



Mark Allen Tharp

October 21, 1958 - July 31, 2017

Mark Allen Tharp of Addison, Texas was born October 21, 1958 in Dallas, Texas to Maribell (Bragg) and Maurice Allen Tharp, Jr. He passed from this life on July 31, 2017 after a long battle with cancer.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son Preston Tharp and fiancée Siarra Gaydon; daughters Paige Tharp and Lexi Tharp; sister, Cheryl Ridlehuber and husband, Ron; brother Mike Tharp and wife Ginger; nephews and nieces, Kenneth Ridlehuber and fiancée Katherine Montoya; Matthew Tharp and wife Lauren; Holly Ambuehl and husband Jacob; Cameron Tharp; and great nieces, Brooklyn Tharp, Caroline Tharp and Emory Ambuehl.

Mark graduated from Kimball High School and Southern Methodist University, both in Dallas, Texas.

Mark was Vice President at Harkinson Investment Corporation.

Mark had many loves. He loved the Lord. He loved his children and his family. He loved anything outdoors - golf, biking, boating, mud running and riding his motorcycle. He loved his Dallas Cowboys and Dallas Mavericks. Mark loved his friends- high school, work, men's bible group, prison ministry, faith,

carcinoid cancer support group and countless others.

The family would like to thank the many friends that stood by his side and supported him during his long battle. You truly made a difference in his life.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish to honor Mark are encouraged to donate to either:

Prison Ministry, c/o LLUMC Suzanne Fuqua, 9200 Inwood Rd, Dallas, TX 75220, checks made payable to LLUMC, memo: Prison Ministry MAT.

Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation, <https://netrf.org>.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Branch Church - Vista Ridge Campus
3601 Huffines Blvd.
Carrollton, TX 75010

Tribute Wall



“ *Dearest One Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Tharp.* ”



August 11, 2017 at 01:17 AM



“ *The Gaudin Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Allen Tharp.* ”



The Gaudin Family - August 09, 2017 at 11:25 PM

DG

“ Prayers and strength to Mark’s family and friends. His life was taken much too soon. He fought his illness with great determination, as he did with everything in his life. Mark and I met in 7th grade advisory at T.W. Browne Jr. High. We were close friends for years until geographical differences sent us on our separate ways. Myself, as well as Mark’s other friends, have great memories of sports, working out, hanging out at the pool, cruising around in his white Monte Carlo and his Olds 442. Maybe we went clubbing (do they call it that anymore?) a time or two. Disco was in its heyday, but that gave way to 80’s music before you knew it. Top 40 and Rock were cranked up too. I was able to see Mark a couple of times in the last two years, and I am thankful for those times, as well as the past. You will be missed by many. Rest in Peace my friend!
David Gaudin



David Gaudin - August 09, 2017 at 11:05 PM

RB

“ Cheryl, Mike, Ron, Ginger, Preston, Paige, Lexi, and all of Mark's family, I want you all to know how very sorry I am for your loss. Mark and I first met when we were 10 years old, playing BBI baseball for the Drillers at Kiest Park, and Little league football for The Mustangs at Red Bird park. When we got to High School, we became the best of friends, some what inseparable, and I spent more time at the Crepe Myrtle Circle dinner table than I did at my own at home. I'm sure Maurice and Maribell were glad to see me go off to college, to give some relief to their grocery bill. I loved them like my own parents. Mark and I drove a million miles, on the streets of Oak Cliff, chasing girls, going to parties, clubs like "after the Gold Rush, and the #3 Lift", but on the grander scale, chasing our dreams. After college, our lives went separate ways, but in these past few years, we re-connected, and the bond of our friendship continued. I am so proud of Mark, and his courageous battle. Mark also reconnected with Christ, and his bond was never stronger. In the past year or so, we reminisced about our youth, sports, old girlfriends, and waterskiing till the sun went down, and how we couldn't wait to do it all over again. "Drink a Beer" by Country artist Luke Bryan reads "So long My Friend, until we meet again, I'll remember you, and all the times, that we used to, Sit right here, on the edge of this peer, and watch the sunset disappear, and Drink A Beer" When we meet again, we'll do just that. I Love you Brother, Rest in Peace. Randy Barnes

Randy Barnes - August 07, 2017 at 03:30 PM

DA

“ True confessions, I, and more than a few others, looked up to Mark during our days at Dallas J.F. Kimball HS....still do. His white with orange 442 was "boss". A few years later, I got my dream car...Cowboys blue over silver. Pretty sure local authorities knew exactly where our cars were at all times!! Wonderful to see Mark's children growin' up as cool as their dad! I know how very proud he is of all y'all. Wish Mark could use an extra PGA ticket my friend gave me late yesterday for today's practice round at Quail Hollow. As nice as that would be, nothing compares to what Mark has now. Eternity in the presence of Jesus! I know Mark wants all our friends to join us there one glad day. Prayers for God's peace that passes all understanding and the comfort only He can give.



del archer - August 07, 2017 at 04:13 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Tharp.



August 06, 2017 at 03:27 PM

PT

“ Praying for comfort for Marks family and sweet Preston, Paige and Lexy. We will always remember the wonderful times our families had together...playing and cheering for Marks Broncos , The Heat, enjoying family time and having fun. Our lives were made better knowing you. Love Patti, Zack and Allison.

Patti Trobbe - August 06, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Tharp.



August 06, 2017 at 10:36 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Allen Tharp.



August 04, 2017 at 10:08 AM

KK

“ My sincere condolences to Mark's family. I knew Mark in high school and really only knew him through facebook after that. I was so inspired by Mark's strength and witness as he battled this ugly disease. He gave God all the glory through his suffering and made every attempt to live his life to the fullest. I hope his family can find comfort knowing he is waiting for them in heaven and in the many memories he created while he was here. His life was taken much too soon, but I believe he used the time he had to make a difference to many.

Karen Kuhns - August 03, 2017 at 04:36 PM

LW

“ I knew Mark from Jr. High and beyond. I have so many memories I will treasure forever. I personally never once heard him complain about his condition, frustration or the pain he had to have been experiencing. Mark was such an inspiration to all who knew him! He never ceased to amaze me with his continued strength and courage. To his beautiful family, and the many friends who loved him, please know you are all in my prayers. He will be deeply missed. Hopefully, comfort can be found in knowing he's now 'home' - no more pain - FLY HIGH MY FRIEND. Sending peace and gentle arms around you all during this difficult time.
much love to all ~
Lori



Lori Williams - August 03, 2017 at 03:39 PM

LT

“ *It was such a privilege to reconnect with Mark after all these years after being neighbors and going from elementary through high school with him. His heart was huge and he had a fighting spirit that most could never imagine. Prayers for his family, and for his children as they carry on his legacy. ❤️*

Lisa Thornton - August 03, 2017 at 02:12 PM