



Mark Stimmell

December 19, 2021

The world lost a bit of laughter when Mark Stimmell passed away on December 19, 2021. Mark brought laughter and joy to all he met and is remembered as one of the nicest, most loving, caring, and funniest persons ever. He left everyone he encountered with a smile or a laugh and will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Mark was an insurance broker with Walter R. Reinhardt Insurance Agency and was considered a friend to all of his colleagues and clients throughout the Valley. Mark was born in Visalia to Earl and Frances Stimmell; and grew up, along with his two brothers, in Kingsburg. He played football and baseball at Kingsburg High where he graduated from in 1964. He attended Reedley College, earned a degree in business from CSUF, then began his career in the insurance industry. He was an avid golfer and a member of Northpointe Community Church of Fresno, where he served as an usher and a greeter for many years.

Mark is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Joan; his daughter, his pride and joy, Lisa Stimmell Kolich of Emerald Hills and her husband Tom; two grandchildren who he adored, Ryan and Alexandra Kolich; his brothers Gary and Nevis Stimmell of Livermore, and Alan and Pam Stimmell of Florence, OR; and several loving nieces and nephews.

“Our hearts are broken, Honey; but we know we’ll see you again in Heaven....We’ll just follow the laughter.”

Services are pending.

If you would like to honor Mark, you can do so with a donation to Camp El-O-Win at www.campelowin.org or by mail to Friends of Camp El-O-Win, 6533 N. Bungalow Lane, Fresno, CA 93704

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Stimmell*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Dear Joan—It is impossible to describe Mark and how much fun and humor he brought to life. The two of you together were a great comedy team . He absolutely lit up when you walked in a room. I am so sorry for you and your daughter and the family. Please know I think of you and am sending prayers and thoughts that your memories be a comfort. Mark was such a good person. Linda Bacon*

Linda Bacon - January 21, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Mark was a great baseball team mate at Reedley JC, competitor, golfer, party animal, and college pal. Mark and I spent many afternoons on the golf courses of Fresno, while he took the time to try to teach me the game. The amount of party fun we had together at FSU could be a movie script. My sincere condolences to Joan, Lisa, and the entire family. Love Ya, and God Bless, George Bacon*

George Bacon - January 19, 2022 at 06:45 PM

AF

“ Mark was a wonderful man! He was kind, generous and accomplished. He was friendly, funny, light hearted and loved to make people laugh, and walk away with a smile. Regardless, what the occasion or event was, Mark, always made it better! He knew how to handle the most delicate situations with style and grace. He will be forever missed...by all who were blessed to know him. All my love and prayers to my dear friend Joan, Lisa and all the family.

Ann Faherty - January 16, 2022 at 09:49 PM

JF

“ Memories. In the end that's what we have...loving memories of a great man. Proud and accomplished, fun and generous. A man with principles and morals. A man with laughing eyes and simple ways.

All our love and condolences to the Family. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Mark coined the phrase "Cousins Matter". Well he's right. Cousins DO matter...and Family is forever.

We miss him.

(Cousins) Jules and Gary



Julie Frey - January 15, 2022 at 09:45 AM

JO

“ You will always be the only “Love of my Life” and you will be forever....Till I see you again....

Joan - January 14, 2022 at 09:25 PM

BP

“ We are so sorry to learn of Mark's passing and he will be truly missed by all. Every time we would have family gatherings it was a pleasure to see and visit with Mark. Joan, Lisa, Tom and family my deepest sympathy. My prayer to Mark "Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine up him." Love and Blessings.....Brent Prunty

Brent Prunty - January 14, 2022 at 07:45 PM

SS

“ Mark Stimmell was a wonderful Brother-In-Law and I was so sorry about the news that he had passed away.

Every time I watch golf on the television, I think of Mark and my father because they both were wonderful golfers.

When we lived in Mountain View, California, Joan, mom, dad, Aunt Betty, Uncle Ward, and cousins used to get together often.

He will be missed by me and I pray for God's love, peace and comfort to surround his family and friends.

Love & Blessings,

Sue Sheehan

Sue A. Sheehan - January 14, 2022 at 01:21 PM

SW

“ I was privileged to be Mark’s Pastor for the last couple of decades. From the first time we met at a breakfast diner called Chubby’s where he was finishing breakfast over his newspaper, until my last encounter pre-covid, Mark was just as described by all the above comments. He became a dear friend and my insurance agent. He never failed to have a smile and some kind, encouraging, and jovial comment every time I ever met him. It was a shock to hear that he was suddenly gone from us as he’s one of those guys I just thought would always be around. Our love and prayers to you Joan and Lisa 🙏 He never failed to have a smile and some kind, encouraging, and jovial comment every time I ever met him. It was a shock to hear that he was suddenly gone from us as he’s one of those guys I just thought would always be around. Our love and prayers to you Joan and Lisa in your journey of grief.

Steve Williams - January 14, 2022 at 12:20 PM

SF

“ I laughed and smiled constantly when spending time with Mark. He brightened my day.

Sharon Fry - January 14, 2022 at 11:43 AM

CU

“ Mark was the sweetest funniest and much loved man anyone had the honor to know. He will be missed by so many who had the honor of knowing him. He would give my daughter Stephanie the hardest time when she was a grocery checker and she loved it! He was there for me when my husband was sick to help do anything I needed and always with a smile or something funny to say. He will be missed and thought of always by many who had the honor of knowing him. He touched many lives. My heart goes out to Joan and their family. He will be in your hearts forever. Love and prayers to all of you,
Carol Ulrich

Carol Ulrich - January 14, 2022 at 11:01 AM

CU

“ Mark was the kindest man ever. He was always there to help a friend. He loved to give my daughter a bad time at the grocery store where she worked and she loved it! He was there for me when my husband was sick. He will be dearly missed by many who were touched by his kindness and laughter. My heart goes out to my friend Joan and the rest of his family and friends.



Carol Ulrich - January 14, 2022 at 10:49 AM

MF

My loving prayers and thoughts to Joan and Mark's family at this difficult time. May God hold you all close in His arms and heart.

melissa fairley - January 14, 2022 at 01:17 PM

PB

“ Met him at Northpoint Church and his wife Joan who has become a very good friend of mine very nice couple wonderful man.

Pat Barker - January 14, 2022 at 09:01 AM