



Mark Carter Fields

August 31, 1953 - January 2, 2021

MARK CARTER FIELDS

Mark Carter Fields died peacefully at home on Saturday, January 2, 2021, after a lifelong battle with a congenital heart defect. He was born on August 31, 1953 in Danville, Kentucky to Betty Jo (Carter) Fields and Gilbert Earnest Fields.

Mark spent his early years at Ramstein Air force Base in Germany, while his father had a long and notable career in the USAF. Shortly thereafter, his father was stationed at Bolling Air force Base here in Washington DC. Once settling here in the DC/Metro area, the Fields family chose to call Clinton, Maryland home. Mark's father, Gil, was a baseball and football sport's star in his early days in the Air Force and later a youth coach in both sports. This inspired Mark's love for and continuous involvement in sports throughout his life and was heart-strong late into his 50's! Mark attended Surrattsville High School in Clinton, MD, graduating with the class of 1971. He later attended Gardner-Webb University, as well as the University of Maryland in pursuit of a higher education degree in the field of History, which he was quite knowledgeable in and which continued to enjoy being extremely conversant in throughout his life.

Mark was a man of the music. He and several of his high school friends

formed a band known as the Southern Maryland Band featuring Harvey Hubcap; a local musical sensation that is still remembered today. He was the band manager, as well as the chief sound technician. This allowed him to travel the country, meeting many music sensations that remain famous to this day. Most notably, Mark had pictures to accompany an amusing story about a rather strenuous chess game with Ray Charles (in which he claimed he won), as well as some amazing memories back stage with Ozzy Osbourne, himself.

Mark chose to make music his career by working in the sound business, once deciding to retire from the band and start a family. However, parttime in evenings he still enjoyed working sound for an active band, Diamond Alley, who played live at his wedding with Suzanne, in 2001. After years of excelling in the sound business, Mark owned and operated his own design, sales, and Installation Company for commercial sound systems, including the current Washington Football Stadium (Redskins' Stadium): Fed Ex Field. After retirement from the sound business, Mark joined his wife, Suzanne, in real estate management, from which he retired due to his battle with congestive heart failure (CHF) much too soon.

Mark was a devout Redskins Football fan and maintained season tickets, alongside his father, for over 40 years. Mark not only enjoyed many home games, but also traveled with his father to watch his team play whenever he could. Hail to the Redskins!

Mark was a kind and gentle man who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved sports, especially watching his grandchildren play baseball and softball. Even during the pressures of Covid, he and Suzanne were able to watch their grandson Evan play baseball down the street from their home. Supporting his family in all that they did was not only what he chose to do later in life. He and his first wife of 20 years, Debbie Ruby (Chuck) raised their children in Clinton, MD where Mark coached several of his son

David's sports teams, including football and baseball. He also attended more dance shows for his daughter Jenny than he would probably like to admit, even fixing the sound system when there were hiccups on more than one occasion. Once his children were grown, he continued to support his step-daughter Danielle, and even chaperoned her prom when she attended Langley High School. He was the beloved husband, of Suzanne M. Fields, and July 3rd would have been their 20th anniversary, fireworks and all, having been married on the Historical Presidential Yacht Sequoia!

Father of Jennifer L. Goddard (Lenny) and David C. Fields; step-father of Danielle C. Lubin (Neil); grandfather of Evan and Hanna; step-grandfather to Cassidy and Kaylen. Mark is also survived by numerous cousins, extended family, and friends that he loved dearly.

While there is mourning here on Earth, there is a celebration in Heaven, as Mark is reunited with his family and friends. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert "Gil" E. Fields and Betty "Bo" J. Fields, as well as his dear friend and cousin, Scott Carter as well as his beloved aunts and uncles. He also was an avid dog lover, beginning with his dog Julio who used to follow him to school as a child; D.J., affectionately named after David (D) and Jenny (J); and finally, his best friend Tazz, who passed away in 2019. Mark was a sweet soul and all of his pets were well aware of this.

There will be a small memorial service at 1 pm Tuesday Feb. 9nd 2021 at The Chapel and the Niche located at Wesleyan Memorial Gardens on the New Life Church campus at 9690 Shepherds Creek Place, La Plata MD 20646. A short visitation before service starting at 12 noon. Due to Covid restrictions there will also be a live streaming available. Please contact Suzanne at 703.340.5323 by text if have interest in utilizing the live stream.

