



Mark Allen Rose

July 15, 1960 - February 21, 2017

Mark Allen Rose, age 56 of La Plata, Maryland died February 21, 2017 at his residence.

Mark was a Soil Conservationist for the USDA/NRCS for several years and more recently the Director of Conservation Financial Assistance Programs. He served in the government for 31 years where he obtained the nickname of "The Legend." Early in his career, he was a 4-H advisor for many years. He worked for The Ohio State University Research Farm and was a member of the Ohio Agricultural Leadership and Development Program. He also worked at OSU Farm Science Review in Columbus, Ohio. He worked in Ohio, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Washington, DC for the USDA. Mark was the President of the Clarks Run Homeowners Association and member of the Town of La Plata Planning Commission. He was a member of the Senior Executive Service and was recently inducted to The Hardin County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Mark was the son of Floyd A. Rose and Bertha Mae Hartle Rose.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife of 33 years, Darlene Doll Rose; his sons, Evan C. Rose and Mark B. Rose and wife Jessica; his daughter, Lesley A.R. McKeel and husband Jon; his brother, Chris Rose and wife Nancy; his sister, Kathy Rose Smith and husband Philip; and his

grandchildren, Addison and Luke McKeel.

Friends received on Monday, February 27, 2017 from 5-8PM with Celebration of Life at 7PM at Raymond Funeral Chapel, 5635 Washington Avenue, La Plata, Maryland 20646. Interment Tymochtee Cemetery in Marsailles, Ohio.

Memorials are asked to Trees of Memory through The Arbor Day Foundation (www.shop.arborday.org/content.aspx?page=commemorative-sample-tim) or The Ohio State University Farm Science Review, 590 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

Cemetery Details

Tymochtee Cemetery

Marsailles, OH

Previous Events

Friends Received

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
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<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Celebration of Life

FEB 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Allen Rose*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Mark Allen Rose*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *So saddened to hear the news of Mark's passing. He was always a good friend, as a fellow District Conservationist in NW Ohio and RC&D Coordinator. Please know the family is in the thought and prayers of Mark's Conservation Partnerships, God Bless.*



John Kellis - March 02, 2017 at 01:24 PM



“ *Dear Rose Family,*

I always considered Mark the voice of reason. His sense of humor and willingness to provide answers to all of us out in the States added to the respect I felt for him. NRCS and conservation have lost a great friend. My prayers and sympathies as you (and we) deal with his passing.

Louise Davis

Louise Davis - February 28, 2017 at 10:27 AM

DW

“ To the Rose Family,

Mark was such an awesome person to work with. He was one that you could count on and to be accurate in what ever he was delivering. I enjoyed getting to know him over the last few years in National Headquarters, NRCS. You have my deepest sympathy and please know Mark will be missed greatly.

*Doris Washington, Director
National Water Management Center
Little Rock, Arkansas*

Doris Washington - February 28, 2017 at 09:28 AM

MP

“ Darlene and Family,

*Our deepest sympathy for your loss. He was a gentleman and will miss his infectious laugh. Take care.
Best, Mark Parson and Laurie Sassmann*

Mark Parson - February 27, 2017 at 05:34 PM

LC

“ Luanne Cochran lit a candle in memory of
Mark Allen Rose



Luanne Cochran - February 27, 2017 at 02:10 PM

LC

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. We hope that you find comfort in all your memories. We wish we had the right words, just know we care.
The Cochrans

Luanne Cochran - February 27, 2017 at 02:20 PM

WB

“ Hi

Its Wes Beery in Ohio.

I am very saddened by Mark's passing.

I was in RC&D when I met him.

A fine fellow who was very happy and made me glad to be around him.

His father in law Don was my RC&D chairman at Top of Ohio.

You should be very proud of Mark, your husband and father..

He was a true gentleman in an era when they are rare to find.

A fine conservationist.

