



MARK A. PALUS

August 20, 1970 - March 5, 2020

Mark A. Palus, 49 years old, of Oak Ridge New Jersey passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in Manhattan after battling complications of Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma. Mark was surrounded by his wife, children, and loved ones as he passed.

Mark was born in the Bronx, NY to his loving parents, Andrew “Skip” and Margaret Palus. He spent his youth in Maryland, where he became a lifelong Redskins fan, before moving to Franklin Lakes New Jersey. Mark graduated from Indian Hills High School at the age of 16, then attended Rutgers University. There he earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Civil Engineering. As a member and president of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity, he established many friendships with people who treasure him to this day.

Mark and his wife, Michelle were married in 1995. The couple spent 24 years of marriage together, raising their three children: Justin, 19, Mathew, 15, and Heather, 13. Mark was incredibly proud of his amazing wife and smart, funny, and independent children. The Palus family enjoyed many family trips over the years, including a recent adventure to Yellowstone National Park and a dude ranch in Wyoming.

Mark loved spending time with his family. He was an avid deer hunter and loved to hunt with his father and brother. In his spare time, he enjoyed

watching his favorite teams: the New York Yankees and the Washington Redskins. Mark loved to watch his children succeed in their passions: debate, cheer, rugby, skiing, academics, and life. Mark was an intent listener, loved the good things in life, and enjoyed a great martini.

Mark went on to found his own engineering company MAP Engineering in 2000. He was respected as an excellent engineer that was always an advocate for his clients and kept their best interests at the heart of every project. He was a licensed Professional Engineer & Professional Planner in the State of New Jersey.

Mark was predeceased by his father-in-law, Ben Satterfield in 2018.

He is survived by: his loving wife Michelle Palus, their children Justin, Mathew, and Heather, his parents Skip and Margaret Palus of Sudbury, MA; brother John Palus and his wife Colleen of Belmar, NJ; sister Christine Doherty and her husband CJ and their children Charlie, Ryan, and Sean of Lincoln MA; and sister Gina Neal and her husband Tim of Denison, TX; his mother-in-law Mary Chirichella and her husband Joey of Matawan, NJ; many life-long friends from college and his fraternity; and hundreds of other friends and family members that will hold Mark in their hearts forever.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday March 8, 2020 from 1-5pm at the Stickle-Soltész Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435 (for GPS use 1 Post Place)

The funeral mass will take place on Monday March 9, 2020 at 11am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

Final disposition will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Mark's name to:
ACCRF- Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 442,
Needham, MA 02494.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN MARK'S
NAME TO:

ACCRF-ADENOID CYSTIC CARCINOMA RESEARCH FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 442
NEEDHAM, MA 02494

VISITATION:

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

1PM TO 5PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020

11AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

PRIVATE FINAL DISPOSITION

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I want to extend my most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the Palus family on Marks passing.... I am so saddened with this news.

As an architect , I had the pleasure of working with Mark on so many projects over the last 14 years or so. Aside from his skills , Mark was a great team member.... someone you knew was always going to support you when sitting in the project fox hole....

I've even testified with him on occasion... thank god he was there....

Mark was a wonderful man with an incredible personality, always smiling, always up for a funny story...Such a great sense of humor...and what an incredibly competent engineer.

I never worried about any site issues when working with Mark.... I will miss working with him, but I will miss him more as a wonderful person.....rest in peace my brother

John A. Liggero

john A Liggero - March 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM

JS

“ *Dear Palus Family,*

We were a client of Mark's and just learned of this sad news today. Our family's heart is broken. Mark was such a nice guy. When we met him for the first time almost 6 years ago. We felt like we had known him for years. He was so tall and always had a smile on his face. He was a beacon that you could see coming from a mile away. His deep voice brought calm and comfort that everything was going to be OK now that he was on the job.

We can't imagine the pain you are feeling right now. We are definitely feeling it with you. We will miss Mark. When we look around our home he will always be remembered as he played a big part in getting us where we are today.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Please find peace and strength in moving forward.

With Deepest Sympathy,

The Orsillo and Scott Family

Jason Scott - March 12, 2020 at 09:51 AM

JS

“ *Jason Scott lit a candle in memory of MARK
A. PALUS*



Jason Scott - March 12, 2020 at 09:50 AM

MG

“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Marc's passing. My heartfelt condolences to the Palus Family.

Mascia Grigoletto and Kayla Connors

Mascia Grigoletto - March 12, 2020 at 05:36 AM

MT

“ We used to call him Superman in the engineering office in Franklin Lakes. He was tall, dark and handsome and he looked like Clark Kent! He was a competent engineer and a nice person. So sorry for your loss.

Marisa Tiberi

Marisa Tiberi - March 10, 2020 at 09:02 AM

CT

“ Dear Palus Family,

Mark and I were professional engineering acquaintances. I actually tried to get Mark to join our firm and I can only assume so many others did as well. He was one of few I truly believed was in it to help more than just make a buck. He and I would exchange clients knowing that either one could provide a better service. I think we had a deep mutual respect and I found him to be a great person and engineer.

I will miss Mark. He was a man in our industry we were blessed to know and work with.

I cannot imagine the pain of losing such a good guy.

Please find peace and strength moving forward.

Charles Thomas.

charles thomas - March 09, 2020 at 08:45 PM

CC

“ To the Palus family,

Wishing you peace and sympathy. Cheryl Canale

Cheryl Canale - March 07, 2020 at 09:04 AM

MV

“ *My deepest condolences to Palus family and relatives...I will always remember Mark as my mentor and as the friendliest colleague (not boss!) that I have ever worked with. God rest him in peace! Manny Vasilescu*

Manny Vasilescu - March 06, 2020 at 03:20 PM