



Mr. Mark George Liptak

August 9, 1951 - September 16, 2021

A funeral service for Mr. Mark George Liptak, 70, will be held at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in St. Bartholomew's Church, Hartsville, SC. The Rev. William D. "Bill" Oldland will officiate, and the family will receive friends in the Narthex immediately following the service. A private family burial with military honors will be held in Florence National Cemetery. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Directors are caring for the family.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Bartholomew's Church in Hartsville, Lutheran World Relief, or classical music stations KUSC or WQXR.

Born August 9, 1951, in Stamford, Connecticut; gone to glory September 16, 2021, in Hartsville, South Carolina.

Beloved husband of Helen ("Lindy"), brother of Leah and Kiki, father of Andrew (Cari Alice) and Rachel, and grandfather of Andersson and Hans. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Helen Liptak, and granddaughter Lorelei.

Mark was a graduate of Greenwich (CT) High School, Newberry (SC) College, and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and a veteran of the US Navy. He had a nearly 40-year career in law enforcement as an officer in the Greenwich Police Department, deputy with the Richland County (SC) Sheriff's

Department, and retired as a special agent in the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. He knew that his work was service to God in seeking justice to comfort the afflicted. No matter what honors and commendations he received, he remained steadfast in his belief that they were not the important thing; what was important was doing the job set before him to the best of his ability. He took to heart investigator Vernon J. Geberth's motto, "Remember, we work for God."

He will be remembered for his (sometimes inexplicable) sense of humor, generosity, willingness to serve, a knack for finding the Jason Bourne movies wherever they were airing on TV, strong opinions on classical music, driving skills, boundless technical knowledge, leadership in the church and in his career, and love of his family.

Mark appreciated all of the nurses, doctors, and other staff at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center who treated him during his illness. The family would like to extend their thanks to those people as well.

Cemetery Details

Florence National Cemetery

803 National Cemetery Rd.
Florence, SC

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Saint Bartholomew's Church
103 Campus Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-8765

Visitation

SEP 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Saint Bartholomew's Church
103 Campus Drive
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-8765

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Spent many weekends in Connecticut during our Bronxville years enjoying the company and home-cooked meals with Mark and his family. Those were special times! May God give comfort to his family and all who mourn. RIP my friend.

Jeff Licht - November 23, 2021 at 11:16 AM

PH

“ It brings a smile and happy thoughts just to think of Mark from our days at Concordia in Bronxville. Good times and lots of fun. May God blessings be on his family.

"Pixie" and Paul Hamman

Paul Hamman - November 23, 2021 at 06:35 AM

WF

“ Went to high school in Greenwich and graduated with Mark in 69. He was always a happy guy with a smile on his face and a good word for you. Sad to hear of his passing but glad he led a full life.

william Farrell - October 09, 2021 at 08:44 AM

DD

“ My heart hurts with the news of Mark's passing. May he be lifted up on eagle's wings. Lindy, Andrew, and Rachel please know that I am holding each of you in my thoughts and upliftings. Diane (Penny Penrodski) Decker

Diane (Penrod) Decker - September 23, 2021 at 01:07 PM

ZH

“ We were friends with Mark and Lindy at Newberry College, Newberry, SC. Mark was always larger-than-life, with a great laugh and sense of humor. I remember him in the College canteen, playing bridge and smoking cigars. He was a lot of fun, and we will miss him. Prayers of comfort and support for Lindy, Andrew, and Rachel.

Charlie and Zelma Harris, Pearisburg, VA

Zelma Harris - September 23, 2021 at 01:02 PM

MF

“ Mark was an extraordinary man. I first met him 25 years ago at Camp Pendleton. He was a great cop and a great leader. He had a remarkable ability to stay calm when everyone else was spiraling out of control. I worked with him, and I worked for him, and he was always my friend. He made everyone around him better. He was devoted to Lindy, Andrew and Rachel and was so very proud of all of them. I will miss him.

