



# Mr. Mark Spruiell

SEP 6, 1958 - APR 26, 2016



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## **Mr. Mark Spruiell**

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**M**ark Campbell Spruiell; Age 57 of Nashville, TN passed away on April 26, 2016. He was born on September 6, 1958 in Knoxville, TN. He is preceded in death by his parents James and Dorothy Spruiell.

He is survived by his loving wife; Janice Spruiell, Daughters; Sarah (Bryan) Smith and Lacey (Steve) Metz, Brother; Jim (Teresa) Spruiell, grandchildren; Sophie Metz, Noah Metz, Hannah Smith, nieces; Angie (Jodie) Strange and Lori (Nathan) VanGundy, Lauren (Derek) Sorenson. Nephew: Ransom Wayman, and other special family members.

Mr. Spruiell was greatly loved by many. He was a family man who adored his grandchildren. All that knew him would describe him as a “gentle giant,” full of life and joy.

Officiating the service will be; Marjorie Lehman, Dorothy Lehman, and Joanna Bishop. Pallbearers; Bryan Smith, Steve Metz, Stan Leffel, Edward Oden, Ken Neal, Doug Richardson, and Ed Sanchez.

Visitation will be Friday, April 29, 2016 from 4-8pm at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be conducted Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 11am at Spring Hill Funeral Home.

Interment will follow immediately at Spring Hill Cemetery.



## Events

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### visitation

 **Friday**, April 29, 2016


 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

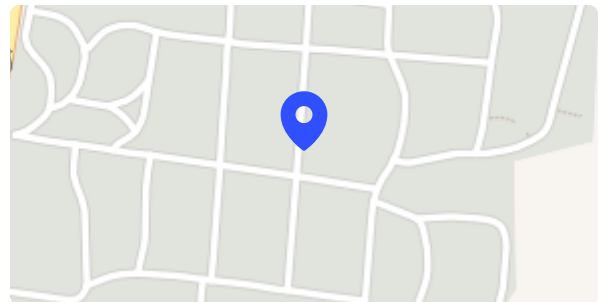
 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



### Cemetery Details

 **Spring Hill Cemetery**  
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216

 **615-866-1419**





## Tribute Wall

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TC

**Tony L Crowe** posted:

I was in the Band at Carter High School with Mark. He was a year older. We had some GREAT times. Mark, you always had my back, I, along with many people will miss all the goodness inside of you. Tony L. Crowe Corryton, Tennessee Carter High School 1978

July 12 at 3:53 PM

RC

**Richard Cross** posted:

Mark and I played baseball together for Sunnyview. I think he played for Thorngrove for a season or two. Great guy!

May 24 at 5:24 AM

JH

**Jeff Hardin** posted:

When I was located at Citizen's Plaza myself (around 2007-2008, I'm now in Memphis), it seemed I would see Mark every few days, although we were not on the same floor. When I would see Mark, he always had this "can-do" attitude if I needed anything from him and just maintained this cheerful spirit (including in late 2015, when I was in Nashville briefly and last saw him), which I truly liked about him. He will be missed! Jeff Hardin

May 4 at 9:21 AM

GH

**Gayle Hymer** lit a candle in honor of Mark.

Sorry for your loss. Did not know until today. I'm hoping that you will be okay and have other family to help you get through this sad time. Love Gayle

April 30 at 8:05 AM





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SB

**Scott Black** posted:

I am going to miss my friend Mark. I am shocked and saddened at his passing. We shared lunch and laughs together often and those are times I will remember and always treasure. The times the 'lunch crew' shared together were so full of joy. We had to move our lunch location more than once to avoid disturbing others with our laughter. I recall a time when a vendor that worked in our building came over to our lunch table after having heard us laugh and joke with one another day after day after day. She asked us how we were able to be so full of joy and laughs all of the time. We told her that we loved each other and loved the LORD. Although Mark and I shared common interests that included fishing, I never got to take that fishing trip with him. The next time I go fishing, I will dedicate that trip and the next fish I catch to him (my "blue" brother). Janice, please know that you and your family will be in my prayers. Scott Black ("Scotty B")

April 30 at 4:07 AM

CG

**Connie Glenn** posted:

Janice we are so sorry to here about Mark. He was a great fellow. I always felt like I could to Mark. I know he loved you with all of his heart. I know this was exetely hard on you. But God has his reasons and we don't always understand at the beginning but as time goes on we can understand more of what God is doing for us. Sorry we couldn't come down but you hang in there and hope to see you real soon. Love In Christ, Gerald & Connie P.S. Janice just remember that GOD LOVES YOU more than anything and when you get to feeling bad hold on to that though.

