



Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman

September 25, 1953 - May 20, 2023

The souls of some people shine so bright, that even their shadows bathe us in light – Shahieb Orgunwell

Mark Virgil Crisman, DVM, MS, Dip ACVIM, 69, of Blacksburg, VA, succumbed to injuries sustained in a tragic ATV accident on May 20, 2023. Mark was born in Syracuse, NY on September 25, 1953 to the late Virgil Henry “Cris” Crisman, III and the late Nancy Jamieson Bryant Crisman. He is survived by the love of his life of 25 years, Celeste Coker Crisman; brother, Barry Bryant Crisman (Regina); brother-in-law Kenneth Andrew Rapoport; niece, Jamie Crisman and nephew, Dylan Rapoport. Mark was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Jamieson Rapoport. Mark attended Ulster Academy, received his BS in Agriculture from the University of Kentucky in 1977, and earned his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1984 from the University of Warsaw, Poland. He received a Master of Science in Veterinary Medicine from Washington State University in 1987 after completing an internship and residency in equine internal medicine. He became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 1990. Mark was also certified in acupuncture by the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. From 1987 to 2010, Mark served on the faculty of the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine where he was a Professor in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences and section chief of Equine Medicine and Surgery. Additionally, Mark served as Director of the Molecular Diagnostics lab

at the V-MCVM. Two of his proudest moments were receiving teacher of the year in 2004 and being asked to deliver the commencement address for the Vet School in 2008. In 2010, Mark joined Zoetis as Senior Veterinarian, Equine Technical Services where his work has continued. In 2020, Mark was selected to serve on the board of Horses and Humans Research Foundation, as VP of Scientific Advisors. He loved his work, his team members, and seeing his former students in practice all over the country and world. He continued lecturing at several Vet Schools in the Southeast and never wanted to lose his connection to teaching. Mark was always up for an adventure whether snow skiing, sky diving, deep sea diving, camping and trail riding, and riding his ATV whether for fun or for building trails on the farm for all to enjoy. He loved his farm and took great pleasure in creating a beautiful oasis, working on it every day possible while collecting and pampering a great herd of mostly misfits. His favorite sidekick, Luke, will lie in wait watching for his return up the driveway for quite some time. Mark's love of people, his depth of knowledge and his giving and vibrant personality, lifted and helped everyone with whom he was ever in contact, not to mention the fact he could out talk the best of them! A "Celebration of Mark" will be held at Spring Tree Farm outside of Blacksburg on June 24th beginning at 1:00 pm. Further details to follow.

In lieu of

flowers, the family asks you to consider a gift in memory of Mark to the Virginia-Maryland

College of Veterinary Medicine. Checks can be made payable to the Virginia Tech Foundation

and mailed to VMCVM, 215 Duck Pond Drive, Blacksburg, VA 24061, with "In memory of Dr.

Mark Crisman" written on the check memo line. Gifts also can be made online at

["vetmed.vt.edu/make-a-gift.html#ways"](http://vetmed.vt.edu/make-a-gift.html#ways) with "In memory of Dr. Mark Crisman" in the Area to

Support. His wish was to leave a gift to the V-MCVM to help others succeed

as he had, and that
fund will be established in his n

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Angie & Lewis Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



Angie & Lewis Moore - May 27, 2023 at 07:08 PM

JM

“ *John Martin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



John Martin - May 26, 2023 at 09:56 AM

RS

“ *Celeste:
I am so very sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and in the days ahead. My prayer is for God to grant you peace and comfort that surpasses understanding.
Much love, Rebecca*



Rebecca Skinner - May 25, 2023 at 06:15 PM

LG

“ *Lou Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



Lou Gardner - May 25, 2023 at 11:07 AM

LG

Celeste, You have my deepest sympathy in the death of your husband, Mark. Please know that your friends in Hartsville are thinking about you as you grieve. Lou Gardner

Lou Gardner - May 25, 2023 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ *Suzanne Skinner Beasley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



Suzanne Skinner Beasley - May 25, 2023 at 09:31 AM

CB

“ *Tom & I are so very sorry for your loss. Mark was a brilliant, caring and beloved man. He will be greatly missed. You have our greatest sympathy. Cecelia*

Cecelia Brown - May 24, 2023 at 08:24 PM

LL

“ *What an amazing person and such a remarkable life. Celeste, our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.*



Lori and Randy Lowe - May 24, 2023 at 07:29 PM

SH

“ *Sharon Shirley Howle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



sharon shirley howle - May 24, 2023 at 12:33 PM

SH

*Celeste, so sorry for your loss. Prayers of peace!
Sharon Shirley Howle*

sharon shirley howle - May 24, 2023 at 12:36 PM

GC

“ *Richard and I was shocked and sad to learn of Mark's death, although we did not know him. We knew from Virginia how thoughtful and caring he always was. His passing is certainly a loss to his profession, and I can only imagine what Celeste is going through. May God give you comfort.*

Gail and Richard Culyer - May 24, 2023 at 10:30 AM

RD

“ *Celeste, so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you. Rosemary Turner Dixon*

Rosemary Dixon - May 24, 2023 at 07:56 AM

AW

“ *Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



Anna Williams - May 24, 2023 at 04:57 AM

KL

“ *Sorry Celeste to hear of your loss. Thinking of you during this time. God bless.*

Kathy Lawhon - May 23, 2023 at 11:24 PM

WR

“ *Warner And Paul Rogers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Virgil Crisman*



Warner and Paul Rogers - May 23, 2023 at 10:55 PM