



Mark L. Shapiro

November 29, 1970 - August 30, 2021

Mark Shapiro, 50, of Sarasota, died Monday August 30, 2021. He was a beloved father, son, brother and partner, and a longtime resident of Sarasota.

Mark was born on November 29, 1970 in Bardonia New York but raised in Sarasota, FL, as a young boy he excelled at jumping over trash cans with his bike which he parleyed into successful run in BMX racing. He spent summers of his childhood camping, netting & letting go frogs, fishing, riding horses, hiking and white water rafting in the mountains of Georgia and North Carolina which set the seed for his love of Nature. As a young man Mark fell in love with music and especially the drums. He started lessons with the Rabbi at his local temple. Mark's musical taste definitely changed as he matured and heavy metal became his passion. In high school Mark even started the stereotypical garage band with his best friend. Mark graduated with a degree in criminology from the University of South Florida and worked as an STSO Officer for TSA at the Sarasota Airport through Trinity Technology Group at the time of his passing.

Mark was survived by his son Ayden Shapiro and Ayden's mother Caryn Shapiro; his Parents Barbara and Gerald Shapiro; his brother Eric (Lori) Shapiro; his sister Lauren (Josef) Federsel; his loving partner Stephanie Mesquita and his Nieces and Nephews, Abby Shapiro, Jack Shapiro and Grayson Federsel.

Mark loved the outdoors, whether it was walks in the neighborhood with his two loves, walks in the many state and local parks or on the beach, as well as boating and fishing with family. His greatest joy was sharing his love of football with his son Ayden and watching him play. He will be remembered for his kind spirit, his intense loyalty, his sense of humor and his huge heart that will be missed by so many.

A private ceremony will be held for immediate family with Sarasota Memorial Park Cemetery as his final resting place. In lieu of flowers if you would like to make a donation the family suggests one of the following:

- Sarasota High School Sailors Football <https://www.sailorsfootball.org/> He and Ayden shared an intense love of football together.
- Humane Society of Sarasota <https://www.hssc.org/> Mark adopted his best buddy Blue from the Humane society of Sarasota.
- Lakewood Ranch Medical Center Foundation <https://www.lakewoodranchmedicalcenter.com/events-and-programs/volunteer-services/foundation> - Mark was given the most extraordinary care from a very special team of doctors and nurses.
- American Thoracic Society <https://research.thoracic.org/donate/index.php> The American Thoracic Society is fighting the worldwide Covid pandemic and respiratory diseases in general.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date

Tribute Wall

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“ *The first time I met you I was with your Uncle Don and we came to Florida for your wedding. I believe I saw you again maybe a few more times for family gatherings. I'm only sorry I did not get to know you and could relay fond memories as your family and friends have expressed. I'm sure your Uncle Don has some pretty good stories. I am hopeful that the two of you will meet up and talk about old times. Rest well sweet man.*

Karen Zisser

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“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Mark L. Shapiro.*



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“ *There are too many memories to share about Mark & each of them makes me laugh even now! Mark was a good hearted person, incredibly funny, easy to get to know & easy to remain friends with. He will be missed by so many.*

A good friend is hard to find, hard to lose, and hard to forget.

We are praying for peace and comfort for you and the family.

Hamakom y'nachem etchem b'toch sh'ar availai tziyon ee yerushalayim

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