



## Mark William Wunderlin

July 10, 1959 - March 28, 2011

On a rain soaked Monday evening, March 28, 2011, after a brief but surprisingly vicious illness, Mark William Wunderlin passed through the door we will all reach someday. He left in his wide wake family and friends whose world is richer for having known him and poorer for having to occupy a place no longer containing his charming smile, infectious laugh and caring friendship. His talent, musicality, eye for design, genuine compassion, interest in the world around him and his concern and involvement in his children's and all his "adopted" kids lives will be sorely missed by those who are still on this side of that door. Left on this world are his parents William and Joan Wunderlin, and siblings Brian, Mike and Beth. Also missing him with heavy hearts but many "wonderful" memories are his wife of 28 years, Cheryl and his two children, Jessica and Chris.

Joan and Bill welcomed Mark as their first born on July 10th, 1959 in Monticello, NY and quickly filled their home with the rest of the Wunderlin clan. In 1969, they traded the wild winters of upstate New York for the sweltering summers of Largo, FL. As Mark reached high school and became a part of the band, the Wunderlin family became a dominant force in the Largo High School Band of Gold. While a member of this internationally recognized program, he had the opportunity to travel to England to participate in the World Band Cup competition. He and the rest of the Wunderlins went on to join in the beginnings of the very successful Suncoast Sound Drum and Bugle Corps.

This involvement in musical activities was to be a major part of Mark's life.

After high school, Mark attended St. Petersburg Community College and received his Associate of Arts Degree in 1979. He flirted with, dated and proposed to a cute rifle "player" from the Band of Gold and Suncoast Sound. He and Cheryl Gatzka married in 1982. He decided to take his other God-given gift of artistic prowess to the University of Florida College of Architecture, where he earned a Bachelor of Design and Graduated with Honors in 1985. Then Harvard came calling, and he and Cheryl went to Boston where Mark received his Masters in Architecture in 1988. It only took three New England winters for Mark and Cheryl to decide that Florida was a better place to work, raise kids and not freeze to death. Jessica was born in 1990 and Chris in 1991.

Mark worked for several of the top architectural firms in the area, using his talents to benefit his clients and employers in many positive ways, garnering numerous distinctions for himself and the companies he worked for. In 2000, he received the University of Florida Young Architect Design Award. His award-winning projects and buildings span from Central Florida to Jacksonville, Denver, El Paso, and Durham, NC.

Mark continued his passion for music and anchored the baritone section of the Chancel Choir at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church for nearly ten years. He sang many services and regularly volunteered for the early mass on Sundays as well as the midnight mass on Christmas Eve. He kept up his tuba chops by participating in several community groups during the year and always enjoyed playing Christmas Carols with 150 other tuba players every Yule season at the Merry Tuba Christmas in Winter Park. His children followed in his footsteps by joining band in middle school and continued on to be a part of a nationally-renowned program at Winter Park High School, just like dad and mom at Largo. Following his parents' example, Mark was always there as an active

member of the band parents' association and went above and beyond the call by chaperoning all the trips and working untold hours on the many projects it takes to support the special group of kids that make up a band. He and Cheryl often opened their home to the students and considered all the kids who were friends of Jessica and Chris to be part of the "very much extended" family.

Though Mark has passed on,, he will always be a part of the lives he touched; the people who were blessed to know him are better for it. His spirit will live on in the many buildings large and small that received his spark of creativity and while time may erase those physical reminders of his impact on the world,, Mark's love for his family, friends, and life will exist forever.

The family will be receiving friends on Friday evening from 6 until 8 at the DeGusipe Funeral Home. 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 AM at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church in Winter Park.

# Tribute Wall



“ I will never forget Professor Wunderlin's teachings and the love he kept in his heart for architecture; he is an inspiration to all of his students.

