



Mark Cannon

December 2, 1954 - July 15, 2020

Mark Steven Cannon of Rowlett, TX passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at the age of 65.

Mark was born on December 2, 1954, in Alice, Texas to George Cannon and Virginia O'Neal Cannon. He grew up in Manhattan, Kansas and graduated from Manhattan High School in 1972, lettering in football, wrestling, and tennis. He went on to play college football for two years at Hutchinson Junior College in Kansas. After multiple semesters at various colleges, he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas in 1988. He began his career in the building material business in the mid-1970s. By the mid-1990s, Mark followed his lifelong passion for education obtaining his Master's in Kinesiology and becoming a teacher and coach. Mark taught and coached at Agnew Middle School in Mesquite, TX for 10 years before obtaining his Master's in Counseling and transitioning to a counselor at Terry Middle School in Mesquite for 10 years. He retired in 2016 from education and worked part time at En Fuego Cigar Shop. Mark loved to spend time at the lake fishing, riding his motorcycle, and smoking cigars. It was rare to come across Mark without a cigar in his hand.

Mark was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother, uncle, cousin, teacher, coach, counselor, and friend. He loved fiercely and always selflessly gave to others. He would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. He wore his heart on his sleeve and expressed his emotions openly with all those around him. Mark was a story teller and captivated all of his family and friends with tales of the past that could leave you with a smile on your face or rolling with laughter.

Mark is survived by the love of his life of 35 years, Rita; children, Matthew Cannon (Emily), Kaci McDaniel (Terry), and Steven Cannon (Carol); sisters, Jill Stallard (Steve), Kathy Cannon, and Kim Waldron (Ken); step-mom, Jodie Cannon; granddaughters, Harper Cannon, Hannah McDaniel, and baby Cannon due December 2020; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins that all loved him so dearly. He is preceded in death by his parents, George Cannon and Virginia O'Neal Cannon, and his brother, Chris Cannon.

Mark loved the Lord with all his heart and is now at peace in the arms of the Lord. Anyone who had the opportunity to be in his presence, whether in the classroom, on the football field, at the cigar shop, or on the lake will definitely miss him. He made an impact on more lives than he will ever know.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 25, 2020, which will be a come-and-go visitation from 9:00-11:00 am at Rest Haven Funeral Home in Rowlett. Followed by a gathering to smoke cigars in Mark's memory at Main Street Cigar Lounge from 11:30-2:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make a contribution in Mark's memory to a charity near and dear to his heart, Hugs & Heartbeats, a non-profit founded by his children to raise money and provide grants to cancer survivors needing assistance to begin and grow their families.

www.hugsandheartbeats.com

Events

JUL **Celebration of Life** 09:00AM - 11:00AM
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Rest Haven - Rowlett Location

3701 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX, US, 75088

Comments



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November 14 at 03:52 AM



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“ I have known Mark for 12 years and became friends through our mutual interests in things like sports and cigars and our families. We shared the ups and downs of our lives. He was always ready to make fun of me when I deserved it but he was even better at being able to laugh at himself.
His family was his greatest joy and will be his greatest legacy.

Dan Wardlow - July 24 at 09:09 PM



“ Rita,
My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. My thoughts are with you.

Deepest sympathy,
Lorena



Lorena - July 24 at 05:33 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mark Cannon.



July 21 at 10:14 AM



“ Rita, Kaci, Matthew, and Steven: My thoughts are with you at this time and I pray that God will provide comfort to you. I always admired Mark and Rita for the wonderful family that they brought up. I remember seeing the children as they came to visit us at the office and always enjoyed hearing the latest news about them and the family adventures. In more recent years, it has been a pleasure to follow the family on Facebook and see the weddings and grandchildren being born.

Love and God's continued blessings to all of you - Patsy Cathey

Patsy Cathey - July 20 at 01:00 PM



“ Mark always wore a smile on his face, and Kaci wears the same smile! It was a pleasure to know him, go through life's transitions, and be there when needed. I remember his stories about the lake and cigars. He loved those outings and his buds. I know he loved his family more than anything in this world, and my prayers and heartfelt sympathy go out to each and every one of you. Hopefully we can carry on with the memories some day, when we all meet again. May God bless you during this difficult transition! XO

Becky Chandler, MD

Becky Chandler-Berry - July 19 at 03:28 PM



“ I met Mark at Terry Middle School. He enjoyed talking about his kids. He was so proud of them. It was fun for me to hear about them. Mark honored me by getting together scholarship money in my name for a HHS graduate who had attended TMS. We had a very special friendship. My supreme compliment to Mark would be that by knowing him, my life has been better!! RIP Mark.

James Terry - July 18 at 11:12 AM



“ I am heartbroken for the family. Mark was always so welcoming and truly happy to see others. I will always remember the joy and pride he shared at each of the kids weddings. This is a true loss for his family and friends.

Margaret Nicks - July 18 at 09:17 AM



“ Dear Brother....lots of memories as we grew up. I spoke with your best friend, Ron Upson, today and learned more stories of your crazy high school years. Makes me happy you enjoyed that time, but makes me even happier the family you created. Your children will forever remember you as Jill and I will. We love you and hope you are enjoying heaven with all our family that we have lost. Hugs and love forever my brother.

Kathy Cannon - July 18 at 12:30 AM



“ Mark was an awesome man of God. Everybody loved him. His love for people and cigars made him the guy you were happy to see when you came into the cigar lounge. He always had a smile and a joke or something to say!
Mark's only downfall was that he truly believed that in poker, 2 / 7 off suit was a winning hand !!! We miss him so much already. Heaven has gaining another angel

Jeff Peters - July 17 at 09:51 PM



“ I can't tell you anything about Mark that you don't already know. I came back to teaching and shared an office with Mark at Agnew MS. Great man! Rest in peace my friend. Curtis Hathcock

CURTIS HATHCOCK - July 17 at 09:18 PM



“ Sending our condolences and prayers to all of you. May God be with you during this time of sadness.
Linda McLean

Linda McLean - July 17 at 08:13 PM



“ Linda McLean lit a candle in memory of Mark Cannon



Linda McLean - July 17 at 08:09 PM



“ Breaks my heart.. I have never had anyone care more about me than your Dad.. he was my cigar buddy for years.. Please know that I am praying for you and your family. I will think of Mark everyday.. Was it a surprise? God Bless Mark Cannon... he was a good man..

Dennis E Shirley - July 17 at 06:52 PM