The Beerys

Wes Beery - February 27, 2017 at 02:07 PM

DG

“ *Dennis & Nancy Gillooly lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Rose*



Dennis & Nancy Gillooly - February 27, 2017 at 02:04 PM

JD

“ Dear Rose family,

I am so very sorry for your loss! I have always enjoyed my opportunities to talk with Mark at various soil conservation district dinners of the last several years. I pray that the Lord blesses you with immeasurable peace in this difficult time. God bless you!
-Jacob Dieguez

Jacob Dieguez - February 27, 2017 at 02:03 PM



“ I was new to NRCS and like any new journey, there are always challenges coming into a new organization; He made the transition so much easier. I will forever be grateful for his open mind and guidance. He was a peaceful place for me on so many occasions, professionally and personally. I am at lost for words. Until we meet again Mark Rose!

Kathleen Lindsay - February 27, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JA

“ Jeanne & Kevin Armstrong purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mark Allen Rose.



Jeanne & Kevin Armstrong - February 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM



“ Dear Rose Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and yours. Mark was a wonderful, selfless, positive person. The way he invested in others will carry on for generations as we strive to emulate him. As an example of his selflessness, he invited a couple of us to share a boat ride from Washington, DC to La Plata, MD. We were fortunate to have it recorded, and posted on YouTube. Here is a link to Mark in is element: <https://youtu.be/CgR7VdcVtcg>. It made me laugh, it made me smile, it made me cry, it made me very appreciative to have had Mark as a wonderful friend.

Jimmy and Anna Bramblett

Jimmy Bramblett - February 27, 2017 at 09:54 AM

MW

“Darlene and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was a good friend and mentor and I am sorry to see him go so soon. I believe Abraham Lincoln said it best:

“And in the end it’s not the years in your life that count; it’s the life in your years.”

Mark dedicated his life to serving others, and that is a life fully lived. Whether it was helping the farmers or the people he worked with, Mark loved helping people. I am proud to have known and worked for Mark these last several years, and consider myself blessed to have had the opportunity to learn from him. Everyday posed a new challenge, and I always admired how Mark tried to find a solution that provided the greatest good.

God bless you all.

Mike Whitt - February 27, 2017 at 09:40 AM

JB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mark was such a wonderful, caring, selfless person in all regards. It has been said we can invest in material things, but they will all pass away. Mark invested in other people, and many of the values, encouragement, and positive nature he invested in all of us will carry on to future generations as we convey some of those same core principles he instilled in us. We know Mark loved to boat. As an example of his selfless nature, he invited some of us to boat with him from Washington, DC to La Plata, MD. We were fortunate, one of the members captured Mark in his element on a video. It is posted on you tube at <https://youtu.be/CgR7VdcVtcg>. We hope you enjoy it! It made me laugh, made me smile, and made me very appreciative to have the blessing of being one of Mark's friends.

Jimmy and Anna Bramblett

Jimmy Bramblett - February 27, 2017 at 09:29 AM

 Cindy
Gatlin

“ I worked with Mark in Oklahoma when I first started my career with NRCS and really enjoyed learning from him. May his flame be eternal. God bless you all.

Cindy (Jones) Gatlin, CET

Cindy Gatlin - February 27, 2017 at 08:20 AM

TF

“ We are very sorry about Mark's passing. Death hurts all those left to mourn the loss of such a precious life. It also saddens God when he sees our pain. Even Jesus cried when he saw the pain that death causes the mourning. (John 11:35) But Jesus compared death to sleep and he has the power to awaken those that are sleeping in death. (John 11:11,25) Soon death will be no more and our broken hearts will be healed. Until that time comes may God grant you strength and peace.

The Nelms Family - February 27, 2017 at 07:30 AM

EH

“ I knew Mark through our work at USDA/NRCS. I was new coming into the agency when I met him. He always took the time to listen to any concerns I had and would always help me and back me up. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Erik Hill

Erik Hill - February 26, 2017 at 09:20 PM

MR

“ Dear Darlene, Lesley, Ben and Evan-I am so sorry for Mark leaving you too soon-He was a great person who brought joy and a smile to all who knew or met him! I smile every time I think of his laugh and sense of humor-he truly could make our day better just by being in the hall or room. He will always be remembered as a wonderful person, co-worker, boss and leader. His commitment and hard work to conservation and the farm community is a testament to his pure heart and dedication to our natural resources! Darlene I will never forget the day I called Mark to offer him the Maryland Southern Maryland RC&D coordinator position and he wasn't available but I spoke to you-You said to me "Yes he will take the job"! It is one of the fondest memories of my career. You and the family have been there all the way with Mark and he spoke of you all weekly when we talked at NHQ. My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I thank God for blessing us with Mark and his family in NRCS. Love and hugs to you all-your NRCS family is here for you!