*Rest in Peace Professor...and thank you.##imported-begin##Kevin Di Nardo##imported-end##*

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“ This is really tough for me, to talk about Professor Wunderlin in the past tense. He was an extremely caring person who valued everything you had to say. He instilled a lot of wisdom and advice into me through his techings and I will NEVER forget him. He was an excellent, one-of-a-kind person and will most certainly be missed.##imported-begin##Jake Benecasa##imported-end##

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“ Mark was one of my favorite people from the Largo years. He and I were in elementary school band together. He was always solid and a friend to count on. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Clay Smith##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl, Jessica & Chris -  
Words cannot express the sadness we feel for your loss. You are in our hearts and on our minds. We will continue to pray for you all.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Dr. Elena Puig, Debbie, Lisa, Ethel, and Maddie##imported-begin##Elena Puig##imported-end##

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“ I can not say enough kind things about Professor Wunderlin. Prof Wunderlin took the time to get to know each student, their goals, and their aspirations. He did his best to help guide us in the right direction, and remained positive in all aspects. Prof Wunderlin expressed a great love for architecture and encouraged all of us to do the same. I will truly miss Prof Wunderlin!!!!!!##imported-begin##Richard Decker##imported-end##

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“ Mark had an infectious laughter and love of life. He was one of the few genuine people that I was privileged to meet and work with. His influence on my life and perspective were enormous. He was a generous and brilliant person and I cannot believe he is gone....too soon. He loved his wife and children above all else. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Becky Butterfield-Gaige##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and hearts are with you. Mark will always be remembered with affection and respect.##imported-begin##Lisa##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about Mark's passing. I worked with him on a few projects and he was a truly wonderful person.##imported-begin##Paul Bellas##imported-end##

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“ This is such sad news about such a dear, sweet guy. My deepest and warmest thoughts are with the Wuderlins who are well known to be a family of great faith, strength and binding love.##imported-begin##Karen Lamelle##imported-end##

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“ It saddens me to hear of the loss of a great person. May your love of faith and family give you strength during your time of grief. He made an impact in everyones life that he touched with his smile, humor and kindness.##imported-begin##Nicole Van Peer##imported-end##

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“ We are so sorry for your loss. Mark was a very talented and great guy and we will all miss him.##imported-begin##Robin Morris##imported-end##

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“ It is with sadness that we extend our sympathies to the Wunderlin family. Our son is in 9th grade, and the WP band has been a terrific experience for our son and our family - undoubtedly due to the great support from Mr. Wunderlin and others. His efforts and commitment to the band will not go unrecognized and will not be forgotten. God Bless the Wunderlin family during this difficult time. The Greens##imported-begin##The Greens##imported-end##

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“ So sad to hear about this. He was a Great Guy, just like all the Wunderlin guys. Our hugs to your whole family.##imported-begin##Kim and AQnna Lloyd##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl, Jessica and Chris,

*I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. You have my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Steve Hansen##imported-begin##Steve Hansen##imported-end##*

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“ Our sincere love, thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever. We do love you all so very very much. God Bless##imported-begin##Tom and Suzanne Peach##imported-end##

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“ I pray that the Wunderlin family can find some comfort during this difficult time by knowing how much Mark meant to our "Band of Gold" family. Mark will remain in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Mary Chaboudy (Gulliver)##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl, Jessica, and Chris

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss.*

*Sandy##imported-begin##Sandy Caldwell##imported-end##*

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“ We've known Mark since our kids were in Elementary school and found him to be a kind and caring father. During this time, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you for strength and peace.##imported-begin##Santiago and Susan Fernandez##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cheryl, Jessica and Chris,  
My deepest sympathy to you on such a huge loss to your life. God be with you every minute and may He give you the strength you need to get through this difficult time. Mark is such a loss to our choir. We all love him, miss him and will never forget him. "Jesus, remember me . . . ."

