



Mark Steven Savarino

July 24, 1955 - December 30, 2014

Mark Steven Savarino, 59, of Point Comfort, Tx went to be with our Lord on December 30, 2014 in Houston, TX. He was the first of three sons born to William and Jessie (Graham) Savarino on July 24, 1955 in Houston, Tx. He was educated in the Mercedes public schools and later attended and played baseball at Pan American University in Edinburg, Tx where he received his BS in Wildlife Biology.

In 1978, he married Wendy Lee Parker in Mission, Tx.

Mr. Savarino was employed by AT&T (formerly Southwestern Bell) since 1978 spending time in Victoria, TX, San Antonio, TX, Piscataway, NJ, and Houston, TX among others. After retiring in 2010, he went on to work for United Health Care Providers. He will be remembered as an amazing outgoing individual who never met a stranger. He exemplified a life of hard work, compassion, faithfulness, and dedication to those he loved. His passions included his family, hunting, fishing, and love of sports.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Wendy; his son Mark Anthony (wife Amy of College Station, TX), granddaughter Addison, grandson Grady, his daughter Jessica Lee (husband Jeremy Moreno of Bellville), and grandsons Cooper and Cayden. He is also survived by brothers Daniel (Debbie) Savarino, William (Tressa) Savarino III, his in-laws, Wendall and Rita Parker and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 3, 2015 from 10 am to 1 pm with a memorial service at 11 am at Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace in

Mercedes. Donations in his memory can be made to St. Luke's Hospital at the following address: www.stluketexas.com/Giving/Tribute-Gift.cfm

Funeral services are under the care and direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Memorial Service

JAN 3 (CT)

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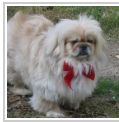
Tribute Wall

KN

“ *KATHLEEN NOLEN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Steven Savarino*



KATHLEEN NOLEN - January 18, 2015 at 01:00 AM



I worked with Mark in New Jersey and knew without a doubt that he was a very special person. He was a dedicated husband and father, he was kind, gentle and smart. I know he is sadly missed by his family! What a great guy!

Margo Dandry - March 18, 2017 at 08:15 PM

LK

“ *Mark was so kind and caring, I know how much he loved and cared about his family. You could tell by the way he bragged, or just told a story about anyone in his family. I also have to say that at the gate he was such a gentleman, he would never let me get out to open or shut the gate. I sure am going to miss him, but I'll never forget what a kind man he was.*

Lynn Zacharias Kunkel - January 13, 2015 at 02:29 AM

AS

“ *Angela Salas lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Savarino*



Angela Salas - January 06, 2015 at 10:24 AM

SE

“ I was truly saddened by the news of Mark's passing, a true friend in every sense of the word. Growing up with Mark was a distinct pleasure that few people will ever have known. From Kinder to College mark had a unique way to make the people around him feel special. His passion for sports and hunting was contagious: he was a leader throughout his life. I will forever miss that voice on the other end of the phone saying "What's happening big guy?" My heart goes out to Wendy, Mark Anthony, Jessie, Billy and Danny, for you all were truly the love of Mark's life. May God bless you and keep you during this difficult time. I am forever humbled to have had Mark Savarino as a friend.
Steve Edgemon

steve edgemon - January 05, 2015 at 03:33 PM

ME

“ My heart is deeply saddened to hear that this angel changed his address. I had the pleasure of working with Mark at AT&T Presidio office. An absolutely beautiful soul! I will be praying for the Savarino Family's strength during this difficult time. God Bless you all.

Peace & Blessings,
Ms. Shawn Elliott

Ms. Shawn Elliott - January 03, 2015 at 09:36 AM

SM

“ Sherry M. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



Sherry M. - January 02, 2015 at 10:05 PM

RP

“ To the Savarino family I heard of his passing today and wanted to share a brief note. Mark and I were childhood friends and played ball together, be it baseball, basketball and football. Mark was a good friend and we shared lots of time together will growing up. We had a common love of baseball and we tossed many a ball throughout the years. Now that Mark has left this world I am sure that he is sitting with him Mom & Dad and loving every minute of it. God bless your family and my prayers go out to Danny and Billy during this time of loss.

