



James Mark Isom

March 11, 1963 - May 29, 2021

James Mark Isom Sr, 58, of Fruitland Park, FL was born in Leesburg, FL. Mark is a retired Public Safety Director of Fruitland Park. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and the Florida Gators. He owned Isom's Lawn Service. He was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and papa. He is survived by his wife, Dena Isom; son, Jimmy (Liz), son Bryant (Tricia), son Tyler; daughter, Shelbi, Grandchildren; Conner, Hunter, Miles, Brodie, Parker and Brylee. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gene & Pricie Isom and brother Robert Isom.

There will be a viewing for Mark, on Wednesday June 2, 2021 from 5 to 8 PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel in Leesburg, FL. Service will be Thursday June 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Grace Bible Baptist Church 1703 Lewis Rd, Fruitland Park 34731. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park, Florida.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, FL. Online remembrances may be made at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

CO

“ I just found out today that Mark passed away this summer. Im so sorry to hear this and may have figured out a way back to Florida to see him before he passes had I known.

I grew up on the same street as Mark with him and his mother, Pricey. So I saw Mark almost every day. In Jr. High and High School, I often ended up at Marks house for a snack before heading back across the street home.

As an adult I look back and am proud of Mark. So many people had no idea what they wanted to do and from the moment I met Mark, he knew exactly what he wanted to do and he went out and DID it.

Mark had a candy apple green 3-speed Schwing bike that he rode all over Fruitland Park making police siren sounds. He knew he wanted to be the Chief of Police in Fruitland Park one day. Some laughed at him then (I didnt), but he went out and DID IT.

He had an interest in anything that brought him close to police work. In those days, CB (Citizens Band) radios were a big deal and Mark had one in the house. Often he would signal he was home (Pricey was working) by coming home, getting on the CB radio and talking to his Aunt who went by the CB handle Pepe.

Mark would come home, jump on the CB radio and go Breaker, breaker 1-9, how bout ya Pepe?!? How about the one big Pepe?!? And she would often answer him. (I cant remember whether she was Genes sister or Priceys sister.)

I was also in Leesburg High School band with Mark where he played the marching bass drum. So Mark and I also shared 6th period band together for 4 years straight in high school (and two years of Jr. High band with Mr. Jessie Holliman.

I was fortunate enough to have talked to Mark just before he transitioned out of his Police Chief role and let him know I was

proud of his accomplishments and how he worked all his life to achieve his one big dream.

Since this page should celebrate Mark, Ill only say I completely disagree with the reasons why he needed to transition from Police Chief. He may have made an error in judgement, but he completely deserved to remain on the force. Other means should have been sought. That really upset me as Mark accomplished his dream and did the work to get there. Thats how he should be remembered and the picture available here for this story I couldnt have picked better. This is how he should be remembered and honored.

I can still hear Mark now barreling down LaVista St., sounding his siren, and Pricey out on her porch saying James Mark Isom!!! You better get in here!!! :-) And Mark would go Yes, mamma!! But he grew up and made that dream a reality.

Wish I could have told Mark farewell. I hope Fruitland Oark honored him in some way and that hes resting near Pricey and Gene in Shiloh in Fruitland Park which was our shared boyhood home and his beloved city as an adult and dedicated police officer.

Chris Olive - September 01, 2021 at 01:23 AM

KA

“ *My deepest condolences and sympathies.*

Kenneth Antos - June 10, 2021 at 12:28 AM

NB

“ At our age of eight years old Mark told me he was gonna grow up and be the Chief of Police in Fruitland Park, the wonderful place we were ever so privileged to grow up together. I am certainly blessed and honoured to call Mark my friend. How many people do you know that know what they want to be at the age of eight and actually accomplish that dream?! I was in a terrible car accident as a passenger in 1984 on the highway in Fruitland Park. Mark arrived on the scene first, administered CPR and kept me alive until the ambulance arrived. I had gone through the windshield and was loosing my life. He also called my Mom and comforted her as well. I owe my life to you Mark! A debt I can certainly never repay. Thank you Mark for literally saving my life! I will always love and miss you my dear friend. My sincere condolences to Dena and the entire Isom family.

Nancy Bowers - June 05, 2021 at 10:36 AM

JP

“ we will miss Mark so very much and we loved him and everyone else with all our hearts wish we could be there it breaks our hearts that we couldn't. He is with aunt Pricie now in a much better place. He was a wonderful nephew and cousin "uncle" he would say. We will miss him so very much. We love you Mark!!! We love you all and our hearts are breaking here in Kentucky. We will still be looking for those sunday calls he would make. We love you all so very much here and hope to still get visits.

Your family in Kentucky

Aunt Judy, Uncle Hershel and Shana Prater

Judy,herшел,and shana prater - June 04, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SM

“ Sorry for you loss . Mark was a sweet soul always kind. Mark was there for my son Ryan by letting him help with the lawn service helping him stay on track even though he knew he suffered from a mental illness. He would give me daily updates on his progress. Mark also was a good fishing buddy of my father-in-law Robert Howard. Many days I would go there and they would be in the backyard cleaning fish. He will be truly missed. I'm so sorry for y'all's loss I could not imagine. Praying for y'all. Now he is resting looking over his loved ones telling you stay strong don't cry you will get through this. Lots of love from the Malloy family

Stephen & Melissa Malloy - June 03, 2021 at 11:55 AM

SP

“ we love you and will miss you very much. Those sunday calls will be missed very much. The loss weighs heavy on our hearts here in Kentucky . Everyone there is in our thoughts and prayers we love you all very much

shana prater - June 03, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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shana prater - June 03, 2021 at 09:30 AM

CY

“ My condolences to the entire Isom family for your loss. Mark was a great mentor and leader to me which made me a better person. Mark took a chance on me when no one else did. I am blessed that you shared Mark with us. He will be missed but we will see him again. May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Chad yeary - June 03, 2021 at 07:41 AM

CY

“ My condolences to Dena and family. Mark saw potential in me when no one else did. Mark let me soar under his leadership. I will never forget the lessons learned from him and am forever grateful that he took a chance on a young kid to mold him into a young man. May God bless you and keep you, may God shine his face upon you and be gracious to you, may god turn his face toward you and give you peace. We miss you Mark but will see you again.

Chad yeary - June 02, 2021 at 08:11 PM

RK

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mark will always have a special place in my heart. Our prayers for all of you....

Robin and family

Robin Koeditz - June 02, 2021 at 01:53 PM

TS

“ Such a good guy gone too soon. Sincere condolences.

Teresa Stienstra - June 02, 2021 at 12:42 PM

PW

“ I'M so sorry for family,i know how hard this is.I have to believe he is happy and feels wonderful in heaven.

peggy weese - May 31, 2021 at 09:38 PM

DB

“ My deepest condolences. R.I.P Chief

David Borst - May 31, 2021 at 07:04 PM

PW

“ So sorry to hear of Marks passing. our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

Pam Mauck Wessling - May 31, 2021 at 03:28 PM

KV

“ Our sincere condolences to the family and all who loved Mark. Many thanks to Mark for his service to the community. Prayers for peace & comfort. Kathy & Danny Van Voorhis

Kathy Van Voorhis - May 31, 2021 at 12:01 PM

AP

“ So very sorry to hear about the loss of Chief Isom. I met him some years ago when my brother worked for him, he will be missed. Retired Captain Pritchett Marion County Sheriff's Office

Annette Pritchett - May 30, 2021 at 09:21 PM

WK

“ *To the Isom family. I am truly sorry for your loss. Losing a father and a loved one is the hardest thing any family can go through. Hope reach other tight and know that Mark, his brother, and his parents are watching you from on high.*

Wesley Kirby - May 30, 2021 at 01:46 PM