Maggie Rhodes



Maggie Rhodes - February 26, 2017 at 12:20 PM

EK

“ Darlene and Family, I was stunned to learn of Mark's passing. It brought back so many great memories of time in 4-H with both of you at Camp Ohio and the Hardin County Fair. I was pleased that you both were with us last December for his induction into our Hardin County Agricultural Hall of Fame for the excellent work in his career. Our blessings to you. May the peace of God and the love of friends and family surround you.

Edison

Edison Klingler - February 25, 2017 at 08:42 PM

CE

“ *Mark was always so positive, caring of others, always wanting to do the right, had common sense, very approachable and sincere in his message, had so much compassion for everyone, and always had a smile and smirk on his face with a contagious laugh. Mark was not only a co-worker but was a dear friend. My prayers go out to all the family right now for strength and healing during this difficult time of loss. I am thankful for the time I had with Mark. We will miss him greatly!*

*Curtis Elke
State Conservationist-Idaho*

Curtis Elke - February 25, 2017 at 06:49 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Rose.*



February 25, 2017 at 03:33 PM

MD

“ *I worked with Mark for the past year at NRCS and enjoyed getting to know him and his passion for the NRCS mission. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Melissa Drummond - February 25, 2017 at 01:35 PM

FR

“ *Darlene and family, We are so sorry to hear about Mark. Stan loved working with Mark while y'all were here in Oklahoma. I remember enjoying you and your kids at meetings. Your family are in our prayers. Stan & Fredia Rice*

Fredia Rce - February 25, 2017 at 10:28 AM

RD

“ *To the family of Mark, I send you my sympathy. Your husband and dad was a genuinely good guy! I first met Mark years ago while we were both working in the RC&D program and then we were counterparts, he in the State Office of Maryland and I in Virginia. Mark was always full of energy and had a great sense of humor which made him a pleasure to work with. May these shared memories from others and our prayers provide you comfort during this difficult time.*

*retired NRCS,
Ray Dorsett*

Ray Dorsett - February 25, 2017 at 08:12 AM

MS

“ *Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Darlene and the Rose family. It's hard to imagine FAPD without him. I was his assistant for only 9 months, but feel he was the greatest Supervisor that I have ever worked with. Huge personality, wonderful sense of humor, and truly dedicated to our Division and those who worked for him. Mark spoke very proudly of his family, and the enjoyment of his boat. You are all in our thoughts & prayers. He is missed by many!*

Melissa Samel - February 25, 2017 at 08:05 AM

MM

“ Dear Rose Family,

I was deeply saddened to hear about Mark's passing, He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I had the pleasure of working with Mark when he worked in the Maryland State Office..

Marie Monn



MARIE MONN - February 24, 2017 at 05:44 PM

JS

“ Darlene and Family,

We are very sorry for your loss. Mark was a wonderful person and truly an inspiration to many, many people. I still remember the large amount of time and effort he put in on the Outdoor Classroom at Elk City. It is still a great success, and teaches kids about conservation year round! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and should you need anything, just ask!

Jim Smith - February 24, 2017 at 05:24 PM

CF

“ *My prayers are with the family. Mark will truly be missed. I can remember the first time I traveled to DC and how nervous I was until I entered Mark's office. He made this Mississippian feel welcomed and appreciated in the nation's capital.*

Clarence L. Finley

Friend and Fellow conservationist

Clarence Finley - February 24, 2017 at 02:33 PM

TP

“ *Darlene and Family -*

We are so sorry for your loss, Mark was a great guy. We would always visit with him when he came to the Information Technology Center here in Fort Collins, CO. In fact, he was here not too long ago; it was so good to see him again. He will be sadly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.



