



Mark Jacobs

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Mr. Mark Murphy Jacobs, 45, of Charlotte, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021.

Mark was a native of Shalimar, Florida and moved to North Carolina where he had a long-standing career in NASCAR. Mark's athletic career started at a young age with football, baseball, and wrestling. Based on his hard work and dedication he received full scholarship to the University of Kentucky, fulfilling his lifelong dream to play in the SEC. After a successful football career Mark landed a job at Bill Elliott Racing as one of the first athlete to pit crew members in 2000. He enjoyed a successful career on pit road for nearly 15 years, making everyone laugh along the way with his larger than life personality. Outside of sports, Mark enjoyed fishing, boating, and spending time with his two children, Evan and Emily Jacobs. Always the proud father he coached both in football, baseball, and soccer in their early years. As they grew up, he enjoyed from the sidelines cheering them on, their biggest fan.

Mark is survived by his parents, John and Sylvia Jacobs and brother John Jacobs of Niceville, Florida. His two children, Evan and Emily Jacobs of Huntersville, North Carolina.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Sunday, August 22 at James Funeral Home of Huntersville. A visitation and celebration of life for NASCAR friends on family Tuesday, August 24th at 6:00pm at James Funeral Home of Huntersville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Victory Junction Gang at <https://victoryjunction.org/give/>

Online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com.




Events

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Funeral Service

 **Sunday**, August 22, 2021

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


 **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078

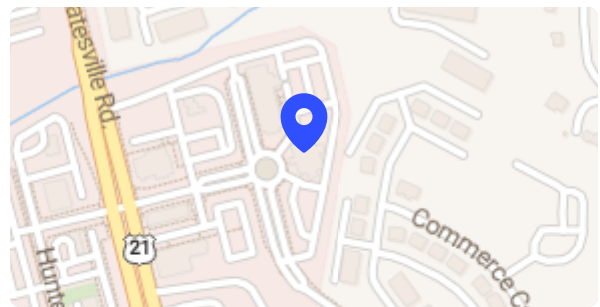


Celebration of Life

 **Tuesday**, August 24, 2021

 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

 **James Funeral Home**
10520 Arahova Dr, Huntersville NC 28078





Tribute Wall

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Chuck Hughes posted:

Mark would have loved tonight! UK beats Florida! We always talked the day of the game. This morning I picked up the phone to make my call! Only to realize he wouldn't be on the other end! Rest In Peace #99 I miss you! Chuck

October 2 at 5:58 PM



Mary-Beth Sheldon lit a candle in honor of Mark.



August 26 at 8:55 PM



Mary-Beth Sheldon August 26 at 8:59 PM

Aunt Sylvia and Uncle Jake , John (John John) holding you all close in my thoughts and prayers please find comfort during this time Love you all



Marvin Major shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Just Doing What Mark Did Best,.. Crush Quarterbacks.



August 24 at 4:36 AM



Marvin Major shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Brother From Day 1. ~ Marvin Major



August 24 at 4:34 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Jacobs family.



August 23 at 10:44 AM



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Connie White posted:

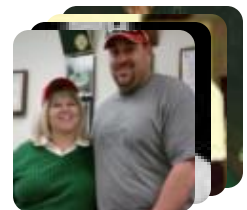
Mark was a student of mine when he was a junior in high school (Choctawhatchee). Always, smiling, upbeat, cocky at times - he made my teaching him fun! His love for football was obvious, and I was so happy for him when he received a full ride to Kentucky - he deserved that!! The world is a little less bright because of this tremendous loss. Mark, you will be missed by so many. Prayers and peace for Mark's family and friends. Heartbroken & Sad, Connie White

