



Mark Shumate

May 11, 1950 - June 19, 2012

MARK SHUMATE age 62, a resident of Albuquerque, passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Donna L. Shumate of Albuquerque; daughters, Jenny Shumate and Tina Autry; son, Jason R. Shumate and wife, Laura all of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Amber M. Autry, Landon E. Shumate, and Eden J. Shumate; brother, Scott Shumate and wife, Patricia, of Lebanon, MO; father-in-law, Richard H. Rogers of Englewood, CO; and many other family and friends. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Dorothy Shumate; and his daughter, Katie. He received his Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Denver. He was president of Shumate Constructors, a company he founded with his partner, Dennis Thompson, and grew to a successful and influential construction company in Albuquerque and the surrounding area. Mark was known as a hardworking man and a wonderful friend of many. He touched the lives of so many people and was deeply loved by everyone who knew him. Mark was a member of Grace Church. Memorial services will be held Monday, June 25, 2012, 3:00 p.m., at Grace Church, 6901 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Albuquerque Salvation Army, Albuquerque Rescue Mission or the charity of your choice. Please visit our online guest book for Mark at www.RememberTheirStory.com

Tribute Wall

RC

“ I was in Mark's pledge class and a brother with him at Delta Upsilon at Iowa State University in the 70's and knew both him and his brother Scott. While I have not been in contact with "Stubby" for a long time, after reading this guest book, I can sense that he was regarded with the same degree of respect in which he was held back then. He was one of the funniest most reliable and hardest working people I have met. For example, while playing the role of a stumbling, bumbling and bawdy Romeo in a ribald take off of Romeo and Juliet in a college theater competition, he lost his father. After we attended the funeral, Mark somehow was able come back, complete his performance in the final and win outstanding performer for the whole competition. That is just one of many fond memories of Mark. God bless this man and his family.

Ron Cue - July 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I am very saddened at Mark's passing. When it came to honesty and integrity as a contractor Mark set the standard. My GOD bless him!

Brian Loughridge - July 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Dear Donna and Family, I have known Mark in many ways. I was his adviser at ISU. I recall he was a bright student. About 5 years after his graduation I was in Denver at the SSA National Soaring Convention. Someone tugged me--it was Mark. We both were interested in soaring. It was a good time to catch up. Sometime in the the late 1980's we met again. This time it was Albuquerque. Mark , the student, became Mark, a competitor. After one UNM bid my company was low however Mark contested our quote based on some support paperwork. In this case his teacher prevailed. We laughed and went on to other things. As a teacher I was rewarded by student success. Mark was a success and then some. Mark was active in his community. He effectively led the NM Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors. Thanks Mark and God bless you and your family.

Don & Christie Kawal - July 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Shumate family. I am deeply saddened by your loss. I feel very fortunate for having had the pleasure of knowing and working with Mark for a number of years; and will always be grateful to him for the patience, support, respect and sound, honest, direct counsel and advise he provided me over the years. Mark truly was a gentleman and a man who was admired by all of those who had the good fortune of knowing him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tom Weeks - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I had the priviledge of knowing Mark growing up in Merville, IA. He was always one of my favorite male classmates, even though he teased me, like a brother would a sister. He was always compassionate, kind and honest. We saw him at many class reunions and he was soooo proud of Donna and his family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Our Deepest, Heartfelt Sympathy goes out to Donna and your loved ones. With Love, Cathy (Davis) Lobdell

Cathy & Terry Lobdell - June 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I worked with Mark on a lot of projects our first one together was Easter Bone Library. We did so many together and everyone of them went well because of him. When ever I had a problem with any project didn't have to be one we were on together I could call him and he helped me with the best advise I could ever get. I always told people Mark is the smartest man I know and I have the up most respect for him. I will truly miss this man. Thank You Mrs Shumate, Jason and Family for sharing such a great man with all of us fortunate enough to meet him.

John Garcia - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Mark has been an extraordinary mentor for our children as they competed in track and field. He shared his values of sportsmanship, positive attitude, work ethic, kindness, compassion and joy of the sport with all of us. He encouraged our children to reach for their dreams and to put in the work to achieve their goals, no matter how lofty the goal may seem. We were blessed to have him.

