



Mark Kenneth Youngsma

March 27, 1985 - March 31, 2010

Mark Youngsma is cherished by his friends and family and he will be missed deeply by everyone who knew him.

Mark came as a welcomed arrival to his parents, Doug and Denise Youngsma, in the spring of 1985. He was the younger brother to Denise's first son, James Hundtoft, and Mark's birth was followed by those of his sisters, Nicki and Ashley Youngsma.

Throughout his childhood, Mark was busy playing basketball, soccer, participating in Boy Scouts and playing percussion in band. When he was ten years old, he and his family lost his mother to cancer. Several years later, Mark's father remarried and his family now includes stepmother Dolores Youngsma and stepsisters Karen Brown and Michelle Flores.

Mark always had an artistic gift. As a teenager, he began to cultivate his creative skills. After graduating high school he pursued a degree at Western Oregon University. At college, he continued to refine his talents. Constantly doodling, drawing, painting and sculpting, he excelled in his academic specialties and he seemed to possess an infinite energy for producing works of art. He received multiple scholarships and awards for his achievements, sold several works to local patrons, and donated various pieces for fundraising events organized by student organizations.

Mark earned a Bachelor of Science in Art with a minor in Art History in June of 2009. His artistic specialties included painting and print making. When on break from his studies, he worked as a coordinator in the student art gallery at Western Oregon University, as well as a professional painter.

Mark was a caring, compassionate and thoughtful individual who left his mark everywhere he went. His artistic ability amazed his colleagues, his determination inspired family and friends, and his kindness touched those who knew him. His presence was a blessing in our lives and his absence will be felt by all.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Hillside Chapel
1306 7th Street
Oregon City, OR

Funeral Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Kenneth Youngsma*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Mark,
My heart aches when I think about how I will never see you again. You were one of the most caring people I've ever met. We practically lived together once upon a time in the Ackerman house. We used to stay up until 2 or 3 in the morning talking about anything and everything under the moon. We shared anime marathons and campfires in the back yard. The last conversation we had was about dreams. I miss you terribly. I hope your heart is at peace.*

Sarie Schoen - June 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mark is so much a part of our art family at CHS. I remember his "spot" in the art room which he claimed time and time again, no matter what class. He is greatly missed by all of us. Our thoughts are with all of you.*

Jennifer Dorsey - May 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Mark Kenneth Youngsma c/o Hillside Chapel funeral home.*

April 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Having known Mark in college I got to see his creativity first hand. Mark was a great friend and will be missed. May he rest in peace with the Lord. May the Lord bring peace and hope to his family in this time of greif.

Diana Blomster - April 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ mark you were such a real and authentic soul. i hope to one day walk with you again.

Tiffany Cerf - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear friend-- I am very saddened to hear of your passing. I'm sorry we lost touch over these years since high school. Your friendship was inspiring. You were always so kind and loving and full of laughter. You were always asking questions and wanting to learn more. You were creative and very artistic and will be very missed. Rest quietly with the angels dear friend. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family.

Cassie DuBray - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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Dee Simmons (Braith) - April 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ *Mark Kenneth Youngsma*

Kayla Danielle Rau - April 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We have missed seeing you, but always will consider you friendes. Know that your in our prayers.*

Dan & Sheryl Fullerton - April 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ *Rest peacefully, Mark. Your smile and compassionate heart will not fade, but will continue to inspire through your work and the impact you made on those whose lives you touched.*

Terrill H. - April 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ I'm deeply saddened by the loss of my one of my best friend's son. Unfortunately I did not get the opportunity to know Mark on a personal level. However, based on his interests, achievements and accomplishments I feel that I would have enjoyed developing a relationship with Mark that would have been as rewarding as the one I had with his dad.

My family's prayers and condolences are with the Youngsma family.

Arthur M. Jimenez - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Thank you for all your help and kind words. You will be missed very much. Rest in great peace.

Christa Keim - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Although I did not get to know Mark as well as I would have liked, everytime I spent anytime around him he was one of the most likeable people you could think of. He made a great impact and was a wonderful encouragement to many that I care about.

Thomas Rogers - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Mark was a good friend. We had many talks about life and art. I had the pleasure of working with him on the Dia De La Muertos show a couple of years ago and taking notes for him in art history. I just read a message from him last night in Facebook, he was admiring my farm in Farmville even though all the wheat was withered. I thought Mark would be around forever, as a classmate and friend. I guess now he will be, never separated by miles or schedules. He will be forever young; forever struggling; forever an inspiration; forever in my heart.

Bill Madden - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ There are no words to describe the sadness I feel for all of you for the loss of your precious Mark! pray for God's peace and comfort for each of you. May God Bless you all.

*I love and prayer,
Tie*

Tie Berrett - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Mark was my best friend, and one of my all time favorite people. Almost everyone that I know loved him. I cant believe that he is gone, I saw him on the 25th and watched Invictus with him... movies and food was kinda our thing. I love and miss him dearly.

Shauna Alloway - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My heart is deeply sad for your loss of Mark. I have many fond memories of watching Mark and the Youngsma children grow up during their visits to the CD office. Our hearts go out to Mark’s family and friends, thoughts and prayers are with you all. May you be surrounded by love and find peace in the days to come.
With deepest sympathy;
May God bless and comfort you,
Lori and Scott Stomps

Lori and Scott Stomps - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ Mark was more than my best friends son, Mark was my buddy. As I watched him grow into manhood, I saw a caring, thoughtful man with fantastic creative abilities. The man had athletic prowess as well. Running with Mark at the beach was one of my favorite moments. His long gazelle like stride was so beautiful. He was such a natural. I love you my friend. Maybe run together in a different place ?

Otto Finnell - April 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ The world is missing creativity, artistic talent, humor, sarcasm and wit that it had only a few days ago. Mark's passing leaves not only a hole in our lives, but in the art community, and the world as a whole. Mark, you are missed.

Tiffany - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ I didn't get to know Mark very well but I was lucky to have had French with him a few terms in high school and got to be his partner during a few projects and speeches. He was always so friendly and sweet. I remember he would start blushing and get shy if he even made the smallest mistake in class => I know he had a very wonderful family and was truly loved. Nicki and Ashley, let me know if you need anything at all and I wish you and your entire family peace in getting through this.

Vanessa Beyers - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ There are so many memories that I will never forget. You are an amazing person with a good heart and loyal friend. I wish there were more people like you in this world. You were so talented! You had so much to offer to others. I will never ever forget you.

Ashley Davidson - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ "Good night, sweet prince; and may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest."
from Hamlet

Rebecca Chance - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sorry to hear for your loss. We will be praying for your family. We knew Mark through Jeff and Steven. We hope that during this hard time you find peace and comfort through the memories that you have.

Cummings/Corlies Family

Cummings/Corlies Family - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. His memories will remain in the hearts of those who loved him. We are fortunate enough to know him and he will be missed deeply.*

Steve and Lucy Dorson - April 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ *My heart is very sadden by the loss of Mark. He was a great kid and I would look forward to our chats when he would come into the CD office.*

I pray God will grant you His peace and comfort during these difficult days.

*In His Love,
Evelyn Harris*

Evelyn Harris - April 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM