



Mark P. Riggio

April 21, 1949 - March 16, 2015

Mark P. Riggio, 65, of Washington, passed away at 9:09 p.m. Monday, March 16, 2015 at his home.

He was born April 21, 1949 in Chicago to Ralph and Betty Roland Riggio. He married Mary Beth Traylor (Windsor) in 1970. He later married Denise Yerby Kirkham on September 23, 2000 in Washington, IL. They both survive.

Also surviving are his daughter, Michelle Riggio of Washington; son, Michael "Tony" Riggio of Washington; two step-sons, Bryan (Jennifer) Kirkham of Washington, Matthew (Breana) Kirkham of Bloomington; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Riggio, Taylor Riggio, Maya Kirkham, Kali Kirkham; sister, Suzanne (Mike) Barber; brother, Paul (Nancy) Riggio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandson, Judah Kirkham.

Mark graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1972. He joined the Air National Guard in Chicago in 1971, later transferring to the 182nd Air Lift Wing in Peoria, retiring in 2001. After retiring he taught at Heartland Community College for 10 years. He was a Republican Precinct Committeeman in Tazewell County for several years.

He loved his family, motorcycles, ham radios, animals and will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to a charity of donor's choice.

Mark's Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Morton, 1020 E. Jackson Street. Family will

receive friends following the service at the church. Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

1st Presbyterian Church of Morton
Morton, IL 61550

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So Sorry for your loss Denise, Mark will be missed dearly. When I saw his name come up on my phone I entirely expected him to say "hey Diane gettin a little shaggy need to make an appointment." as he always did. unfortunately it was not him this time.
Prayers to the family

Diane Shelley

Diane Shelley - March 21, 2015 at 09:16 AM

RP

“ Michelle, our most sincere and deepest sympathy. Roger and Karen Perkins

Roger Perkins - March 20, 2015 at 07:29 AM

LR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have a lot of good memories with you kids and parents from way back. If Mom got off work after Dad, then he would come pick you kids up. We always stood around and talked and laughed. He was a great man and will be missed. Just concentrate on all the memories and laugh and share them. He will be in your hearts forever. Their will be days you just wish you could talk to him, so talk to him. I talk to my parents all the time. The love doesn't go away, maybe even gets stronger. Whenever we ran across each other, he always smiled and we would start talking like always. Remember, he might not be here on earth but his heart and soul is always with you!!!!

Linda (Maples) Randitsas

Linda Randitsas - March 19, 2015 at 10:09 PM

MH

“ I am So Sorry for your Loss.. Mark was such a Fun Guy to talk with while working out at the Peoria Air National Guard.

Michelle Vaster - Hasty

Michelle Hasty - March 19, 2015 at 02:01 PM

CW

“ Hello Denise, I can not begin to tell you had shocked and saddened I am to learn of Mark's death. What a GREAT loss!!!! Mark and I served on the Thrivant Board together, and he was an exceptional leader. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to you and your total family. May God provide you with comfort at this time.

Carolynsue Wolf

Carolynsue Wolf - March 19, 2015 at 02:00 PM



JJ

“ Our condolences to the Riggio Family. We knew him from the neighborhood we grew up in in Chicago and through school. So sorry.

Jim and Jeannie Johanson

jean johanson - March 19, 2015 at 01:45 PM

MC

“ Denise and family - my deepest condolences. I remember Mark's smile and always positive, supportive attitude.

Martha Campbell (SCORE Peoria)

Martha Campbell - March 19, 2015 at 01:25 PM

RU

“ loved Mark like a brother. Mark and I served several years in the Air Guard. Mark was instrumental to my advancement in recruiting services. His friendship and humor made me grow to love him as a very close friend. My prayers and heart go out to your family. I know he is with our lord Jesus.
God Bless

Russ "Zeke" Johnson

Russ - March 19, 2015 at 12:46 PM

VB

“ For the entire Riggio family, if you don't already know, Mark was a friend and part of another family stretched all over the country, united by one thing, love of country. We'd been together since 2010, and he was one of the most knowledgeable men (this you already know) men we were associated with. No finer gentleman ever breathed. God rest his soul, and bless his House.- Vassar Bushmills

vassar bushmills - March 19, 2015 at 11:38 AM

EK

“ So sad to hear of Mark's passing. He and I were stationed together in the U.S. Air Force. He with the National Guard and I with the regular Air Force. Spent many days working with him as recruiters united in a main goal or recruiting the best candidates for our branches. He will be truly missed, may he rest in peace.

Ed Kennedy - March 19, 2015 at 10:51 AM

LP

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mark's death. Only knew him from our common conservative causes online, but he seemed like such a wonderful, level-headed man. May you all find comfort that he touched many lives.

God Bless,
Lady Penguin

Lady Penguin - March 19, 2015 at 10:01 AM

EM

“ Mark was always a friendly smile the whole time I knew him in the 182nd. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Elsie C. Moyer - March 19, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark P. Riggio.



March 19, 2015 at 09:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark P. Riggio.



March 19, 2015 at 08:13 AM

 Joyce Grant

“ *Mark was a multi-talented individual and we are blessed to have had the opportunity to know him. Terry & Joyce Grant*

Joyce Grant - March 19, 2015 at 06:24 AM

 MI

“ *Miss you Daddy. Love, Michelle*

Michelle - March 19, 2015 at 12:17 AM

 BS

“ *Mark was a wonderful teacher. I'm fortunate to have met him!*

bridget sebastiani - March 18, 2015 at 08:41 PM



“ *RIP my dear friend...I can still hear you laugh in my head...prayers to your family*



Connie Estill-Schlink - March 18, 2015 at 06:49 PM