August 23 at 6:25 AM



Linda Evanchyk shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mark was a student of mine as a 10th grader in my English class at Choctaw High School in Ft. Walton Beach. He was a joy to have in class. He was on the varsity football team, which is not the case for all sophomores. It was great fun watching him play football each week. As he went on to his junior and senior years, he would still come by my class and visit with me. He invited me to his signing ceremony when he signed with the U of Kentucky. We kept in touch off and on after he graduated. I knew that he had joined Elliott Racing. The spring of 2011 he contacted me because he drove the Target car to Ft. Walton Beach for an exhibition. He came by class at Choctaw and spoke to one of my classes. I had some football players who knew who he was and they were thrilled to get to meet him in person. He brought me a Target car hat and shirt. Like a lot of big, athletic guys Mark could look intimidating, but once he smiled, you could tell he was a teddy bear. My heart is broken to hear of his passing. My condolences to his parents, his brother and his children. Rest In Peace, Mark. I am grateful I was your teacher and your friend. I'll have those memories in my heart forever. -Linda Evanchyk "Ms. E" Go Big Green!



August 18 at 11:51 AM



Rob Oviatt posted:

Mark was one of my all time favorite players and people. One of a kind. He loved football, having fun, and lifting weights. He Back Squatted more than 600 lbs, and was one of our hardest workers. He did everything I ever asked, and was someone myself, and all his teammates and coaches could always count on. No one was more respected and well liked. And no one got more out of their ability. This is so tough. Sometimes things just aren't right. Proud to have coached him and had him touch my life. Rob Oviatt

August 20 at 2:53 PM



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George Harris posted:

Mark was a freshman my senior at UK. I loved playing football with this guy for so many reasons. He was one of those Florida boys that always showed up to play hard, never intimidated and even as a Freshman could make his presence felt! He was also a funny guy. Always joking! What I remember most about Mark, is an almost fight we had at CATS. I had just gotten my first job at Wells Fargo Bank, after being cut from Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and I shaved off my braided hair and cut off my mustache. I remember Mark say, "Who the hell is this George, you look like Carlton from the Fresh Prince of Bellaire!" Of course, it upset me and I was ready to fight! And, Mark kept saying, "Don't get madd at me George cause you look like Carlton...it's not my fault you look like Carlton, from the Fresh Prince of Bellaire!" Two years later, I ran into Mark at Nutter and we laughed and laughed about that day. All I could say is, Dude, I wanted to kick your ass! Of course, he said, I know G, I know!! Damn, this brother will be missed. RIP Mark Jacobs. With Love & Respect!

August 20 at 9:32 AM



John Jones posted:

I grew upo with Mark back in our Shalimar days. From playing football all the way through High School to little league baseball. Mark was my dude. Mark was there for me at time when I needed him the most growing up. Whether it was ride to school or practice or running to get subs at Giff's before a game. He was always willing. When we graduated, Mark went to Kentucky and I went to West Alabama. Funny story, I remember being back at home during break with my grandma. She was in the kitchen cooking and I heard her scream. I asked what was wrong and she said there was this huge white guy in a big pickup truck adn she wasn't going to let him in and had asked me what did I do to someone. I looked out the window and saw a big white guy with long hair and a ball cap and some of the shortest shorts I've seen. I thought, I don't have clue who that is. I'm not nswering either. Now, when I last saw MArk he was 6'3" maybe 215. After further review, I noticed it was Mark, who came home after break. He was now about 295 and ready to dominate the SEC. We embraced and a great day talking and my grandma still won't answer the door. I wish we would have stayed in touch much better, but I will alwys cherish the time I had with him. My condolences to his family. I wish I could be ther. The Jacobs helped raised me in my youth and I am forever grateful. I pray for healing. Love you all!!!

