



**MARK ASH JR.**

## MARK'S LIFE STORY

Although he was taken from his loved ones too soon, Mark Ash made a significant impact in the lives of his family and friends. He was a talented athlete and a sports fan who loved cheering on his favorite teams, but nothing beat spending time with his sons. Mark's greatest gift was becoming a father, and it was easy to see that Liam, Barrett, and Mark III were his biggest source of pride and joy. Intelligent and caring, he was the

sort of person who was willing to help others in ways both great and small. Life will never be the same without Mark here, but he leaves behind a priceless collection of memories that his loved ones will forever hold near and dear to their hearts.

The 1990s were an exciting time in America. With the birth of the World Wide Web in 1992, the way we shopped, got our news, and kept in touch with family and friends was forever changed. The cultural fabric of our nation was colored by shows like Friends while the grunge music from bands like Nirvana transformed the music industry. Amidst this eventful time was a time of great anticipation in the lives of Mark Alan and Toya Lynn Ash

as they were eagerly awaiting the birth of their new baby as the beauty of spring began to unfold in Elwood, Indiana. Their wait was finally over when the baby boy they named Mark Alan Jr. drew his first breath on May 8, 1996. He was one of 10 as he was joined in his family by his siblings, Timothy, Cassandra, Kelly, Brandon, Tawni, Owen, Bobby, Zach, and Katie.



In many ways Mark was a young boy of his generation. He spent most of his life in Alexandria, and attended local schools. Mark's high school years found him at Frankton High School where he played football, basketball, baseball, and he also did track and field. He went on to graduate from high school in 2015. Mark had been currently working as a heavy equipment operator at Martin Marietta and was also working on his journeyman's license.



The most exciting part of Mark's life was when he became a father. He was blessed with three sons including Liam, Barrett, and Mark III, and they were the light of his life. Mark did enjoy many things, but nothing was better than spending time with his sons.

Throughout his life Mark was someone who was always doing something. He was a passionate sports fan who absolutely loved the Indianapolis Colts and Alabama Football. Nearly every year Mark went to Brown County where would go on tours. Since he enjoyed working with his hands, he liked working on cars with his Uncle Jamie, and he also loved carpentry. Mark loved all country music as well as classic rock. He was known for his sense of humor, and a favorite pastime was making others laugh. As his family and friends can attest, Mark also loved having his picture taken.

With a zest for life that was contagious to all who were near, Mark Ash III was an extraordinary man to know and love. He was tall and good looking, but what made him stand out above the rest was his fun-loving personality as he has even been described as a goofball. Intelligent and hardworking, Mark was on his way to achieving great things. A family man and loyal friend, he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.







Mark Alan Ash, Jr., of Alexandria, was called home to the Lord on January 20, 2019. Mark is survived by his loving father, Mark Alan Ash, Sr.; girlfriend, Ellie Jackson; sons, Liam Ash, Barrett Ash, and Mark Alan Ash, III. Also surviving is his mamaw, Lynda Ash; siblings, Timothy (Michele), Cassandra, Kelly (Sandra), Brandon, Tawni (Scott), Owen (Amber), Bobby, Zach (Jessie), and Katie; cousin, Taryn (Reis); aunt, Maryline Ash; uncle, Andrew Ash; best friends, Caleb Cleek, Mikey Orick, and Chris Kistler, and 23 nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by his mother, Toya Lynn Ash; grandfather, Dale Ash; uncle, Jamie Ash; and niece, Leila Ash. Visitation will be held Thursday, January 24, 2019, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 West 53rd Street Anderson, IN. Services will follow visitation at 2:30 pm at the funeral home with Pastor Mark Freeman officiating. Burial will take place in the Anderson Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

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