



Mark Thomas Russell

June 9, 1965 - January 4, 2013

Mark Thomas Russell passed away unexpectedly on January 4, 2013 at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara. He was born June 9, 1965, in that same Hospital, to Thomas W. and Lora P. Russell. He attended Goleta Public Schools, graduating from Dos Pueblos High School in June of 1983.

One of Goleta's best-known small-business owners, Mark operated D&G Automotive for almost twenty-five years. Starting in business as a young man, Mark gained early recognition for his exceptional mechanical and technical skills and, as a result, he earned an unusual level of customer trust and loyalty.

With wide-ranging interests, Mark was also known for his generosity, and always enjoyed his extended circle of committed friends. Mark married Ogden Merenbach November 2nd of 2009 in Las Vegas, bringing new joy and excitement to his life.

In addition to his wife, Oogie, Mark is survived by his Father and his Stepmother, Chris. Also surviving are Mark's Brother, James (Caron, children Samuel and Elizabeth), his Sister, Susan Wollert (Keith, children Angelia, Emily, Kyle, and Jessie), a Step-sister, Jill Jago (Eric, children Amy, Abby, and Paul), and a Step-brother, Derek Benson. Mark was preceded in death by his Mother, Lora, and by his Grandparents, A.A. Pressnall (Caroline) and E.P. Russell (Locie).

A grave-side service will be held at Goleta Cemetery at 1:30 PM on Friday, January 11th, for all those who wish to pay their respects as he is laid to rest.

There is a Celebration of Mark's life planned for January 27th , at the Goleta Elks Club, beginning at 2PM.

In lieu of flowers or memorial gifts, there is to be a Scholarship Fund set up in Mark's name at Dos Pueblos High School; details are being arranged.

Cemetery Details

Goleta Cemetery

44 South San Antonio Road
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93110
(805) 967-3608

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 11. 1:30 PM (PT)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 27. 2:00 PM (PT)

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
150 N. Kellogg Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 964-6859

Tribute Wall



“ *Though I didn't know him, I did know Ogden. It says a lot about Mark that he attracted such a fine gal as Ogden. RIP Mark, and I wish Ogden the Lord's blessing.*

Bobolow Bob - August 06, 2021 at 08:09 PM

DC

“ *Mark was a beautiful human being and beloved man. I have had many enjoyable business experiences and transactions due to his honesty and great service I received at his shop. He will be missed and remembered and forever be in our thoughts. My heart, prayers, and condolences go out to his family and staff. We will miss you Mark.*

Daniel Clark - January 29, 2013 at 07:40 PM

KD

“ *Kate Donahue lit a candle in memory of Mark Thomas Russell*



Kate Donahue - January 23, 2013 at 04:36 PM

BT

“ *Mark was an honest and honorable business man, respected, respectable, respectful. It will be hard to find a new mechanic to replace him. Rest in peace, Mark. Condolences to his family.*

Brian Trautwein - January 14, 2013 at 10:34 AM

KE

“ Mark was my friend, a big happy grinning friend since 7th grade. I was lucky to have visited with Mark and Oogie Christmas Eve and give them both a hug and tell them I loved them.

Ken - January 10, 2013 at 11:38 PM

MQ

“ Mark was a fair and honest mechanic, who went beyond to keep us mobile. He will be sorely missed. Our best wished for his family at this difficult time. Mark Quinn and Josh McAnarney

Mark Quinn - January 10, 2013 at 08:45 PM

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