Ramon Perez, Jr., Albuquerque, NM (rperez26@yahoo.com)

Ramon Perez - January 02, 2015 at 09:54 PM

SM

“ Wendy, Mark Anthony and Jessie,

My heart has been so heavy since I heard about Mark passing away. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know there are no words to help you right now, but know how much Mark meant to everyone he knew. He will be sincerely missed by so many.

I worked for Mark for 10 years in the call center and those were the best 10 of the 30 years I worked there. I feel so fortunate to have known him, call him my friend and to have had him for my boss for that many years. He was a great motivator ... oh, he knew how to press my button in a funny way to propel me into an even higher gear to be the best! And, when we would discuss issues that were ... let's say not to my liking ... he would say Mendez just do it and I don't want your two cents ... then he would laugh because he knew he was going to get my two cents and then some. I very much respected Mark and he had many wonderful attributes. He was a caring person and boss. He was inspiring and made work fun. He would share his love for you ... his family ... his love for fishing, hunting and sports by the stories he would tell us. You always knew when there had been enough chit chat and time to get back to work ... he would say "ok sports fans" ... and, that was a wrap. You wanted to do a great job for Mark and never disappoint him; that's an incredible leader!

I will end with this ... when my Grandma passed away, I was crying and crying .. my daughter was 3 years old at the time ... I remember her taking her little hand wiping tears from my face and saying "why you cry when Grandma is with Jesus". When I get sad about losing my daddy and grandparents, I think about those words and know they are in the best place!

*Love to you all,
Sherry Mendez*

Sherry Mendez - January 02, 2015 at 09:42 PM



“ *California Healthy was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.*



January 02, 2015 at 01:09 PM



“ *Dr. and Mrs. Alejandro Lopez, Jr., and Sons purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.*



Dr. and Mrs. Alejandro Lopez, Jr., and Sons - January 02, 2015 at 12:24 PM



“ *Melissa S. purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.*



Melissa S. - January 02, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ *Dan,
My heart reaches out to you at this difficult time. May your fond memories of Mark comfort you. Shirley and I will be thinking of you.*

Ken Hardisty

Ken Hardisty - January 02, 2015 at 11:13 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



January 02, 2015 at 06:56 AM



“ Wendy, Mark Anthony and Jessica,

I can only imagine the loss you are experiencing right now as Mark's passing was so sudden. It was an honor for me to work with Mark at AT&T (SBC) for over 10 years in the business call centers. I have so many memories of our time together and SO MANY stories! To this day I use a phrase Mark said as he mimicked his hand as in back peddling and called it "crawdaddying".

Mark was loyal, kind-hearted, funny, caring, and crazy about his family, hunting and fishing! (Oh yeah, did I mention baseball??)

He made an impact on my life and I am grateful to have called him my friend. I will cherish the many memories of him forever. May your memories comfort you in this difficult time, and provide you joy in the years to come.

I am so sorry I will not be at the service on Saturday, but please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Liz Gunn

Elizabeth Gunn - January 01, 2015 at 11:02 PM

RU

“ Rachel Perez and Debbie Uekman purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



Rachel Perez and Debbie Uekman - January 01, 2015 at 06:47 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



January 01, 2015 at 05:25 PM

SB

“ Steve and Kathy Breazeale purchased the *Let It Snow* for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



Steve and Kathy Breazeale - January 01, 2015 at 02:41 PM

SR

“ Sandra Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Savarino



Sandra Ramirez - January 01, 2015 at 01:32 PM

AS

“ Wendy and Family,
Although we have never met, I feel very close to you and your family by way of my co-worker and your twin sister, Carla. It was through Carla that I met Mark early in 2014 when he came to the office to have lunch with us. We had a pleasant visit and felt like old friends...he was a very outgoing and genuinely kind man, whom you were blessed to have in your life.
Please accept my most sincere condolences. I pray that time will soften the pain that you now feel, until all that remains are the beautiful memories....May God bless you and your family as He raises Mark on eagles' wings and bears him in the palm of His hand. May the perpetual light shine upon him.
Prayers,
Annabelle Silva

Annabelle Silva - January 01, 2015 at 11:09 AM

VH

“ Valerie H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



Valerie H. - January 01, 2015 at 10:36 AM

MW

“ I have lost many of my family members and I know no words can take away the ache of missing hugs from that special person, but I do get comfort from the stories people have shared about my loved ones. Mark and I were childhood friends through high school and although I really didn't know him as an adult, Mark and I had been keeping up with each other on social media. I can see he was well loved and respected by his family and co-workers. Such a proud legacy to leave for his family. I was the youngest in my class and hung out a lot with Mark's class. I have never heard a harsh word about him....he was always kind and caring to his friends. My condolences and prayers to his family.-Mary Beth Tankersley Wright (mbwts@aol.com)

MARYBETH WRIGHT - January 01, 2015 at 10:14 AM



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



January 01, 2015 at 10:10 AM

TF

“ The Cobin Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



The Cobin Family - December 31, 2014 at 10:06 PM

Ruth Solis

“ I knew Mark all of my childhood from the time my family relocated from Chicago to Mercedes. We attended elementary, junior high and high school together. We graduated in 1973. He was a great individual. He knew no stranger. His teammates and classmates respected and liked him. Always a gentleman, a scholar, and from what I have read and heard a kind and giving friend, husband, father, grandfather 😊, uncle, and brother.

Ruth Solis - December 31, 2014 at 09:24 PM

GA

“ Glenda Jeter Allen lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Savarino



Glenda Jeter Allen - December 31, 2014 at 09:17 PM

GA

Mark was an incredible brother-in-law. .always a loving husband, father, brother and grand-daughter !! He will truly be missed by all !!!
RIP MARK !

Glenda Jeter Allen - December 31, 2014 at 09:20 PM

GA

Grand-father

Glenda Jeter Allen - December 31, 2014 at 09:21 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.*



December 31, 2014 at 07:25 PM



“ *To Wendy and family, I had the privilege of working with Mark at SBC's Presidio office for years. An incredible man! He shared with us often that it was not how hard you worked that would be remembered but the legacy of love you left behind. Mark definitely left such a legacy. One thing I believe that came through in his life and stories was how much he loved his family. He shared with us the story of when he first saw his wife, and said he just knew he had to meet her. And another time some coworkers were sharing a joke about would you rather have 20 something year old woman or....and Mark stopped them short and said "No thanks! I'll keep the 50 something I have at home thank you." It was clear he was all about his wife and kids. You guys were the absolute light of his life. We knew you through his stories. Such pride and love he had for you. My prayers and thoughts are with you all. But I have no doubt that he is sharing his fishing and hunting stories up in Heaven.*

Autumn Baker - December 31, 2014 at 06:19 PM



“ *On behalf of the entire US Health Advisors family, we are honored and proud to have known and worked with Mark for the last few years. He was always a joy to be around and talk to. He surely will be missed, but I look forward to seeing him again some day!! Prayers for the entire Savarino family!!*

Mark Darrough - December 31, 2014 at 05:39 PM



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



December 31, 2014 at 05:38 PM



“ *It was such a pleasure to be part of the same organization as Mark. Mark lived life with the greatest zest. He was a friend to all of us, and we were certainly keenly aware when Mark wasn't at one of our gatherings - he had the BEST stories, told in unique Mark fashion, especially about various hunting and fishing exploits. Truly you got the picture that life was a big adventure and meant to be enjoyed as such, a gift for us, then and now. Of course Mark was also very good at what he did - cared tremendously about his team and had a unique way of connecting with each and every person on his team. After he retired, I also received some of the most amazing photos of birds - a passion, Wendy, that Mark was obviously very proud to support. It is heartbreaking to hear this news, and I hope that you and the family find some comfort in the knowledge that Mark so fully shared his spirit and will always be with us because of that.*