Love and prayers,

Agnese##imported-begin##Agnese Bartlett##imported-end##

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“ One of my dearest and trusted friends for almost 25 years. There are no words- I will miss you, my friend.##imported-begin##Bob MacLeod##imported-end##

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“ We offer our sincerest condolences to Mark's family and will include him in our prayers. We will also pray for his family in this time of their bereavement. - Myrna, Noah, Kevin and Trisha##imported-begin##Bustamante-Kanter Family##imported-end##

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“ We are sharing your heartbreak and tears during this sad time. Joan and Bill are our dear friends, and they have kept us informed of Mark’s illness. In fact, we have had your family on our church’s prayer calendar. We continue to pray for you all during this dillicult time.  
May God enfold you in his loving arms.##imported-begin##jane & bob lang##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl and family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss.  
May Mark Rest in Peace  
  
with sorrow,  
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“ Jeff & I were shocked and saddened to learn of Mark’s untimely passing . We have only the fondest memories of him’such a caring, gentle soul. Truly a terrible loss. Please know that we are keeping (all of) the Wunderlins in our thoughts and caring.  
Warmly, Teresa (Butterworth) Navon##imported-begin##Teresa (Butterworth) Navon##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Wunderlin family. It is hard to comprehend why someone so wonderful and young had to leave us. Peace and love and prayers will help you get through the coming days, and know we are here if we can do anything to help.##imported-begin##Michele and Fred Brent##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Wunderlin family. We have such great memories of Mark. What a terrific, caring ,young man,and man.Our thoughts and paryers are with you all.##imported-begin##The Mcalister family##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cheryl, Jessica, and Chris,  
we will always remember the fun times we shared with all of you. Mark was such a kind and giving person. It was an honor to know him. Our thoughts are with you. You are loved.##imported-begin##Robin and Leah Croy##imported-end##

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“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Wunderlin family. We will always remember Mark's hard work and dedication to the band program. We will treasure the fun times we had together.##imported-begin##Mike##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cheryl, Jess and Chris  
Our prayers are with you as we all mourn Mark's passing. Know that those of us lucky enough to have been touched by his joy, friendship and love of life will miss him.##imported-begin##Curtis##imported-end##

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“ May your treasured memories be of comfort to you during this time of loss. My thoughts and prayers are with the Wunderlin family and friends.

Love and Blessings,  
Laura Joy##imported-begin##Laura (Boelk) Joy##imported-end##

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“ I'm very saddened at hearing this. He will be missed for a long long time by so many. It's as if the weather this week has been mourning him as well. Take heart, he is in the arms of Jesus right now. God Bless your family.##imported-begin##Laura Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and friends,

*Our family recently learned from the newspaper of the death of your loved one and we wish to express our deep sorrow and sympathy to you and your family.*

*No doubt this is a very difficult tim for you and you might have wondered why people like your loved one have to die at all. It doesnt seen right that this should happen after spending a lifetime with our loved ones and cultivating memories that will never end. Happily, though the bible offers a wonderful hope for our loved ones at: Acts 24:15 "That there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous" this promise warms our hearts regarding our loved ones our family hope that you may find much comfort in the promises the bible hold for you and your family. The bible holds many more answers to questions that you may have wondered about such as: Where are the dead?, Why have humans been dying for thousands of years?, and How can we be sure that our loved ones will live again? these and many other questions can be answered for you including the fact of knowing that our loved ones will never have to leave us again and sickness and death will be removed according to Revelation 21:3,4 which says: "God will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death, pain, mourning, nor outcry will be anymore. the former things will have passed away. If you would like to know more about the bible and it's grand promises, without charge or obligation please write to us at: 8674 A.D Mims Rd, Orlando FL 32818 or you may request for more information to be mailed to you directly without obligation.*

*Sincerely,*

*Janice P.##imported-begin##Janice Priester##imported-end##*

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“ Cheryl, Chris, and Jessica

*Not a day goes by that we do not think of Mark. We are deeply sadden by his passing, and trust that he will find peace with God. We feel blessed to have known him. We continue to pray that you may find peace, and know that we are always here if you need us.##imported-begin##Jose Sama##imported-end##*