Tina and Gary Pfeiffer

Tina and Gary Pfeiffer - February 24, 2017 at 01:59 PM

CF

“ *Darlene and the Rose Family*

Our most sincere condolences to each of you on the passing of Mark. We had just chatted with him at the FSR in September and enjoyed the occasion greatly. We have many fond memories but out of the 700 or so student employees that we had the privilege of associating with at the Review, Mark and Darlene were two of the favorites.

The good are taken young.

Craig and Karen Fendrick

Craig Fendrick - February 24, 2017 at 01:51 PM

GP

“ Gary Pfeiffer lit a candle in memory of Mark Allen Rose



Gary Pfeiffer - February 24, 2017 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ Darlene and Family,

Mark, was a dear friend and will be truly missed. We attended our Senior Executive Service Swearing in together. I was a little nervous and was glad to see him. We worked together for the last three years or so here in Washington DC. when I first met him, there it was. That big smile and laugh that only Mark had. And you know it made me smile. I really got to know Mark and can attest that The Webster Dictionary truly got it right when it defined a true "friend". Mark was just that. I am a better person because of Mark. My prayers continue to be with you and your family.

James E. Tillman, Sr.

James E. Tillman, Sr. - February 24, 2017 at 12:50 PM

BE

“ Darlene & Family,

I was very saddened to hear of Mark's passing. Mark and I were RC&D Coordinator's in Oklahoma. I was happy to see him when he relocated to Maryland a couple of years after me. Mark always had a smile and a great way of engaging others in work and in life. He will be missed. God Bless.

Barbara Eggers

Barbara Eggers - February 24, 2017 at 12:49 PM

BF

I first met Mark when he came to Maryland state office in the same capacity I had at Pennsylvania state office. We talked often, trading ideas, always a great personal and professional relationship. Truly a class guy, great friend, great professional

Barry Frantz

Barry Frantz - February 26, 2017 at 08:23 AM

CS

“ Dear Rose Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. Mark will be deeply missed by his NRCS friends and family. I enjoyed the few opportunities that I had to work with him. He was always seeking ways to do things better and willing to listen to others thoughts and ideas.

Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Catherine Stanley, Weatherford, Texas

Catherine Stanley - February 24, 2017 at 12:06 PM

TD

“ *I have known Mark for several years. I have enjoyed working with him and for him but most of all he was a good friend and mentor.*

Troy Daniell - February 24, 2017 at 12:06 PM

MJ

“ *Michael Johnson & Family*”

I was deeply saddened to hear about Mark's passing he was one of the niceness person to work with at USDA/NHQ I work as the Support Services Specialist when Mark call me to start a project in his area he always starts with a hand shake a smile and maybe a joke when we just laugh he always made me and my team feel welcome Mark will truly be missed. my thoughts and prayers are with the family of Mark A. Rose

Michael Johnson - February 24, 2017 at 11:57 AM

LP

“ *Oklahoma remembers Mark Rose very well. I had the pleasure of working with Mark while he was an RC&D Coordinator in Cordell and I worked as an RC&D Secretary in McAlester. He was a very nice and capable young man back then as I'm sure he was today. I've watched with delighted interest as he climbed the ladder of success with the agency. Mark helped me learn QuickBooks for which I was grateful. His endearing kindness will not be forgotten. Please accept my sympathy for your grief and know that Oklahoma holds Mark's memory in our hearts.*

*Linda Parkhurst
USDA NRCS Oklahoma
Zone 4 Administrative Assistant
McAlester OK*

Linda Parkhurst - February 24, 2017 at 11:45 AM

CA

“ The last time I saw you was in Atlanta. you asked me jokingly if we are still friends and I said, no matter what "difference of opinion" we could have, you are always going to be my friend. That's the kind of person you were; ultimate professional, humble and always willing to help anyone in need. I am going to miss you my friend! God gained another angel! Your colleague and more importantly, your friend! Carlos Suarez



Carlos - February 24, 2017 at 11:31 AM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss. I'm praying for your family. Rebecca Rudd
NRCS Oregon

Rebecca Rudd - February 24, 2017 at 11:23 AM

AC

Mark was quick to smile and laugh which I admired and appreciated. It will take some time to get used to not hearing his voice on the monthly Financial programs calls. I know he has earned his wings and his soul is blessed. Athena Cholas, NRCS New Mexico.