Jeana King-Beach - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ I am extremely shocked on hearing of Mark Shumates death. I worked for a casework subcontractor for many years and had the honor of dealing with Mark quite a bit. He was always fair and understanding. When he said something was ready or it was going to happen it always did. He will be deeply missed! I wish to express my deepest sympathies to the Shumate family. The Lord has one more Great Man and General Contractor in Heaven. God Bless!

Michelle Corona - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Mark Shumate was a wonderful person to know. I first met him in the plan room with Sammie Giannini. Sammie Giannini and Mark Shumate were good friends- perhaps Mark is building Sammie a new Plan room in heaven. God Bless everyone enduring this loss. Greatest Sympathy, Vicky Gower

Vicky Gower/Star Construction - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ Mark was a special person. He was always kind and professional. Our whole office enjoyed working with him. Gina M. Federici, V. P. Robert (Buck) M. Rackley, President Michael Rackley, Estimator Lee Sneesby, Estimator Jerri Lu Frei, Bookkeeper

Builders' Specialty Service, Inc. - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ I would just like to offer my sincerest condolences to Mr. Shumate's family as they have to be reeling from this sudden loss even more deeply than I am ~ and that's hard to imagine. I, like most everyone else who was blessed enough to have known Mark, will be forever blessed for having had the experience of knowing and working with him. There are few men that make my "short list" of people who have been most influential in my career and in my life, but Mark is definitely way high on that list. To Mark's family ~ thank you for sharing your amazing husband, dad, brother, and grandfather with us. This world is definitely a better place for Mark having been part of it. God ~ we thank You for having Mark's home with You ready for him, we thank you for the blessing that he was to so many of us, and we pray strength to his earthly family that now must figure out how to move forward without him. Sincerely, Shasta L. Erickson

Shasta Smith Erickson - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Mark's passing. I have had the honor of knowing Mark and working with him as a track and field official with the NMAA over the past several years. He always had the cheeriest demeanor, a smile on his face and a willingness to help out wherever needed. Years ago, when I worked on-site at the State Track Meet, he would always come to the press box and see if any of us working on the timing system wanted breakfast burritos. He was a kind and generous man and I have nothing but great memories of him. My deepest condolences to the entire Shumate family. He will certainly be missed. Dana Sanchez Commissioner of Officials (NMAA)

Dana Sanchez - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ It was good to see you yesterday. Please know we will continue to lift you up in prayer. Ben, Geretta and Cynthia

Ben abd Geretta Abeyta - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ For over 20 years Mark was first to me a professional who made a deal and delivered beyond expectations. He then became a friend and mentor and often we would talk of fair practice in our construction industry. I will always remember Mark as one of the most courageous and caring people I have ever known. He always chose the right path over the easy path, and his compass read true. Mark, thank you for all you have given to so many of us.

Bob Gorrell - June 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I met Mark at the shop, Forgemaster Iron, and he was professional, and kind. I'm sorry. Mark is in the best place, but that doesn't ease the pain for family. I pray you find peace. God Bless you all. You're in my prayers, Lissa Farmer

Lissa Farmer - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ We were shocked and sad to learn of Mark's sudden passing. Pastor Edwin announced the news during Sunday's services. We usually sat next to Mark at the 9 o'clock service on Sunday's. Mark was always cheerful and friendly. We spoke of the Del Norte High School project where our son teaches. We will miss him at church.

Kathi & Earl Vineyard - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ It was always comfortable and easy to talk with Mark, even though our conversations were never lengthy. He always kept his word, only spoke the truth and that matched how I viewed how people and the world should be. I did not realize until today's service that we both shared a common past. I too started working for lawyers here in Albuquerque at age 21. The law firm I worked for represented the Carpenter's Local and the Policemen's local. I butted heads more than once with them because of how I viewed the truth and how I felt people should be treated. I finally set about finding a new job and wound up in the construction industry and have stayed there ever since. Mark's was one of the easiest subcontracts to read and work with. Plain, simple, straight forward and not 40 pages in length. We have an agreement that you keep your word and I will keep mine. Over the past 18 years, I have made trips to both houses in the mountains for the last four casework subcontractors I have worked for. I picked up new jobs, delivered signed subcontracts or shop drawing submittals or samples. I will miss him a lot. The world needs many more like Mark. I am glad he and I crossed paths.