*Michael J. Fahey
NCIS, Retired*

Michael Fahey - September 21, 2021 at 09:52 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Leah Liptak - September 20, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Mr. Liptak was the cool California dad who helped unload and reload his awesome daughter, my college roommate, to her dorm room. He was always so kind, jovial and upbeat who was adored by his awesome daughter. Prayers for you Rachel, and your family. I love you so much - CC.*



Daisy - September 20, 2021 at 09:09 PM

GT

“ Dear Lindy and Family, Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of Mark. We were so very sorry to hear of his passing. Mark, Leah and Mr. and Mrs. Liptak were my next door neighbors growing up in Banksville. In our younger years, we played together all of the time. Mark and Leah would come over almost everyday. We had great times together and had fun! Any disagreements that arose, were short lived. Mark would march home and come back over within 10/15 minutes. :) I have many good memories, and I have often thought of Mark through out the years. My husband, Buddy, enjoyed working with Mark on the Greenwich Police Department. Mark was wonderful and an amazing person! Lindy, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Please take care! Love, Gerry (Slusarz) and Buddy (Robert) Thompson

Geraldine & Robert Thompson - September 20, 2021 at 06:37 PM

RF

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Robert Fischer - September 20, 2021 at 11:32 AM

MS

“ Mark Spanier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak



Mark Spanier - September 20, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MS

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of Mark's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mark and his family. I first met Mark in 2001 at Camp Pendleton and I can honestly state, I am a better man having known him. Mark left such an impression on me that he will forever be in some of my fondest memories. I respected and admired Mark because he was such an unselfish and kindhearted man who always encouraged you to go that extra mile. It seemed as though everyone migrated towards Mark and he graciously always led them in the right direction. Mark often spoke of Lindy with complete admiration, affection and love. And he never missed an opportunity to tell you how extremely proud he was of his children. Mark always treated everyone as an equal and never considered himself to be better than anyone, even though he truly was. Humanity will never be the same. Mark was a compassionate and consummate professional who mentored me on more than just the job. My deepest condolences go out to Lindy and family. Rest in peace, my friend.

Mark Spanier

Mark Spanier - September 20, 2021 at 10:09 AM

CM

“ Dear Lindy and family,

Words can not express the deep hurt and sorrow we feel over the loss of Mark. He was more than a friend, he was a brother. He was family. Lindy, our deepest condolences go out to you and your family. If we can do anything to help lessen your burden, please don't hesitate to ask. We will keep you in our prayers, God bless.

Sincerely,

Cal and Miki

Cal and Miki - September 20, 2021 at 02:55 AM

MS

“ Marguerite Sweeney lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak



Marguerite Sweeney - September 19, 2021 at 06:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories of Mark



Leah Liptak - September 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Leah Liptak - September 19, 2021 at 06:37 PM

RM

“ *Mark Liptak, what can I say? I have known Mark ever since I married my wife, who is one Lindy Liptak's oldest friends. I first got to know Mark when he worked for the Richland County Sheriff's Department in South Carolina. As a South Carolina Law Enforcement Officer myself I understood what he going through every time he went to work. But I never imagined how happy he would be when his Navy career was over and he joined the NCIS. He was so well suited for that job. He was smart, had unbelievable writing skills, and had a passion for his work. We had the opportunity more than once to meet his co-workers, subordinates, and supervisors who all praised his work ethic. He was truly a person who enjoyed doing the job of serving his country. There are few who have the opportunity to do a job they truly love, but Mark was certainly one of them. Over the past days I have had the honor to talk to many of Mark's friends and coworkers. I heard words like: man of true character, devotion, Godly, leader, mentor, compassionate, professional, loving, caring, family man who loved his children and his wife more than life itself. Mark has left a legacy that we all wish to follow. Thank you Mark for sharing your life with us. God truly blessed you.*

Randy Mosley - September 19, 2021 at 02:52 PM

DM

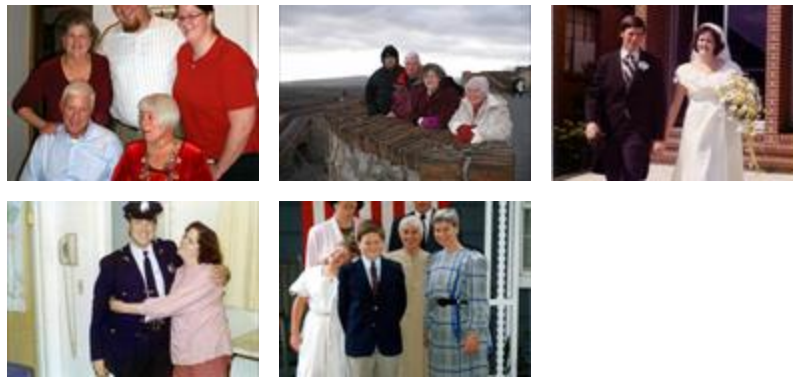
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Donna Mosley - September 19, 2021 at 02:42 PM

RA

“ 5 files added to the album Memories of Mark



Rachel - September 19, 2021 at 08:23 AM

DR

“ Debbi Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak



Debbi Russell - September 18, 2021 at 09:59 PM

DR

Mark is a dear friend whom I worked with around 1994-1995. We were both assigned to NCISRA Camp Pendleton., North office. He was a kind hearted person with a wonderful smile and made me laugh. I enjoyed working with him. I had just contacted Mark again at his last birthday. I was very sad to hear of his passing. May God's Love be with his entire family.