Athena Cholas - February 24, 2017 at 04:22 PM

JM

“ Mark was an amazing leader for the NRCS. I have been in the Programs division in South Dakota for several years and have had the great pleasure of visiting with Mark on several occasions. My thoughts and prayers continue for all of you. He will be greatly missed by so many of us.

Jessica Michalski - February 24, 2017 at 11:16 AM

BY

“ *Darlene, Ben and family,*

I am so very sorry and saddened for your lose. Mark is one of those very special people that when he touches your life, he will always be a friend and mentor. Darlene, I always looked forward to seeing and visiting with the two of you at the various District functions. He was a great man, husband and father and will be truly missed.

Bruce Young

Bruce Young - February 24, 2017 at 10:15 AM

SS

“ *Darlene and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. I knew Mark when he was working at the USDA, NRCS Annapolis Maryland State Office. He will be missed by all of us here. God bless you and your family! Samone Scanlon (USDA, NRCS Annapolis Maryland State Office)*



Samone Scanlon - February 24, 2017 at 10:10 AM

LL

“ *My sympathies to all the Rose family for your loss. Mark made lasting contributions to the soil conservation effort during his tenure working in MD NRCS State Office.*
Louise Lawrence

louise lawrence - February 24, 2017 at 08:19 AM

DK

“ Our sincere sympathy to you Darlene and your family. This is a sad time for all, but rely on your memories, your love and each other to help you through.



Dee and Larry Koppe

Dolores Koppe - February 23, 2017 at 10:29 PM

BC

“ Dear Darlene, Lesley, Evan, and Ben, our hearts go out to you. I could not believe it when Tami called us. Mark will always hold a special spot in my heart. He took a chance on me back in 1990 and offered me a job that led to a 22-year career in conservation. I will always be thankful to him for that. Mark was always so good to work with. He was not afraid to give you responsibility, and when he did, he let you run with it. I learned so much from working with him and Dale Reinhart. Mark was instrumental in so many good ideas that caused the Wyandot SWCD to grow and do well. Mark was the driving force behind our move to a new agriculture center, and the Gottfried Nature Center would not have happened without Mark's vision. The last time that I was blessed to work with Mark, we teamed up to get Gib Murphy selected for the OFSWCD Supervisor Hall of Fame. Thank you for sharing Mark with our office. You are certainly in our prayers. Sincerely, Bill Clinger

Bill Clinger - February 23, 2017 at 09:26 PM

MI

“ Such a wonderful man who will be missed so much by his family and many, many, many friends. RIP Brother.

Mike - February 23, 2017 at 08:38 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Rose.*



February 23, 2017 at 07:33 PM



“ *George McCloy and Kevin McCloy purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mark Allen Rose.*



George McCloy and Kevin McCloy - February 23, 2017 at 07:11 PM



“ *I was very saddened yesterday when I received word of Mark's passing. Mark followed me as Coordinator in Burns Flat, OK and we often joked later in our careers about what he had to do when he followed me. We became better friends while serving together in Maryland. Mark was a good man, good friend and great leader, who always had a kind word especially when you needed it. He will be missed. Our prayers for his family during this time to receive peace and comfort.*

Dan Runnels - February 23, 2017 at 04:32 PM

DB

“ *Darlene & Family,*

I was deeply saddened to hear about Mark's passing. He was a great Coordinator and friend when we worked together at Southern MD RC&D. After he moved on from Southern MD RC&D I still would see him around at events with that great smile and kind word. He will be missed and my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Denitra Brawner

Denitra Brawner - February 23, 2017 at 02:46 PM

DH

I was extremely shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of my friend Mark Rose. Mark was truly a great person to be around and he was sure to make you laugh with his jokes and great sense of humor. I am definitely going to miss seeing him and hearing his voice.

Dwayne P. Howard

Dwayne P. Howard - February 27, 2017 at 08:13 AM