April 29 at 5:15 PM

HY

**Heidi Dianne Young** May 1 at 5:36 AM

Janice I am sorry to hear about Mark may God comfort you in the days to come



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DL

**David Lamb** posted:

I haven't seen Mark in years since I moved away from Knoxville, but I don't think I've known a kinder and "good person" than him. And Mark was very smart and in tune with what was going on at any given time. He was mostly joyful and happy, but he was somber at appropriate times. And I feel so bad to hear about his passing. My prayers go out to his family and friends. And while I know he made everyone feel special, he made me always feel special like I was his best friend if he would see me every so often years after high school. Knowing Mark, he would have laughed if I cut a joke right now and given one back. And I'm sure that's the way many remember him. I know he will be missed by many. I regret not having seen him in many years. But I will again one day. Just a sad, sad loss. A great person who I can't think of anything at all negative in him as a person. I have no doubt he loved his children and grandchildren. And everyone else. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7 Rest easy and in peace my friend. You made a great positive difference in the world while you were here, and you will not be forgotten. David Lamb Los Angeles, CA Carter High School 1978

April 29 at 1:27 PM

BB

**Barbara Broersma** posted:

Mark was such a blessing - he is missed - always a bright smile and willing hand for any task. My deepest sympathy to his family; he spoke of you often with love and affection. Barbara Broersma, DHS, Citizens Plaza

April 29 at 12:54 PM

TN

**Terri Newman** posted:

Thinking of all of your family. May God give you comfort and peace.

April 29 at 10:41 AM

SR

**Sharon Rhinehart** posted:

We were sorry to hear about Marks passing. I know you are going to have lonely days ahead ,depend on the comforter that is the only one that can offer true comfort. We will be thinking of you. Love, John and Sharon

April 29 at 9:20 AM



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YS

**Yvette Strother** sent a virtual gift in honor of Mark.



April 29 at 8:41 AM

YS

**Yvette Strother** lit a candle in honor of Mark.

what can i say my friend you will truly be missed such a kind person who never complained when life gave you lemon you made lemon aid i will never forget our talks and your words of wisdom i am so honored to call you my friend gently giant be at peace yvette strother



April 29 at 8:36 AM

YT

**Yamilet Toro** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My prayers of Strength, Peace and Harmony are for you Ms. Janice and family. Mark was very unique, humanistic and a great heart. We could have the longest conversation about our heritage, ancestors or (knowing Mark a story about his life or indeed, about his visit to Puerto Rico. I am very glad that I was able to chat with "Marco" last Friday and hear his favorite phrase... "Hey Kiddo"! It was a pleasure meeting you, Mark.



April 29 at 8:17 AM

AG

**Alana O'rouke And Jacquelin Griffis** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Spruiell family.



April 29 at 7:42 AM

D1

**Dhs, Citizens Plaza - 13Th Fl.** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Spruiell family.



April 29 at 6:47 AM



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LC

**Linda Coakley** posted:

Moments before I was told Mark had passed, I was sitting at my desk remembering a poem I wrote many years ago. It simply says: When I die don't you cry, I am with my Jesus in the Sky. Bye, Bye.... I will truly miss my Christian brother Mark. See you in heaven Saint of God. My prayers go out to his family whom he spoke of often in such a loving way.

April 29 at 6:05 AM

LS

**Lynn & Cindy Smith** lit a candle in honor of Mark.

Although we didn't know Mark as well as others but he was the father of our beautiful daughter in law Sarah! And I can tell you I know he loved his family very much! And was able to see his grandchildren before he went to be with Jesus! Was always so accepting and kind to our son! Always checking on his 2 daughters daily just to make sure they were safe and all was well! Now he is in the arms of Jesus and for that we are so grateful he knew our Lord & Savior! He will be gravely miss by all that knew him & loved him! Blessings to all Marks family! Lynn & Cindy Smith



April 29 at 4:41 AM

AT

**Amy Tawzer** posted:

To Janice and the family, I am deeply saddened for your loss. Mark was a wonderful friend and co-worker. He always made me laugh and I loved him dearly. I will miss him very much. No one can prepare us for a loss such as this. I am praying the family take comfort in knowing that he is now resting in the arms of our Lord. May our Lord Bless you and comfort you and your family during this time. In sympathy and with sincere condolences, Amy Tawzer

April 29 at 4:04 AM

MM

**Mindee Marshall** posted:

Mark was one of the kindest people I have met, I will always remember how his sense of humor would put anyone at ease. I am amazed at how happy he was nearly everytime I had spoken to him. I will truly miss miss him as my boss. He was a wonderful person. Mindee Marshall

April 29 at 3:02 AM



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**Dianne Groce** posted:

Mark was a wonderful person always smile and something funny to say will be miss Janice you are in my prayers Dianne Groce

April 29 at 2:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Spruiell family.



April 28 at 3:11 PM



**Catina Hamrick** posted:

We eat, we sleep, We laugh, we cryWe live , we dieThese are the parts of the bare human existence.This existence is improved and made less bare With the people in our lives,Those we eat with,Those we sleep with, Those we laugh with, Those we cry with, Those we live with until we die.There are those who make you laugh with words and actions.These are the bright lights in our bare existence.MARK was one of those, A BRIGHT LIGHT - His constant funny bone – in the light of everything,No matter what .... Brightened our every day.We have lost a beautiful bright light on the 13TH floor...If you love someone, or even just like someone a lot, tell them... Tomorrow is not promised to us, So don't let your moments pass you by.

April 28 at 12:39 PM



**Jennifer Page** lit a candle in honor of Mark.

Janice and the family of Mark Spruiell,I met and worked with Mark when I lived in Nashville. Janice I met you years ago. I had not been living in Nashville long, but Mark was one of the few people that befriended me. He was always kind and comical. Whenever the day was rough, I would go and sit in his cubicle and talk with him for a while....he would always made me laugh. After I returned to Chattanooga we still stayed in touch periodically. I am so sorry for your loss and I as well as everyone he worked with knew how much he loved his family. You all will be in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless, keep, and comfort each of you.With sincere condolences, Jennifer Page, Appeals and Hearings - Chattanooga Conciliation Unit



April 28 at 9:47 AM



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MW

**Martie Work** posted:

Mark was a wonderful, loving and funny man that will be greatly missed. I was so proud to call him my friend, even though he hated my singing. God Bless you Mark and Janice. Love you both.

April 28 at 9:10 AM

AT

**Alva Thomas** posted:

I am going to miss you Mark. You always had a joke and a smile to lift my spirits. Rest in peace my friend.

April 28 at 6:26 AM

KR

**Katina Rogers** posted:

Friendliest man I've ever known. Rest in peace Mark- Katina Rogers.

April 28 at 5:10 AM

PC

**Paula J. Campbell** posted:

To: Janice: Mark always called you his "Soul Mate" - He felt "Overly Blessed" to have you in his life and he said many times ..."how God was so wonderful because he had made you just for him". To: His Children and Grand Children: He thought the world of you all and he loved to share his pictures of you which was his Pride and Joy. He loved talking about all the fun times or any precious things you all did which was everything. It brought him such great happiness. My thoughts of him: He was a wonderful man to work for and with. He worked so hard and he never let his disability slow him down. I would forget that he had it. He was a genius in my eyes - he could always see the bigger picture, simplify processes, make changes that made a big difference. He really listened to you. He had one of the top groups at work because he made sure we were all trained well and we stayed ahead and did our work with excellence. If we didn't he would sit down and talk with you and work it out. He gave his best and more and he motivated us to give our best. He was so full of peace, kindness and joy - He always knew how to make me and everyone around "laugh". I don't care how bad the situation was he could make you laugh. I would often say Mark you should have been a comedian. He protected his staff's jobs when they tried to downsize them. He promoted several people, including me. He was always honest. He loved to build people up. He loved to have get-togethers, which helped bond our unit, and he could really cook. He loved to give. I will truly miss him. Paula

April 28 at 5:10 AM



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CA

**Carolyn** posted:

Janice and family I am so sorry for the passing of Mark. Know our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. May God put His arms around you and hold you close. Carolyn, Jill, Gerald & Connie.

April 28 at 2:47 AM

KN

**Kenneth Neal** posted:

I'm going to miss my "Bubba". My dear and devoted friend that loved like a brother. We shared so many things together that I will never forget. The fishing trips, the conversations, and the love that you had for me. I miss you my friend now and forever. Ken ("Cuz")

April 28 at 2:38 AM

LM

**Lacey Metz** April 28 at 7:41 PM

I hope you know that you were very dear to him as well Mister Ken. He thought the world of you and your sweet wife and talked about you frequently!!

SS

**Shari Smith** posted:

Oh my God, this just makes me so sad and feeling sick. This wonderful man gone way to soon. We have so many thoughts and too few words. Gently, quietly, our memories build a bridge Over the sadness, across time and distance, Connecting us, heart and soul, to the ones we love. May the memories you hold deep within your heart help to soothe your spirit at this difficult time. You're in our prayers. Our prayers go out to Janice and his family. We will always have such fond memories of this wonderful man Love to you all. Carl and Shari Smith

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Christmas Lunch 2013 @ 9th Floor



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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