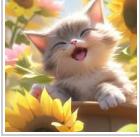
Linda Cozzi Bartels - October 02, 2016 at 03:11 AM



“ *Kathy Shipley Price purchased the Strength & So lace Spray for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..*



Kathy Shipley Price - October 01, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *Mark always made me laugh. No matter how much time elapsed between seeing each other, it was always as if we were continuing the same conversation.*

Love you J Mark

Jim Price

Kathy Shipley Price - October 01, 2016 at 09:00 PM



“ *J Mark was one of the funniest people I have ever known. He always made me feel like family and I really loved this man. He was kind and generous and...hilarious. I was so honored to be at the service inducting him into the Catholic Church. Thank you Mark, for your friendship and your love.*



Kathleen Price - 1st cousin by Marriage

Kathy Shipley Price - October 01, 2016 at 08:48 PM

DH

“ *Words cannot express my sadness over the loss of such a fun loving, funny, caring, and kind man. You will be missed by all that loved you. Rest in peace. Debbie Frey - Straight outta Bear Creek.*

Debra Heater - October 01, 2016 at 03:47 PM

Jl

“ 11 files added to the album Dad photos



Julie Jensen Isola - October 01, 2016 at 01:46 PM

RS

“ On behalf of the Schuler family in Ohio, we are so sorry to hear of J Marks passing and we pray for comfort during this time for the entire Jensen family. J was a cousin.

Sincerity and love to you all,

Patricia, Rob, and Jeff Schuler

Robert Schuler - October 01, 2016 at 12:59 PM

Toni
Jacques

“ Mark was a special man. Devoted to Denise and his family. I knew Mark and his brother Jim since high school. I have known Denise since the fourth grade where we were best friends. Jim's Dad and Mother were friends with my parents and were at our house all the time while they were in high school. Mark was someone who had a smile a mile wide and a wit and laugh to match. Behind that he had a heart of gold and so much compassion for others. My husband Lou and I were friends with Denise and Mark after High school for a few years before we moved from Houston. We saw them 20 years later briefly at my son's wedding. Then 10 years after that my husband had a medical emergency during cancer treatment. Who did I think of to call was the Jensens. Mark answered and ended up talking to me for almost 2 hours to calm me while my husband was in the hospital. I had to come home to get his medications. Not many people would do that for you who hadn't seen you for years but, that was Mark. He was not only fun to be with and the life of the party but he was a compassionate caring person. I am so grateful to have had his friendship. Lou and I send our condolences to Denise and the entire family who have lost a special person in their family. God give you peace in the coming days. He is resting easy in the arms of the Lord.

Toni Jacques - October 01, 2016 at 09:58 AM

JZ

“ Denise-- So sad to hear of Marks passing. Jim and I send our deepest condolences to the Jensen families. Please know that I will always be there for you---to help, or talk, or what ever you need.



With Love and Sincerity

Donna Zelko

Jim and Donna Zelko - September 30, 2016 at 06:47 PM

VB

“ I have not seen J Mark for several years. He could always make me laugh. He and Jim were frequent visitors to our home when we were growing up. I am devastated to hear of his passing. I cry as I write this. My fondest memory of him is when we visited Houston when I was 14. That was the summer of the Austin sniper. Mark was going to take me and Holly to Austin to see what was going on until Aunt June stepped in and put the brakes on our trip. I also, remember him and Jim singing the Byrds song "Teach Your Children." They had such wonderful voices. It is still a favorite song of mine. I will miss him dreadfully, even though we hadn't seen each other for a while. I loved him dearly. He was one of my favorite cousins. He was so handsome and such a joy to be around. Please, accept my deepest sympathy on our loss. I wish I could come down to be with you. Give my love to everyone. In God's love; Cousin Vicki Fisher Bethel, Circleville Ohio



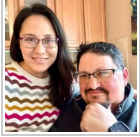
Victory Fisher Bethel - September 30, 2016 at 03:57 PM

JF

“ Joseph Tinerella and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..



Joseph Tinerella and Family - September 30, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ I still find this hard to accept. It feels like we were just at the ballpark, riding around on the golf cart. I miss your smile, your good nature, your kind words...even your dirty jokes! Your love of your family and the game we both love was and is a model for all of us to follow. I am grateful I had the opportunity to share in your life, if only for a short time. May your family find peace as you have! I promise, we'll look after your boys!

David Tortorice - September 30, 2016 at 02:27 PM



“ Lynda McDonald lit a candle in memory of J Mark Jensen Sr.

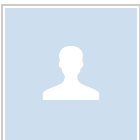


Lynda McDonald - September 30, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ A real gentleman who will be greatly missed. May God bless him and give peace to his loving family. Lynda McDonald

Lynda McDonald - September 30, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of J Mark Jensen Sr..



September 30, 2016 at 01:36 PM