August 20 at 8:11 AM



Brenda Smith posted:

Sylvia, Jake and John. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Mark was truly an angel and we loved him dearly. Pete and Brenda Smith

August 19 at 6:46 PM



Shane Ball posted:

My senior year at the University of Kentucky was Mark's Freshman year and we became big buddies minute one. He brought a ton of fun and enthusiasm to our team and I can remember that I wished I had more time with him as a teammate. I remember going out to practices and games after I had graduated and getting to see him, we would bear hug it out and laugh it up instantly. As many of us do, we all go on in different directions and loose touch over the years with careers and families. I had heard that Mark got on to a Nascar team thought what a great gig for him and I knew he was making those guys around him better with his hard work ethic and enthusiasm. Thanks for adding those things to my life Brother. We all wish we had more time with you. You will be truly missed by all that you touched. Heart felt condolences to the Jacob's family and friends. Til the Battle is Won. Shane Ball and Family

August 19 at 5:54 PM



John Welch October 18 at 10:09 AM

Wow. Absolutely in shock to see this. Mark and I grew up together in NW Florida. Middle School, High School. Mark was the football player and I the basketball player. I'll never forget Mark playing on our Middle School team - I was the starting center and Mark played off the bench - I went down with a high ankle sprain. Nothing serious , just enough to keep me off the court for a few minutes. Coach Scroggins puts Mark in as I get looked at. Mark comes over to me and says "hurry up .. this won't take long" .. Mark Jacobs proceeds to foul 5 times , hacking, pushing, and down right tackling. I vividly remember coach looking down at me and pointing to his watch "He's out .. you ready to go back in??" .. Mark came over to the bench and slapped my foot and told me to stop being a baby. We laughed and I went back in. Mark was a monster and yet so easy and gentle. Years later I would become a United States Special Operation soldier and would run into Mark on a flight. I was in my dress uniform with Green Beret and sat down next to him on the flight. We told stories, I laughed a lot, he listened a lot. At the end of the flight we exchanged numbers ... he gave me a hug and thanked me for my service - I should have thanked him for his, Mark taught a lot of us how to just be easy, be fun, not take things so seriously. I miss the simplicity of our youth and the fun we had. I mimic what most have said here ... the sun just isn't as bright with Mark Jacobs not basking in its warmth. Number 99 you were always 100% amazing. You will be missed.Sad,John WelchChoctaw class 94



Jim Massarelli posted:

What a shock. Mark was always so full of life.May God bless and care for his family at thissorrowful time.My prayers are with all of you.

August 19 at 8:08 AM



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Tim Ortscheid shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I met Mark while coaching youth Football for the Odell Eagles. He and I shared a similar personality/coaching style and love of kids & sports. I always looked forward to talking with Mark as he never failed to make me smile and laugh. He did the same for the kids. Those kids loved him as did I, he will be missed; however, he did make a huge impact on so many lives while he was here.



August 19 at 5:53 AM

CC

Craig Curione posted:

Mark was one of the best to ever hit pit road, he will be missed, Godspeed buddy. 🙏

August 19 at 3:18 AM

JJ

John Jacobs lit a candle in honor of Mark.



August 18 at 6:02 PM

JJ

John Jacobs posted:

You were my Hero, my Best Friend and my Little Brother and I was most of all proud of you. I will never be the same and hope now you are at peace. John Jacobs III

August 18 at 6:00 PM

RM

Robby Maschhaupt shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Rest In Peace my great friend



August 18 at 1:49 PM

BH

Bob And Sandi Hannigan lit a candle in honor of Mark.



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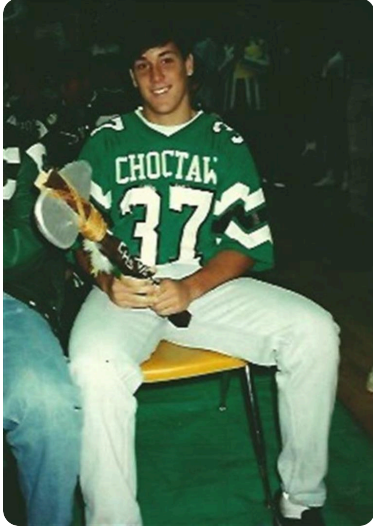
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August 22 at 6:57 PM



Mark won a "Tomahawk" award for a great game.



Here he is with John Jones and Karl Lavine.



I was so happy to see him sign his scholarship to Kentucky.



2011-Bringin me a Target hat.



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Mark with towel around his neck.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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