Debbi Russell - September 18, 2021 at 10:05 PM

ET

“ *Eric Trest lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak*



Eric Trest - September 18, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *I remember Mark of his time at the Portsmouth office early on in his NCIS career. He was a very kind and warm person who I have many wonderful memories. He will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers to his family during this difficult time.*

Cheryl Hawkins - September 18, 2021 at 02:49 PM

AC

“Mr. Liptak was an incredible and caring person, a devoted and passionate leader. Upon arriving at my first office, Camp Pendleton, CA, and struggling with report writing, Mr. Liptak sat me down and said, “kid, you are a great investigator, but you must improve your writing skills, stay close, and you will be a Rockstar.” 😊. I will never forget that conversation!



Mark became my mentor, someone I respected and admired; he led by example and never lost his sense of humor. I would have followed Mark anywhere; he was simply that great of a man. In 26-years of law enforcement, I have met many great leaders, very few of Mark’s caliber. I followed your path Maestro; your legacy will continue to live through the many lives you touched and the agents you led. May our Lord provide strength to the Liptak family during these difficult times; our family sends yours thoughts of peace and courage.

Descanse en paz, mi gran amigo, y maestro!

*Angel Concepcion
Resident Agent in Charge
US Embassy Panama*

Angel Concepcion - September 18, 2021 at 02:04 PM

RA

“ 8 files added to the album *Memories of Mark*



Rachel - September 18, 2021 at 01:45 PM

VH

“ 7 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Valerie Bunch Hollinger - September 18, 2021 at 01:28 PM

VH

We were fortunate to know Mark and Lindy in our college days. We spent many hours together on campus. He will forever live in our memories as a great guy with such good humor and warmth to his character. I remember his comic voice saying "who will pay the rent?"

On one of our dates to Columbia, he requested we bring him back a pizza and when we returned to Newberry it slid sideways in the car, and was now shaped like a hotdog. He ate it all the same.

Wayne and Mark visited each others families during college breaks, and later their parents became friends in Florida.

Wayne and Ken Sigler visited Greenwich once during break and Mark drove them in a Provost Bus to tour Westpoint.

Valerie Bunch Hollinger - September 18, 2021 at 02:21 PM

DD

Love the pictures Bunch!

Diane (Penrod) Decker - September 23, 2021 at 01:03 PM

EJ

“ *Mark was a great guy to work with. He will be missed.*

*Ed Jex
SSA NCIS (Ret)*

Ed Jex - September 18, 2021 at 12:57 PM

DG

“ *Deborah Gandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak*



Deborah Gandy - September 18, 2021 at 11:41 AM

PM

“ I am very sorry and sad to hear of Mark's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Mark and his family. Mark was such a fun guy to have around. He was always joyful and saw the best in people, even during trying circumstances. I worked with Mark briefly in Newport News, VA. We shared office space at Huntington Hall -- he was the NCIS agent on a new construction aircraft carrier and I was the NCIS agent at Newport News Shipbuilding. Rest in Peace, My Friend!!

Peter Mercier
NCIS Special Agent, Retired

Peter Mercier - September 18, 2021 at 10:15 AM

LI

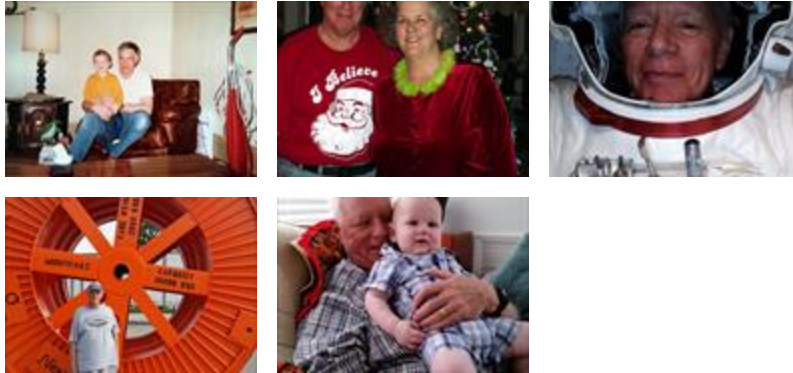
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Lindy - September 18, 2021 at 10:09 AM