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“ *I cannot express how grief stricken I am to realize that Mark has passed. I was always in the habit of passing by Marks desk and asking “Howâ€™s the worlds greatest Designer doing today?â€™ He would always, and I mean always turn red in the face and we would end up discussing the project evolving from his hand. What a wonderful person. What an inspiration. What a terrible, terrible loss to the design community. Tears fill my eyes as I write this. I will pray that his wife and children take solace in the wonderful memories that he has left them. Wayne Skala##imported-begin##Wayne Skala##imported-end##*

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“ Cheryl, Jessica and Chris:

*So sorry to hear about Mark's passing. It seemed like only yesterday we bumped into you Cheryl and him at Best Buy! May y'all find comfort in this time of grief knowing that Mark touched a lot of people's lives including ours. He made a difference. You're all in our prayers.*

*Love: Ramon, Carmen, Tasha, Rani and Kyla##imported-begin##The Abad family##imported-end##*

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“ *Sending prayers and remembering Mark as an inspirational figure for a very special group of us, who went through the trenches together in the Architecture Program at UF. He raised the bar and set the standard for quality and achievement, elevating the entire experience for each of us.*

*Thank you for the privelege of knowing you, impacting my life. My prayers to your beautiful family.*

*Again, you set the standard for being impecable, with a beautiful example of a life well lived....*

*And again you get the very highest marks.*

*Peace always*

*Steve Suchman###imported-begin##Steve Suchman###imported-end##*

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March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Mark's passing. My heart goes out to the Wunderlin family at this time.  
Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Donna Whitmill Power###imported-end##*

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“ Cheryl, Jessica, and Chris:

*So very sorry to hear about your loss and we send our deepest sympathies and prayers out to you and your family. May God be with you all during this sad time and comfort you during your tears and in your laughter.##imported-begin##Bob & Michelle Peach##imported-end##*

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“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Mark from Suncoast Sound and the trip to England. He was always happy and a joy to be around. May God keep you and your family in the palm of his hand during this time.##imported-begin##Cathy Edington Tirrell##imported-end##*

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“ *Mark will forever be rememberd for his kind smile and gentle heart. He will forever be in my memories of my freshman year at Largo High. Rest in Peace Mark and may God wrap His arms around your family and help them through this knowing that you touched a lot of peoples lives in your all to short one.##imported-begin##Patricia Black Erickson (BOG '80)##imported-end##*

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“ To the family of Mark, our deepest condolences to you on the loss of Mark. I have many fond memories of our time in HS. I played tuba in the ranks with Mark the last year of school, and had a blast! What a genuinely nice guy! The years have taken us all different directions, but the sentiments are still there from the incredible experience we all enjoyed in BOG. We share in your grief. Our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Ed Day##imported-end##

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“ Dear Cheryl, Jessica, and Chris:  
Mark touched our hearts by his active and can-do attitudes. He stepped up to help the Winter Park High School band with all his energy and his broad smiles. Dar-Wei and Ryan are definitely in your extended family as they always reminisce the time they spent with you and under your roof, and have been positively influenced by Mark and you. We will truly miss Mark.##imported-begin##Ray and Jessie Chen##imported-end##

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“ I am very saddened to hear of Mark's passing. He was one of the most genuinely kind, caring individuals I have known. My heart goes out to you, his family, for I know life without him will not be the same. Hugs - Tammy (Kampka) Berk##imported-begin##Tammy Berk##imported-end##

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“ *Such a loss of a wonderful life!Prayers to all of the family,Debbi###imported-begin###Debra Presley Siek###imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Cheryl & Family,*

*Looking through the memories shared, it is so easy to see how much Mark loved and cared for people. He shared his passion for music, his talent for design and his love of life. He is a gift to each one of us whose life he touched. Thank you for our time shared in the Band of Gold. We don't understand why and have millions of questions but allow God to hold you close. Cry on His shoulder and let Him wipe the tears from your eyes. Know that "you'll never walk alone."*