Maribeth Grubbs - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Thank You Mark for everything. Your wisdom, your knowledge, and your encouragement. You were truly a man of integrity. This company would not be where it's at if it wasn't for you. Thank you for the many opportunities you gave us, but most of all, I thank you for your friendship. You will be missed.

Freddie & Berna Chavez - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ From the first time I met Mark he was my friend. I will miss him. He made my day. May his soul rest in God's hands.

Tim Gormley - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I was deeply saddened to hear that Mark had passed away. He had such an impact on our industry. Everyone at Queston Construction had the highest regard for Mark because he was the fairest person we've ever encountered in the industry. We looked forward to working with him because of his exceptional manners and demeanor. Mark always wanted what was best for everyone. He was a joy to be around and had the highest level of integrity. I ask for God's blessing on all his family because I know losing him will leave a deep void. God Speed Mark. We appreciated you in this life and wish you well on your journey into the next.

Tina Cordova - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ To the Shumate Family--I was heartbroken to receive the news of Mark's passing. It was just two weeks ago when I called to see if he needed help with his new project; he assured me he had it under control (of course, what was I thinking?) but to make sure I brought my two little boys by the jobsite for a visit soon. I'm still in shock as he was the most kind, smart-witted and intelligent man. I was fortunate to have worked with him on many projects during my nine years at UNM. The construction industry has lost a stellar leader and role model. Bless all of you during this time and may his memories keep you uplifted. Cheryl Morris Lucero

Cheryl Morris Lucero - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ When I heard of Mark's passing from my bussiness partner Mike Donner, I was heart broke. There was not a more decent hard working and honest man on the plant. My youngest daughter Amanda ran track and cross country here in Albuquerque, One of her biggest thrills was to have Mr. Shumate (as she always addressed him) give her advise and encourgment. One of her prize posseisons back in the day was a Mark Shumate Classic indoor track meet tee shirt. She would tell everyone she knew him and ran at his meet. He gave so free of his time to those kids, what a saint. It's going to be hard not seeing him over running the pole vault at the UNM Lobo meets. God bless you and your whole family, " God speed Mr. Shumate"Respectfully, The Sayer Family

Mitch Sayer & Family - June 25, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear Donna and family: So sorry to hear of Mark's passing--the journey of life brings him peace. Proudly you are all his legacy. Thoughts and prayers are with you----may time and good memories ease the sorrow. Loving prayers and thoughts your way, John & Gerry Jewell

John & Gerry Jewell - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Mark , you will be missed by all the staff at Mares Plumbing & Mechanical. We enjoyed working with you. Rest in Peace and God Bless. From: Mark & Elizabeth Mares and staff.

Mares Plumbing & Mech - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ I would like to extend my condolences to the Shumate family and at the same time acknowledge Mark's highly professional, tireless, and selfless contributions to track and field officiating for UNM and the NMAA and the USATF National Indoor Championships. It will be very sad to be at the pole vault pit next year without Mark's leadership.

Fred Carey - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ We worked with Mark for many years he and his company were the best. We had alot of success working with Mark. God bless you Mark it was great knowing you.

Matt Pacheco - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Mark, you will be remembered as the best next door neighbor anyone could have. You and Donna were there for us in our trials and joys. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, your family. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

The Spellman Family - June 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Mark was one of the best men I have been privileged to know. He did so much good for so many people, and I will always remember him for his acts of goodness and kindness to others. My deepest and most heartfelt condolences to his family. He will be greatly missed.

Alicia (LaPrelle) Lemar - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ I was shocked to read about Mark's passing, as I just saw him a couple of weeks ago at the post office...my wife and I had the privilege of knowing and working with him for the past 25yrs in the contracting business...our deepest condolences to his family.

Nigel & Edna Montano - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I work at APS-FD&C for the past four years and have worked with Mark on and off since I started. He was wonderful man with a amazing personality. He was so funny and kind. I loved working with him and all that he brought to the office here at APS. He will be greatly missed. May God bless him in heaven and may God also bring comfort to his family durning this time.

Jennifer Jacobs - June 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Richard Stewart - June 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM