



Mark Dwight Garfield

November 9, 1949 - August 9, 2018

Mark Dwight Garfield was born November 9, 1949 and passed away suddenly on August 9, 2018 at the age of 68. Mark was a devoted Christian, a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and a true friend to many who were fortunate to know him.

Mark was born to Florene and Harry Garfield in Houston, where he lived almost his entire life. He graduated from Bellaire High School, where he played football and made the All State team. Mark got his Bachelor's Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University.

During his last year in college at Stephen F. Austin State University, Mark met the love of his life, Susan. Although they both attended Bellaire High School, they did not know each other. Fate brought them together again in the summer of 1973 when they both took a business advertising class at SFA. After Susan graduated and moved to Houston, they began their lifelong romance and married in 1977. They have been "partners in crime" ever since, doing everything from waterskiing at Lake McQueeney, to camping at Enchanted Rock, to hog-riding across the U.S., to attending Sunday School together at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church.

Mark was a devoted parent to M.D. and Leslee. He took great joy in participating in his children's activities, be they sports or theater. He coached

every one of M.D.'s sports leagues and was president of the athletic booster club during M.D.'s 8th grade year. He was the President of the "informal" Leslee Garfield Fan Club when she participated in theater and musicals during school. He was very proud of his children and believed in their potential for greatness until the very end. Shortly before his passing, Mark was blessed to meet his first granddaughter, Mallory, who just turned four months old.

Mark was beloved by all who met him. He had an amazing gift for friendship and people naturally gravitated towards his positivity and cheer. Mark was blessed with many close personal friendships that carried him through life. He truly never met a stranger and his love of life was infectious.

The church was an integral part of Mark's life. He and Susan joined Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in the mid 1980's and they both attended the church for over 30 years. They made lifelong friendships in church that remained strong until the very day of his passing.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents and his sister Debbie and her family. He is survived by his wife Susan, son M.D., daughter Leslee, son-in-law Mike Oman, granddaughter Mallory, niece Mandy Ordonez, cousins J.B. and Marie Jones, Margaret Morris, and Sharon Kirkland along with numerous second and third cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

A memorial service in celebration of Mark's life will be held on Friday, August 24, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, located at 12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas, 77079. A reception will follow in the Friendship Court after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Mark's name be made to The Wounded Warriors Project, a charity committed to serving our most severely wounded veterans. Donations can be made online at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?tsid=10043>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX
<http://www.mdumc.org>

Reception

AUG **24**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Dwight Garfield*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Mark Dwight Garfield*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Mark Dwight Garfield*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM

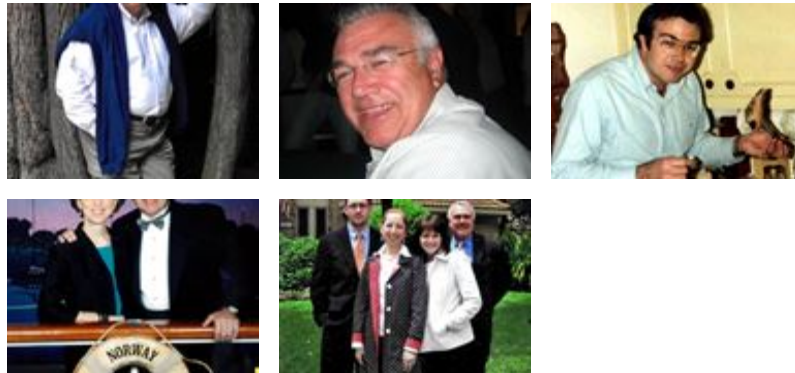


“ *Mark Dwight Garfield*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



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Detting Funeral Home - August 23, 2018 at 05:38 PM

BH

“ I met Mark and Susan over 30 years ago when our boys were in kindergarten! As others have said, this friendship is one that is genuine and lasting ! The following describes Mark so well...

As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go- footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith.

Even when they're gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind- a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.

Yes, Mark had such a zeal for life, a servant's heart, and incredible love for family and friends always taking the time to keep in contact. We will miss him SO much ! We love you Susan, Leslee, and M.D.

Becky and Tom Herren

Becky Herren - August 23, 2018 at 03:16 PM

LM

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Martin-Hornsby - August 21, 2018 at 02:58 PM

LM

“ We met Mark and Susan July of 2012, not very long ago; however they have a special way of making you feel you have known them all your life. When you think of Mark, one of the first things that would come to mind would be his smile. He showed up and did so BIG. I remember a holiday cocktail party we hosted and Mark came with an over the top (and yummy) cocktail...not to be boastful (ok, maybe a little lol) but it was never meant to show you up which Mark could do...but more to show you how important you were to him. We have far too few memories with this sweet soul but they will last a lifetime as Mark left a huge impression on our hearts. I am reminded of some lyrics of a song I love "as I sing you my heart's song...and the lyrics will linger long after this singer is gone. Though the melody changes, the truth it contains, continues to live on and on...like the miracle of our salvation, here in my heart's song!" Mark sang us his heart song, loud and large and we are better person's for it.

Susan and family, our hearts and prayers are with you as you grieve and celebrate this great man.

Much love,

Lisa and Tresa Martin-Hornsby

Lisa Martin-Hornsby - August 21, 2018 at 02:56 PM

NE

“ Dear Susan,
We were sorry when we learned of Mark's passing. We've heard great things about you and Mark from our daughter Ana and your son MD and we are thankful that we met you both last year.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers,
Adriana & Nick Ene

Nicolae Ene - August 20, 2018 at 10:09 PM

NE

“ Thanks be to God for the life of Mark Garfield and his positive impact of love. Steve and I have been blessed for more 30 years to be friends with he and Susan. A special quality that will remain part of our lives is the memory and example of Mark's sensitivity for others.He knew the source of his blessings were from Our Heavenly Father, and he was a model in his thoughtfulness and devotion to all. Mark, always a joy to be with, was there to help and support friends, family, and strangers when he saw a need. There will be a "hole" in our lives without Mark, but we are at peace that he is with Jesus and the loved ones who are in Heaven with him. We love you Susan, M.D., Leslee, Mike and Mallory.
Hugs and love,
Nancy and Steve

Nancy Eppes - August 17, 2018 at 04:05 PM

DL

“ Mark was a dear friend who we met many years ago in a MDUMC Sunday school class. We will miss his great sense of humor and love of life. Our thoughts and prayers are with Susan and family. May Mark rest in the arms of Jesus.
God bless,
Carol & Leo

De Leon - August 15, 2018 at 08:33 PM