*All my love & prayers,*

*Susie###imported-begin###Susie Boelk###imported-end##*

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“ *Our hearts go out to the Wunderlin family for the sudden loss of Mark. Losing a loved one is like having a big vacant hole in the heart. We know he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###The Kleinsorge Family###imported-end##*

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March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Cheryl,  
*Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Isa Ringelspaugh##imported-end##*

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“ *I had not seen Mark since our heady days in the Largo High School Band of Gold together. However, I do remember his smile and that Mark is one of the good guys in my memories. Please accept my warmest thoughts and prayers for his family.##imported-begin##Brian Haddle##imported-end##*

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“ *The one thing that stands out for me in remembering Mark was his smile. He always had one. Cheryl, you captured his heart and I'm sure he loved you and your family with everything he had. In this very sad time, know that we ( his and yours) BOG family , are lifting you up in prayer and praying for God's peace to fill your heart and soul.##imported-begin##Denise (Potter) Dulaney##imported-end##*

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“ Cheryl  
*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*from a BOG member##imported-begin##Terry Winterbottom-Nale##imported-end##*

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“ I was a rifle in 9th Regiment. Mark was our drum major. He was always helpful and patient, much like what is described of him as a grown man. We BOG kids were blessed with great beginnings of pride and community to carry into adulthood and family. RIP Mark. Prayers to all your family.##imported-begin##Sandra Bush Zilich##imported-end##

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“ I have many happy memories of knowing Mark, Mike and their wonderful parents during my time in the Band. Cheryl, our times together go way back. I was so saddened to hear of Mark's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kathi Whitmill Judy##imported-end##

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March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Cheryl,  
My heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to you and your family##imported-begin##Patti Dormer-Taylor##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl, Jessica and Chris our hearts go out to you in this time of sorrow. Mark will be missed. He was always smiling working with the band during football##imported-begin##Willy and Ann McCullen and family##imported-end##

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March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am deeply saddened at the loss of Mark. I struggle with the idea that someone younger than myself has succumbed at such a prime of life. Mark was a tremendous, cheerful guy, and the world is a less joyful place without him. My condolences to his wonderful family and all of his Band of Gold family as well.##imported-begin##Richard A. Crosby##imported-end##

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March 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Cheryl and family,  
I just got this post from Jodi and can't express what sorrow it brought to me. Steve and I remember you and Mark with great fondness from our Band of Gold days so many years ago. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Karen Wade##imported-begin##Karen Wade##imported-end##

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“ Whar sad news! I remember Mark's wonderful spirit, kind eyes, and beautiful smile. He made our experience at UF richer by continually producing beautiful and inspiring work. He was always willing to listen, help and contribute.  
My thoughts and prayers go to his family, close friends and colleauges who had the privilige of knowing him.##imported-begin##Ana Williamson##imported-end##

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“ Cheryl & Family and the larger Wunderlin Family

*Iâ€™m so sorry to hear about Mark. He was one of my very best friends growing up. Though we lost touch over the years I still remember the many good times. Mark was always a good friend and Iâ€™m certain he has touched many lives as he did mine. I know he will be greatly missed.*

*You are in my prayers.*

*Barry##imported-begin##Barry Jawors##imported-end##*

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“ *LIKE HIS PARENTS, MARK WAS A TRUE BLESSING TO ALL WHO HAD THE HONOR TO KNOW HIM AT ANY STAGE OF LIFE. EVENTHOUGH I LOST TOUCH WITH HIM IN THE LATTER YEARS, HIS FRIENDSHIP IN THE EARLY YEARS WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN FOR KNOWING SUCH A FINE PERSON. ALL THOSE TIMES OF PLAYING IN THE BAND OF GOLD TOGETHER OR SOCCER IN TAYLOR PARK ALWAYS BRINGS A SMILE WHEN REMEMBERING THOSE DAYS. HIS HONEST SMILE AND KINDNESS IS A TRUE LEGACY LEFT UPON US ALL. MY PRAYERS TO ALL OF THE WUNDERLIN FAMILY.##imported-begin##JAMIE NEILSON##imported-end##*

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