



Mark Heitmeyer

June 29, 1960 - April 4, 2024

Mark Heitmeyer, 63, of Leesburg, Florida, formerly of Findlay, passed away peacefully at home on April 4, 2024 after a brave 2-year battle with esophageal cancer. He was born on June 29, 1960 to Carl and Judy (Craig) Heitmeyer. He married Carolyn (Laube) Shade on March 12, 2007, and she survives.

Mark is also survived by his mother, his father-in-law Eugene Laube, his daughters Ashley Benedict of Findlay and Shelby (Mike) Cumberledge of Clarksville, Tennessee, stepsons Mike (Chrissy) Shade of High Point, North Carolina, and Steve (Grace) Shade of Findlay, his grandchildren Avery and Drew Benedict, Rowan and Beckett Cumberledge, and Amelia and Eleanor Shade. Also surviving are two brothers, Terry (Alison) Heitmeyer of Lexington, Kentucky, and Scott Heitmeyer of Findlay, and a sister Cindy (Russ) Chapman of Bloomdale, brothers-in-law John Laube, Richard (Sandy Neumeister) Laube, Denny (Jodee) Laube, and Dave (Debbie) Laube. He was preceded in death by his father.

Mark grew up in Findlay and graduated from Findlay High School in 1978. He was a member of Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. He retired after working 34 years for Cooper Tire & Rubber Company in Findlay.

In 2018, he and Carolyn retired to Leesburg, Florida, where together they

enjoyed playing golf, traveling, trivia nights and many fun times with close friends they met in their neighborhood and while playing softball.

Mark was a dedicated dad that rarely missed his daughters sporting events. He had a huge love for cars, specifically mopar muscle cars. He loved watching his best friend race sprint cars and attended many NASCAR races in his lifetime, a love that he passed along and shared with his daughters.

He loved to play golf and played many years in the Cooper Tire League. He got to celebrate the thrill of getting a hole-in-one while golfing in Florida. He enjoyed playing euchre with his cousins or his Cooper friends, many years of playing cards with his in-laws, and playing ball and board games with his grandchildren.

Mark loved his grandchildren dearly and cherished special times with each of them. He shared a special bond with his grown daughters and was an inspiration to them and to his stepsons to work hard, do the right thing, and be a good person. Mark leaves behind his loving family and so many good friends and close cousins who he loved and cherished throughout his lifetime. He always greeted family and friends with a hug and a smile. The loss of Mark's love and friendship will be missed by so many.

Carolyn and Mark would like to thank all of his family and dear friends who showered him with amazing love and support throughout his illness, his doctor team and favorite nurses (Susan, Suzie, and Lana) at Florida Cancer Specialists in the Villages, and the caring nurses (Chelsea, Justin, and Elizabeth) of Cornerstone Hospice Care Team in Leesburg.

Per Mark's request, private graveside services will take place at a later date with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery in Findlay, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, we request that memorial contributions be made in Mark's memory to Cornerstone Hospice of Tavares <http://cornerstonehospice.org>, the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org>, or an organization of the donor's choice.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home of Leesburg, Florida.

Tribute Wall

to live a soft life.
no unforgiveness, no
nt... those things bring
and hate. I just want
good heart, and peace

“ *Sending Judy and the Heitmeyer family my love and sincere condolences for your incredible loss. Mark was such a good man and I am incredibly grateful for the time we shared and the wonderful memories. Lisa Glazener*

Lisa Graves - April 08, 2024 at 10:05 AM

LH

“ *I always loved playing ping pong with uncle Mark when visiting for christmas. He was always goofing around and making everyone laugh, just overall joy to be around. He will forever be missed. Sending my love to carolyn, ashley, shelby, mike and steve.*



Lily Heitmeyer - April 06, 2024 at 08:37 PM

DH

“ *Mark and I played golf this January and I was fortunate to have a hole in one that he got to witness. I think he was more excited about it than I was! Another great memory of him that I have! He will be missed.*

Dave Heitmeyer - April 06, 2024 at 11:14 AM

JB

“ Saw the obituary in *The Courier* today and wanted to reach out and extend my sincere condolences to all of your family. Not only was he a very kind person, but always had a smile and a wave when I would see him. Keep strong knowing that he is now without pain and look forward to meeting him next in a much better place. Peace and love to you Carolyn and all of the family.
Jeff Breitigam

Jeff Breitigam - April 06, 2024 at 09:13 AM

CD

“ We were honoured to meet Mark during our Florida visits. He was a great athlete and all around good guy. We can picture his smile which made everyone feel special. Mark will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Carolyn and all the family.
Bob and Cheryl Douglas

Cheryl Douglas - April 05, 2024 at 05:16 PM

BS

We are so very sorry to hear of Marks passing , only meeting him a few times but knew he was an amazing person and his strength battling this dreadful disease was insurmountable.. he was an incredible inspiration to those around him and so glad to have met him .. I admire his courage and his strength and his kindness . Carolyn your were blessed to have such a wonderful loving husband and your strength and love for him was so admirable.. thank you for showing all of us how to carry on thru the pain and tears and demonstrate what true love in a marriage is . Your incredible! God bless you and your family in the days ahead and may you have peace in knowing he is with Jesus and suffering no more . See you around the Neighborhood ❤️🕊️🙏

Bud and Debi Smith - April 05, 2024 at 08:32 PM

LM

“ We are honored and blessed to have known Mark and will cherish our decades of memories forever! We loved our friend dearly and will miss him terribly.

For Carolyn and the fam, our heartfelt condolences are sent with love and deep sympathy. ❤️



Laura Marshall - April 05, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MA

“ Carolyn, There are no words to convey the Love we have for you and Mark. Our hearts are sad to know that we won't see him again. Mark was an amazing person, who felt like he was part of our family. We know he is with God.. and Jane playing golf in Heaven. We will always smile and carry our wonderful memories with him and you in our hearts! Love you Carolyn our Sweet Dear Friend. Sending Love and Sympathies to all of your Beautiful Families. Love Marisa, Carl and family



Marisa Acquaviva - April 05, 2024 at 02:29 PM

PH

Carolyn--we are so so sad to get this terrible news. Mark was a great partner for you in love, life and laughs. Our times with you guys were not as frequent as they could or should have been, but always the best. We all have an another angel to watch over us. We have prayed for you both and will continue to.

Judy & Pat

Patrick Hughes - April 05, 2024 at 02:53 PM