RA

“ 15 files added to the album *Memories of Mark*



Rachel - September 18, 2021 at 09:36 AM

LM

“ *I always felt a little jealous of the NCIS north office because Mark was there and I was on mainside. He was such a great personality and so helpful and kept all our spirits up when we were run ragged with cases. I'm so glad I got to know him while I was there. Holding all his family and friends in my heart.*

Laura Merz - September 18, 2021 at 06:25 AM

TT

“ *Traci M Teal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak*



Traci M Teal - September 18, 2021 at 05:46 AM

MB

“Lindy, Rachel and Andrew please accept condolences from the Bradford family. Mark and I spent 8 years at the NCIS North office at Camp Pendleton and I learned so much from him, but most importantly was our friendship. I am grateful for the memories shared over the years. I am heartbroken and will miss my friend. Prayers of strength to the Liptak family! Mike Bradford

Mike Bradford - September 18, 2021 at 12:09 AM

BB

“You will be missed my friend and mentor. Upon arriving to Camp Pendleton, you taught me so much. Thank you for everything. My prayers are with you and your lovely family.



Belinda Berry - September 17, 2021 at 11:03 PM

Lynne Hirko

“Lynne Hirko lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak



Lynne Hirko - September 17, 2021 at 09:22 PM

Lynne Hirko

“Lindy, Rachel & Andrew, Cap was a much beloved cousin. Anytime we came to visit he played with us. He and Rog even took us sledding, one of my fondest memories. His light will always shine in those he loved. Many prayers, Lynne

Lynne Hirko - September 17, 2021 at 09:21 PM



“ *How do you sum up such a wonderful man? The love of those he touched throughout his life. There will never be another Cap, and I will never forget him. A big part of my childhood, and luckily he and the family came back into my adult life. Hong Kong. Ol’ 32*



Leslie Hirko - September 17, 2021 at 09:20 PM

RL

“ *Lindy, Andrew, Rachel and family. I'm sadden to hear of the passing of Mark. I have such fond memories of you all visiting Mrs. Liptak over the summer. I remember Mark at my parents house for a visit when he was in town. My condolences to you and the kids during this difficult time.*

Rebecca Richardson Lane

Rebecca Richardson Lane - September 17, 2021 at 08:39 PM

AJ

“ Mark and I worked side by side at Camp Pendleton, CA, for 13 years. During that time, we saw the seemingly never ending examples of man's inhumanity to man. Mark kept us focused on the positive and provided constant positive support and encouragement. He was a tireless law enforcement professional who exacted the best from his coworkers. I was honored to call Mark my friend.

Sailor, rest your oars. Your watch has ended. We have the watch.

Until we meet again, Mark.

*Art Spafford Jr.
NCIS Special Agent (Ret.)
Oceanside, CA*

Art Spafford Jr - September 17, 2021 at 08:19 PM

JW

“ Mark was a kind yet strong man who left a positive impact on those he interacted with. He dedicated his life to the service of his family, church, and country. He is an American hero who served in uniform and also as a federal law enforcement officer. He brought closure to many crime victims and their families. He was the quiet professional who gave 110 % in all he was engaged in, be it in the workplace for justice, or for his friends and family. I'm a better man for having known him. Paz a su alma mi hermano de mil batallas.

*John Wagner
NCIS (Retired)
San Clemente, CA*

John Wagner - September 17, 2021 at 07:36 PM

MS

“ *Mary M Shanley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak*



mary m shanley - September 17, 2021 at 04:21 PM

Bert Turtel

“ *Bert Turtel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark George Liptak*



Bert Turtel - September 17, 2021 at 02:09 PM

Bert Turtel

Jim and I are thinking and praying for everyone.

Becky (Joe's oldest)

Bert Turtel - September 17, 2021 at 02:09 PM

TC

*Mark was a new agent in our Portsmouth, VA NIS office in 1987 or so and was the go-to SA for most everything, as his cool demeanor and USN expertise was so valuable, espec in an office staffed w/ younger agents w/ little experience. He and became friends in about 10 minutes. "Cool, calm and collected - 100%".
Rest in Peace Brother.*

Tom Coyle - September 17, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CD

“Lindy, Rachel, Andrew and family- There are so many fun memories I have of Mark especially from our Newberry College days and the practical jokes we played on unsuspecting friends. Mark always had a quick wit and keen sense of humor, in addition to his undying love for his friends and family. May those memories and knowledge of his love bring you solace and comfort in the days and months ahead. God bless you.

Conrad Derrick

Florence, SC

Conrad Derrick - September 17, 2021 at 08:41 AM