



Mark R. Holder

July 27, 1956 - November 3, 2010

Mark R. Holder, 54, of Shrewsbury, peacefully entered Heaven on November 3 after a lengthy and heroic battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Mark was born in Syracuse, NY. on October 27 1956 to Charles (Smitty) and Margaret (Madge) Holder. He was a loving and generous son, brother, friend, husband, father and co-worker. He will be grievously and sorely missed.

Mark graduated from CBA High School in Syracuse, NY, in 1974. He graduated in 1978 from SUNY Oswego with a BS degree in Computer Science, and in 1999 from Monmouth University in Long Branch, NJ, with an MS degree in Software Engineering.

Mark's successful career spanned 31 years. He began his career in Boston, where he was first employed by the Raytheon Corporation. Later, he became a Site Manager for the Mitre Corporation, also of Boston. It was during this phase of his career that he met his wife, Teri, and they were married. He then accepted a job as Deputy Program Manager for the Sensis Corporation of Syracuse, and later, as Program Manager for the CSC Corporation in NJ, where he was awarded the CSC Presidents' Award. Mark then moved to the Vitronics Corporation, where he served as Vice President and Chief Technical Officer. It was there that he and a co-worker invented the ParaScope™ Urban Combat Scope, for which they were eventually awarded a hard-earned and much-coveted patent. An entrepreneur and inventor at heart, this patent was

the realization of a lifelong dream, and brought Mark much joy during the last year of his life. After Vitronics was purchased by MTC Technologies, Mark was awarded the CECOM Quality Team Award for Excellent Service. His final employer was the BAE Systems Corporation, for whom he served as a Technical Director. Mark continued to work right up to within three months of his passing, and his determination to be the sole provider for his family, in spite of his ongoing illness, was a stunning display of courage and of his undying love for them. He was and will remain a hero. Mark loved his job, but what meant the most to him were his God and his family. He poured himself out for them and his children were and are his most cherished legacy.

Mark was predeceased by his parents. Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Teresa (Teri) Kohlbrenner-Holder; his children: Benjamin, Kimberly and Jessica; his sister Ann Holder-Braden; and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. He loved them all.

A private burial will take place in Syracuse, NY. at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grace Christian Church
1961 Wayside Road
Tinton Falls, NJ

Service

NOV 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Teri,
All of us at LaFayette Alliance Church are deeply saddened by the news of Mark's passing. He was such a wonderful brother in the Lord and coworker at our church. It was a shock to us all. Our prayers are with you. May the Lord's sustaining grace be with you and your family.##imported-begin##Brian Mandigo##imported-end##

December 08, 2010 at 03:46 PM



“ Teri - *I just learned of Mark's passing - I am sorry for your loss here on earth - please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Mark leaves quite a legacy as a faithful man of God, supportive and caring husband and father! Praying for you! Melissa##imported-begin##Melissa Payne##imported-end##*

November 19, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ Teri,

So sorry that Mark is no longer with us. He's left a wonderful legacy through you and your children.

Hope to see you this evening at the memorial service.

Fred##imported-begin##Fred Reimers##imported-end##

November 13, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ Dear Teri and family,
It was a shock to hear that Mark has gone to be the Lord. His background is amazing. What a heroic guy and wonderful husband and father he must have been. i know that George thought so much of him and I can't believe that you all have been gone so long from LaFayette. God bless you all and comfort and give you peace. Love ShirleyAA###imported-begin###shirley wood###imported-end##

November 10, 2010 at 07:56 PM



“ What a beautiful announcement for a most beautiful person. Such a huge loss for everyone who was touched by Mark. Our sympathy is extended to Mark's entire family.###imported-begin###Janet Combs Karcher###imported-end##

November 10, 2010 at 12:05 PM



“ Dear Terry and family, Just wanted to tell you it was an honor and privilege to care for Mark for those few days. You are a remarkable family. You are all in mt thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###kathleen sperring###imported-end##

November 09, 2010 at 01:33 AM



“ Terri and Family, I worked with Mark while on a Vitronics assignment with CSC before he joined us at Vitronics. Mark was a great guy, very knowledgeable and tech savvy. I remember seeing him when visiting the Eatontown office. Once in a while, I would stop in and say hi and have a small chat with him. I knew that he was a believer and is in a much better place right now waiting for us to join him. All I can say is that I am very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Dan Morris##imported-end##

November 08, 2010 at 01:28 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to entire Holder family. We knew Mark for but a short time yet knew what bright energetic and caring person he was. May you keep and cherish the memories of the happy times forever.##imported-begin##Bob and Mary Hillick##imported-end##

November 08, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ To Terri and family,
Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss. Mark will always be held in high esteem and for myself, it was a pleasure to have known him. I know that he walks with god and is in a good place. God bless you all,

Sincerely,

Joe Foster##imported-begin##Joe Foster##imported-end##

November 08, 2010 at 11:55 AM



“ Terri and family,

My deepest Sympathy goes out to you and your Family, and my prayers and thoughts.

Mark will be missed.

God Bless

Sincerely Joyce##imported-begin##Joyce Lubischer##imported-end##

November 08, 2010 at 11:47 AM



“ Teri,

I am so sorry to hear about Mark. You probably don't remember but my wife and I saw you and Mark at Harborfest in Oswego back in the early 90's. I think you had one child with you as did we. I grew up one block from Mark. We had a lot of good times growing up but unfortunately lost touch during high school. I saw the obituary in this morning's paper and have had you on my mind all day. I said a prayer in church this morning for Mark and for you all. It sounds like you and Mark had a very fulfilling life together. I have many fond memories of Mark and he deserved the successes he achieved. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Sincerely,

Peter Conostas##imported-begin##Peter Conostas##imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ Ron and I would like to extend our deepest sympathy in the death of my cousin Mark. Mark and I were very close when we were little with our parents being very close. My dad Robert Hayes Jr. and Mark's Mom were cousins. Mark's parents and my parents were very close, we spent lots of time at their home on Camp Ave. in Syracuse, NY and they spent many a day and night at our home on Geddes Street in Syracuse, NY. Our prayers are with Mark's family. Until we meet again Cousin RIP. Love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Hayes Foote##imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 07:41 PM



“ Dear Teri,
So, so sorry to see of Mark's death. I remember both of you so fondly and am so glad you invited us to your wedding.

You and your family are in our prayers.

Love, Dee##imported-begin##Dee & Dick Granville##imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 02:38 PM



“ Teri and Family-

Deepest sympathy to you over the loss of Mark.

I lived a block away from Mark when we were kids and he was the "smart one" of us all. I remember every Friday night at 9 o'clock he could be found watching the original Star Trek series no matter what. To this day I think of him when I see it.

He was a thoughtful and kind and knew how to fix anything-and made us do weekly check-ups on our bikes (we were 8 yrs old) so I wasn't suprised when I read of his amazing accomplishments in technology and inventing. He was our science guy and was always tinkering with something in his garage even back then.

Nor was I suprised when I read of his unfailing love and commitment to his

family- he was a truly honorable man indeed.

My prayers are with you.

Phyllis Jobes##imported-begin##Phyllis Jobes##imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ Teri, Ann, and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Mark was such a nice cousin and I remember him fondly. My thoughts and prayers are with

you.##imported-begin##Lisa (Hayes) Crouse##imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ Teri and Family,

I am deeply sorry to hear of the your loss of Mark and the brave battle he engaged with ALS. I grew up with Mark and we went to the same schools through CBA. He was always a great guy and we had many good times together. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you the best dring this tough time.

Dan Sullivan###imported-begin##Dan Sullivan###imported-end##

November 07, 2010 at 09:00 AM