



Mark Steven Messa

November 2, 1960 - December 23, 2016

Mark Messa, 56, of Iowa Falls, passed away Friday, December 23, 2016 at Scenic Manor. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Thursday, December 29, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls. Burial will be at the Union Cemetery, Iowa Falls. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm Wednesday, December 28 at the Iowa Falls Fire Department with an Elks memorial service at 7 pm. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Mark and his family.

Mark Steven Messa was born on November 2, 1960 in Iowa Falls, Iowa to Frank and Phyllis (Seiser) Messa. He graduated from Iowa Falls High School in 1979 and Ellsworth Community College in 1981. Mark was employed at Hy-Vee in Iowa Falls for over 25 years. He loved to teach fire safety and was a member of the Iowa Falls Fire Department for 33 years, retiring as a Captain. Mark's life was dedicated to community service. He was a long-time member of the Iowa Falls City Council, serving for a total of 23 years. His concern and love for his hometown was exemplified by his work on numerous city boards. Mark represented what was best in a public servant. He was a true leader and his passion for the community has made Iowa Falls a better place in which to live. Mark was a member of the Iowa Falls Lions Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #1674.

Mark Messa is survived by his mother, Phyllis Messa of Iowa Falls, Iowa; two

sisters, Marian (Roger) Jansen of Ames, Iowa and Marcia (Al) Smith of Waterloo, Iowa as well as nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father; a brother in infancy and grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that you direct memorials to the Iowa Falls Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls Fire Department
218 South River Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Memorial

DEC **28.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

DEC **29.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
619 Main Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Messa.*



December 28, 2016 at 03:21 PM



“ *Mark has been intertwined with me most of my life. He lived next door to my parents, he was a firefighter who came to school to talk to us during Fire Prevention week, he was my landlord at two different properties in Iowa Falls, and he was my colleague on the City Council. Iowa Falls lost a wonderful supporter, and I lost a friend. Condolences to his family, may his soul rest with the greatest of men.*

-Michael Bahr

Michael Bahr - December 27, 2016 at 05:41 PM



“ *Aunt Phyllis, Marcia, Marian, Please accept my condolences & deepest sympathy to Mark's sudden passing. I know he is resting in peace with our dear Lord & is no longer suffering. Dear Cousin rest in peace!*

Your Southern California Cousin Vincent Recchia

Vincent Recchia - December 27, 2016 at 03:52 PM

TR

“ Sad to hear of Mark's passing... Always enjoyed coming back seeing him when I came to IF for reunions etc.. he was fun to be with he liked to joke and see if he could get a rise out of you or others (he measured the success by the reaction he would get.. which was followed by his laughter which was contagious) ... His specialty was his mimicking voices he liked to do or exaggeration of behavior traits.. he did not do it in a mean way... I believe he did it as way to establish a connection...(he seemed to know everyone in the town by first name).. he had a serious side too which was evident in his work ethic... while most kids were just playing around in 8th grade he was working raising money running a night crawler business, mowing lawns doing odd jobs (not saying we did not have fun too - the endless bike rides all year round especially on the frozen river - including the failed parachute bike project :) and many other adventures) ... this continued after school with his real estate ventures we were all more than a little impressed.. then he took it to another level with his community service .. he was very proud of Iowa Falls in what it has become... he gave me a tour of the town on my last visit to IF showing me the many improvements that had taken place over the years you could just hear the pride in his voice talking about the new business, the population growth, what is happening with the fire department, school, library etc .. but that is what made him unique... but most of all I'm going to miss his friendship good bye old friend you will be greatly missed
Condolences to Phyllis and other family members.. Tim R. Benson

Tim R.Benson - December 27, 2016 at 08:53 AM

VS

“ I am so sad to hear of Mark's passing. He spent so much time at our house as a kid. He was like a brother to Beth and me when we were youngsters. So many memories and happy times. He was one of kindest people I ever knew. Iowa Falls has lost another good one. Condolences to Phyllis and other family members. Heaven has gained an angel.

Vicki Sprugel

Vicki Sprugel - December 25, 2016 at 05:33 PM

RH

“ My deepest condolences. Mark was a very positive influence on me many years ago. I have never forgotten his contributions to my life and to the community he loved so much. May the good Lord keep you in his arms forever.

Rob Haglund

Robert Haglund - December 24, 2016 at 11:31 PM

DS

“ Our deepest sympathy. I always enjoyed working with Mark when he was on the City Council during my time as Police Chief in Iowa Falls. The community lost a great supporter.

Doug Strike

Doug Strike - December 24, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Messa.



December 24, 2016 at 11:57 AM