Donations, if so choose, can be sent to the Rotary Foundation of La Plata, MD

and can utilize their paypal at <https://Paypal.me/laplatarotary>. Or you may choose to donate to the Rotary Foundation of Great Falls (Virginia) <http://rotarygreatfallsva.org> where he lived for the last 20 years, prior to his final resting place in southern Maryland. Condolences may also be made at www.raymondfuneralservice.com where there is a website in Mark's honor.

Cemetery Details

Wesleyan Memorial Gardens

9690 Shepherd's Creek Place
La Plata, MD 20646
<http://www.Wesleyan Memorial Gardens>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

New Life Wesleyan Church
9690 Shepherd's Creek Place
La Plata, MD 20646

Memorial Service

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Carter Fields*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



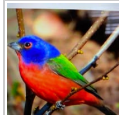
“ *Mark Carter Fields*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *I am so grateful to have known Mark throughout my school years, and to have seen him at least occasionally since. He was such a sweetheart -- always there with a smile, a light-hearted attitude, and a good wish. Sending Suzanne and all Mark's loved ones all my love and support. Henry Smith, Surrattsville '71*

Henry Smith - February 04, 2021 at 10:20 PM



Henry, he revered you as a great person and friend. Think he was always bummed a bit you all took different paths and didnt get to stay close. He told me a fun story about a canned drive at surrattsville?

Suzanne Fields - February 08, 2021 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Carter Fields.*



February 01, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark Carter Fields.*



January 29, 2021 at 09:33 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Carter Fields.*



January 29, 2021 at 05:24 PM

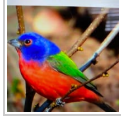


“ *Mark: I, and others gathered around the TV watching football with you, were always amazed at the depth of your knowledge of players, statistics, teams, schools and other associated sports trivia. You were usually right, even though I hate to admit it! :-)* How you cataloged all that data is a mystery that only you know and never passed along to the rest of us... unfortunately. I know you liked the 'Skins very much; that team was a real passion for you.

Thanks for the truly great memories and rest in peace with the LORD.

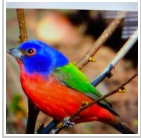
Doug Randlett

Doug - January 25, 2021 at 11:24 AM



You had him pegged Doug, that he did love.. and i wasnt the best listener for sports stats.hahha

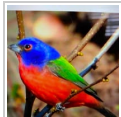
Suzanne Fields - February 08, 2021 at 01:59 PM



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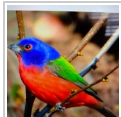


Suzanne Fields - January 22, 2021 at 09:05 PM



The TUX pic was at an Arlington Hosptial Fundraiser with my dad and his wife. We danced the night away to a live swing band, He loved to dance to that music!!!

Suzanne Fields - January 22, 2021 at 09:37 PM



The pic next to that TUX pic on right was our first anniversary dinner at Luberge Chez Francois in Great Falls where we lived for ~20 years.

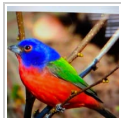
Suzanne Fields - January 22, 2021 at 09:44 PM



LB

For Mark's family: I knew Mark in High School and remember him fondly as a very sweet soul -albeit a great sense of humor and mischievous at times, I am very sorry to learn of his crossing the threshold, far too early. You have my deepest condolences. Lark Bergwin-Anderson SHS '71

Lark Bergwin-Anderson - February 02, 2021 at 02:06 PM



LARK, SO NICE TO HEAR FROM YOU.THANK YOU!

Suzanne Fields - February 08, 2021 at 01:58 PM

CM

“ *Carmen, Lora & Moriah purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mark Carter Fields.*



Carmen, Lora & Moriah - January 11, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) was purchased for the family of Mark Carter Fields.*



January 10, 2021 at 10:24 AM

JG

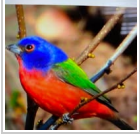
“ *I will miss you forever dad. You are the smartest person I have ever known and I promise to make you proud. I am so glad I got to spend some of your final days with you, even though you weren't feeling so hot. It was tough, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. I am so glad to aren't hurting anymore. Say hi to grandma for me- miss my ride or die so much. I love you.*

Jenny Goddard - January 09, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *The full obit should be up soon, correct?*

Suzanne Fields - January 09, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Had i known it would really be this soon? All my love Mark, i will miss you more than you know! Love ,Your wife Suzanne Michelle*



Suzanne Fields - January 09, 2021 at 09:21 PM