



Mark Ray Volker

July 26, 1950 - July 20, 2017

Mark R. Volker of Millsboro, Delaware, passed July 20th 2017 at the age of 66. Mark, formerly of Harleysville and Norristown, PA, died after a courageous battle with lung cancer at Delaware Hospice Center surrounded by family. Mark graduated from Tusculum College, in Tennessee, with a degree in sociology. Mark owned and operated West End Beer Baron in West Norriton Pennsylvania, for many years. After, he managed 2 Sbarros restaurants and Nathans famous in King of Prussia Pennsylvania. He worked for Thermo-Fisher Scientific and VWR International as a stock room manager, on-site, at Glaxo Smith Kline up until his retirement in 2015. Mark enjoyed spending time with his wife of 47 years, Jan, golfing, kayaking, working in the yard, and relaxing on the beach at Cape Henlopen State Park.

Mark is survived by his wife, Jan, son and daughter in -law Eric and Kelly Volker, daughter and son in-law Rachel and Tom Oberholtzer, 7 grandchildren; Kelsey, Courtney, Joshua, Mitchell, Sydney, Jenna and Christopher; 1 great grandchild, Mads, and 2 brothers Mike and Steve Volker.

Instead of flowers please make a donation to Delaware State Parks via <http://www.destateparks.com/donate/> or to Delaware Hospice via <https://www.delawarehospice.org/donate-now/> .

Celebration of Life will be held in the fall.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Mark Ray Volker, please visit our Heartfelt Sympathies Store.

Tribute Wall

RA

“ My father gave me the advice I live by today, especially now so much more. The meaning so much greater today than yesterday and even more tomorrow." You need to fill your canvas of life with color, the more color the better ". He gave me this advice on a day I was not sure I was making the right choice, but those words made me go for it. My canvas had more colors after that day and will continue to have color , with my Dads words and spirit by my side. Love and miss you Rachel

Rachel - August 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ Poppop, you were ultimately THE greatest grandfather any of your grandkids could ask for. You are one of my best friends. My goal was and always will be to make you proud, and I'm so happy you were able to see me complete 3/4 of my college career, I couldn't do it without you. I know you're rooting for me to get to the finish line and I can't wait to show you that degree. We also had a bond love of food, I couldn't say no to a twizzler or any junk food you offered me. Ever. You've done so much for me, and I couldn't be more grateful for it. I'm also so happy to find out that I was once your password at work, you thought about me at least once everyday. I can't wait to show you all the things I will accomplish in life, and I know you'll always be watching over me. The pain is gone and you're finally at peace. I love you so much.
-peanut

Sydney - August 08, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Extending deepest sympathy to family and friends in this time of sorrow. Please find comfort in knowing that soon all those in the memorial tombs will hear Jesus' voice and come out. (John 5:28,29) Until that blessed day, may Jehovah, the God of all comfort, grant you peace while many fond memories warm your hearts.

Annie Wingfield - July 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Jan and family,
We were so sorry to learn of Mark's passing. We have fond memories of you,
Mark and the "old gang" on Penn Oak Court. Please know that all of you are in
our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love,
Jim & Mary Ann

Jim & Mary Ann Di Cesare - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. May all the
happy memories you shared give you peace and comfort. You are in my prayers.

Barb DiLucia - July 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SU

“ Mark,
I still can't believe you are gone. Thank you for making my sister so happy and
being a part of our family. I couldn't have asked for a better brother-in-law. Love
you and will miss you every day.

Suzanne - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your family's loss... "Unable are the
loved to die. For love is immortality." ~Emily Dickinson

Eric Spaulding - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ I was so very sorry to hear this news. Mark was such a great person. Worked with
him at ThermoFisher and thought of him with the highest regards. Please accept
my condolences to the family. He will be missed.

Carol Marks - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ And so my love you are finally at peace and free of pain. You were and always
will be the love of my life. Happy Birthday.

Jan - July 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Dad, you were my hero. I miss you and love you forever.

Eric - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

OL

“ My condolences on the loss of a such a wonderful man.

I met Mark near the tail end of his career with Thermofisher. He had quite a following at GSK by then. Scientists would visit the stockroom not just to buy supplies but to have a chat with Mark as well. He would "monitor" the hallway in the morning saying hello to people as they strolled into work. It became such a habit that often times I would hear "good morning Mark" as people walked past the stockroom even on his days off! He trained me and mentored me not only on his job duties but on his life lessons as well. He had a dry sense of humor that could always make me laugh, and had some great stories to tell as well (one was why he didn't ski).

He was a devoted Philly sports fans and was therefore pessimistic about the upcoming game or season. I looked up to him, and was always soliciting his advice on things beyond the job (dating, owning a home, future careers etc.). He talked often about his children and grandchildren (his login password was "Sydney11" when I started) and how he enjoyed spending time with them and taking care of the lawn at the Delaware home.

My deepest sympathy on your loss.

Sincerely,

Olan

Olan - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ My dear wife and I would like to extend our condolences for the loss of your loved one. All of us have experienced the pain of death in some way sad to say. And, so, at difficult times like this we are confronted with the stark reality of how precious and fragile life can surely be. So, we send this condolence to you with the hope that we can in some small way comfort you as it has comforted us with what the Bible reveals to us about good news from Almighty God. We are in no way trying to impose our faith on you, but sincerely just want to extend comfort to you during your grief (Proverbs 17:17). As recorded in the Bible, God's only-begotten son, Jesus promises that one day he is going to bring back to life all those who have died (John 5:28,29). Just as death is an enemy to us, it is also an enemy to God (1 Corinthians 15:26). For that reason as well as others, He promises to remove forever all the pain, suffering, wickedness, and DEATH that mankind has had to endure for thousands of years (Revelation 21:3-5; Psalm 37:10,11,29). Truly, what a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality though for God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). It is our hope that you not take our word for what has been written; but that you take a moment to read and meditate on all these referenced scriptures and be comforted by the marvelous hope God has in store for us (Psalm 1:1-3; John 17:3). Our thoughts and prayers are sincerely with all of you.

George & Christine Ragusa - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. The bible gives us hope for the future. We have the hope of being reunited with our loved ones again in the near future. Isaiah 25:8 tells us that "He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces." Please look forward to that time, and until then may your entire family be comforted and blessed.

Doretha Sampson - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - July 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM