



Mark Kevin McKnight

April 19, 1966 - August 30, 2024

On August 30th, 2024, Mark Kevin McKnight, age 58, passed away in Reidville, South Carolina. Mark was the first child born to Earl E. McKnight and Cheryl M. (Annacone) McKnight. He was raised alongside his sister Melinda and brother Bryan in Mine Hill, New Jersey.

Mark graduated from Dover High School, and continued his education at Rutgers University, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Ceramic Sciences and Engineering. After graduation, Mark had a successful career in manufacturing holding various positions including Supply Chain Analyst for notable companies including PQ Corporation, Airtron Division of Litton Industries, and Givaudan Fragrances Corporation. During his career, Mark earned his Master's of Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

On Valentine's Day 1992, Mark met his future wife, Jonna Moss, through a mutual friend. Mark was always one to make a lasting impression, even bringing a dozen flowers to Jonna on their first date. From the early stages of their relationship, Mark and Jonna knew that their love and friendship would be everlasting.

After marrying in 1995 and making several moves, Mark and Jonna purchased a home in Andover Township, New Jersey, where they raised their son and resided for 13 years. Afterward, they moved to Peoria, Arizona for six

years and recently settled in Reidville, South Carolina. Many fond memories were made throughout the years, including their frequent travels throughout the U.S. and abroad. They enjoyed close to 29 years of marriage and 32 years of partnership.

One of Mark's greatest joys was the relationship he shared with his son, Connor. The two were inseparable from the start spending their free time together trekking mountains, kayaking across lakes, dueling in ping pong, watching their favorite television shows, and competing head-to-head in local 5K races.

It was no secret that Mark had an immense passion for long-distance running, which began during his years racing varsity cross country for Dover High School. No distance was too far as Mark frequently participated in 5Ks, 10Ks, half and full marathons, and ultramarathons. An active member of several running clubs throughout his life, Mark valued sharing his devotion to the sport and connecting with like-minded athletes.

When not running Mark enjoyed keeping his mind active and challenging himself intellectually. You could often find him completing the daily crossword puzzle, solving various Rubik's Cubes, competing in chess tournaments, challenging friends to a game of pool, or reading the latest Stephen King best-selling novel.

Mark was a devoted and kind husband, father, brother, uncle, mentor, and friend. He was best known for his wonderful sense of humor, intelligence, practical knowledge, love for animals, and friendly and compassionate nature.

Mark was predeceased by his father, Earl E. McKnight; his father-in-law John P. Moss; his mother-in-law Margaret E. Moss; and his aunt Sharon Kesler.

Mark is survived by his wife Jonna McKnight of Reidville, South Carolina; son Connor McKnight of Belleville, New Jersey; sister Melinda McKnight and partner Mathew Thompson of Bridgewater, New Jersey; brother Bryan McKnight and wife Caroline (Bondoc) McKnight of Vero Beach, Florida; mother Cheryl M. (Annacone) McKnight of Vero Beach, Florida; brother-in-law Craig Moss of Reidville, South Carolina; aunt and uncle Douglas and Cynthia Medin of Newtown, Minnesota; uncle and aunt Robert and Linda McKnight of Bloomingdale, New Jersey; uncle Patrick Kesler of Springfield, Illinois; nephews and niece Tyler, Evan, and Liana McKnight; and many other loved family and friends.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. We celebrate his life and will continue to cherish happy memories of him.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Saturday, October 5, 2024. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM and a service will begin at 12:00 PM at Living Waters Funeral Home & Crematory.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.
P.O. Box 758
Lyman, SC 29365
(864) 439-7141
info@livingwatersfh.com

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ *Jonna and Mark, a wonderful couple who Mike and I very much enjoyed spending time with. May God bless you, Mark, On your sacred journey home 🤝 and may our dearest friend Jonna and their family be fully supported by God during this very difficult time 🤝. Our deepest condolences on a great loss! 🤝🤝🤝*
🤝 much love, Mike and Ana

Ana Cecere - October 04, 2024 at 12:13 PM

AC

“ *Ana C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.*

Ana C. - October 04, 2024 at 12:05 PM

MM

“ *Michele M. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.*



Michele M. - October 01, 2024 at 02:35 PM

CR

“ *Craig R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.*

Craig R. - October 01, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.*



September 17, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Your Sister Melinda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.*

Your Sister Melinda - September 17, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.*



September 11, 2024 at 07:49 PM



“ *Mom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.*

Mom - September 11, 2024 at 07:49 PM

BF

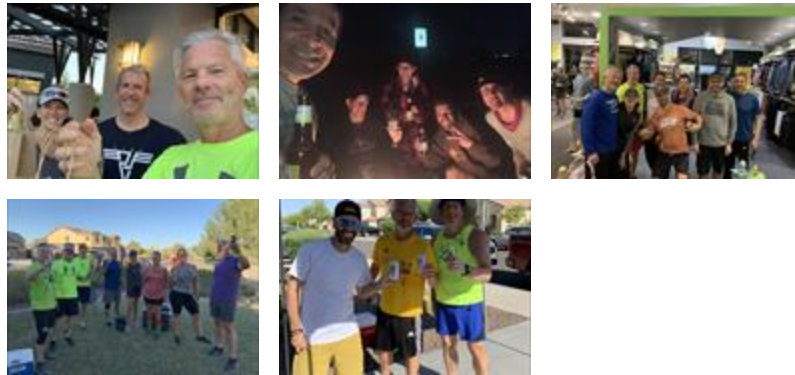
“ Barry fournier purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



Barry fournier - September 09, 2024 at 04:26 PM

TM

“ Mark, you were a good and loyal friend. Thank you for all the great times on the trails and by the fire pit. We will miss you so much and will keep Connor and Jonna in our thoughts and prayers 💔



Tom and Michele Masten - September 07, 2024 at 11:24 AM

AZ

“ Athanasia Z. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.

Athanasia Z. - September 06, 2024 at 06:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



September 06, 2024 at 06:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



September 06, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



September 05, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ Kirk, Dee and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.

Kirk, Dee and Family - September 05, 2024 at 08:54 AM

JM

“ *Jonna & Connor our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

We are saddened by the news of Mark's passing. Our running family lost a great, compassionate and caring person. We'll forever cherish your friendship and the memorable times we had running at the White Tanks. RIP our dear friend.

John & Nathali Montero



john and Nathali Montero - September 05, 2024 at 12:27 AM

FM

“ *Mark you will be missed! Your Arizona running family is crushed by this news! You were always one to help any of us in anything we were training for! Truly an amazing, giving guy! RIP my brother!*
Frank McSorley

Frank McSorley - September 04, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.*



September 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MK

“ *Marcela Knapp planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.*

Marcela Knapp - September 04, 2024 at 10:26 PM

MK

“ It is with a heavy heart that I write this, remembering Mark as the incredible person and friend we have lost. I met Mark through our running community here in Arizona. He was always so full of life, always energetic, and an all-around great person. His positivity and genuine care for others brightened every moment and every run we had the fortune to share with him.

I will never forget when he agreed to pace me at an ultra-marathon. He went above and beyond to help me complete that race. Pacing me also involved driving one hour to the park late at night, and he didn't hesitate to do all this to support me. His positive energy lifted me when I needed it most, and his kindness and preparedness made all the difference.

He was always there for others, constantly uplifting and making the world a better place simply by being in it. After he moved to South Carolina, his absence was deeply felt by our running community here. His support, his warmth, and his dedication were unmatched, and we were all better for knowing him.

Rest in peace, my dear friend. You will be missed, but your spirit will always run with us. 🙏

With heartfelt condolences,
Marcela Knapp



Marcela Knapp - September 04, 2024 at 10:18 PM

YN

“ Your running friend Naoko purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



Your running friend Naoko - September 04, 2024 at 09:03 PM

YN

“ Your running friend Naoko planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Kevin McKnight.

Your running friend Naoko - September 04, 2024 at 09:03 PM

CB

“ Working with Mark many years at Givaudan. We shared our passion for running. He was always very encouraging. Such an intelligent, gentle, caring soul who talked about his family all the time. We missed him when he left, but he was retiring to Arizona so we were happy for him. Mark was loved by all at Givaudan. I am so sorry for your family's loss. Thoughts, prayers, and strength to you all. Lots of wonderful memories of a great man. Charla Buglino, "The nurse."

Charla Buglino - September 04, 2024 at 08:26 PM



“ - purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark Kevin McKnight.



-- September 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM

SG

“ *May our condolences offer u some comfort & our prayers help with the pain-We are truly sorry. Mark was loved by all who knew him.*

Shannon Sullivan & Frank Giovinazzo - September 03, 2024 at 06:26 PM

CM

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. I will always love Mark and I will always miss him.*

Cheryl McKnight - September 03, 2024 at 05:09 PM

DM

“ *Sending all my love and condolences to Jonna and family on the loss of Mark. You will all be in my prayers.*

Danielle

Sullivan family friend



Danielle Matteo - September 03, 2024 at 04:35 PM

RC

“ *It was with great sadness that we learned of your passing. Although God called you home, you will never be forgotten. May you rest in peace. Love, Jim and Rita Chimento*

Rita Chimento - September 03, 2024 at 02:38 PM

ME

“ *Melinda lit a candle in memory of Mark Kevin McKnight*



Melinda - September 03, 2024 at 01:16 PM

BG

Mark was such a wonderful friend to reach out helping me when ever I needed help We all are going to miss Mark I know I will miss such a loving person and had so much love for everyone!!

Beth Gams - September 03, 2024 at 05:20 PM

DB

Im gutted to hear this news. My heart goes out to his wife and son. You will be missed.

David Belluardo - September 05, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AZ

Jonna and family, my heart is saddened to hear of your loss. I am thinking of you all during this time and I am sending my sincere condolences, prayers and love.

Nancy Zarkadas

Athanasia Zarkadas - September 06, 2024 at 07:03 PM