Sue West

Sue West - December 31, 2014 at 05:19 PM

NG

“ It is with much sadness that I received the news of Mark's passing. I was privileged to have worked with him at AT&T for many years. He was a great leader with much encouragement and praise to his direct reports and teams. He was always very approachable and would take the time to listen and act upon his team's ideas. Mark had a friendly rivalry between our hometown football teams of Bellville and Hempstead, especially when our schools were within the same district and played each other. My prayers go out to his family. May God be with you and help you during this difficult time of grief and loss. God Bless you.

Nancy Galloway - December 31, 2014 at 05:11 PM

LC

“ Mark was a very special person who I had the pleasure of working with at Presidio. His passing is a great loss to all that knew him. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his family and may God bless you during this difficult time.

Linda De La Cruz

Linda La Cruz - December 31, 2014 at 05:03 PM

JT

“ Johelen Thomas-McCandless lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Savarino



Johelen Thomas-McCandless - December 31, 2014 at 04:05 PM

DJ

“ Wendy & family, while I have never met any of you in person I feel as though I have a connection with you. I started working with Mark mid 2002 until he retired, I was the pain in his side in Little Rock. We continued to stay in touch even after his retirement. He loved talking about all his family, the outdoors, hunting, sports & American Idol. He was more than a boss & was great to work long side!!!!He was a great mentor & good friend. He was very supportive of me & my girls when my 1st husband Randy passed away 10 1/2 years ago & even came up to Little Rock for his funeral. He had a heart of gold & now he is with the Lord. God's blessing for each of you during this very hard time. Keep your strength in the Lord & each other. -- Deresa (Sherrill) Jackson

Deresa (Sherrill) Jackson - December 31, 2014 at 03:54 PM

S(

“ Sylvania & Bruce Mason (slmason2000@aol.com) purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.



Sylvia & Bruce Mason (slmason2000@aol.com) - December 31, 2014 at 03:43 PM

MG

“On the death of a friend, we should consider that the fates through confidence have devolved on us the task of a double living, that we have henceforth to fulfill the promise of our friend's life also, in our own, to the world.”

? Henry David Thoreau

For my friend, Mark Savarino

All my love and prayers of comfort to the entire Savarino extended family.

My heart breaks as yours.

Michele (Angst) Gremillion

Michele Gremillion - December 31, 2014 at 03:35 PM

SM

“ Dear Wendy & Family,

We are truly saddened by Mark's passing. Mark was more than just a boss, mentor and friend; he was an "Amazing Person"!



He never met a stranger; loved working with people; great outdoorsman; good listener and will always be remembered for his kindness.

His passing will not only leave a void in our lives but in the hearts of everyone who knew him. Mark's memory will always remain deep within our hearts.

Fisherman's Prayer ...

*"I pray that I may live to fish until my dying day. And when my last cast, I then most humbly pray, When the Lord's great landing net and peacefully asleep. That in His mercy I be judged BIG ENOUGH TO KEEP!"
GONE FISHING....*

Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

With Deepest Sympathy,

*Sylvia & Bruce Mason
SImason2000@aol.com*

Sylvia Mason - December 31, 2014 at 03:25 PM



“ *Mari Joyner Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mark Steven Savarino*



Mari Joyner Nelson - December 31, 2014 at 03:13 PM



Prayers for the Savarino Family. The world has lost a great man but the Angels are rejoicing.

Mari Joyner Nelson - December 31, 2014 at 03:15 PM

TG

“ *My heart is so sad. Mark was such a good man with a big heart. I can say he touched a lot of lives with his kindness. I worked with Mark at SWBT Presidio office. He was a true blessing to many. My prayers go out to his wife and children.*

Tanna Guillory - December 31, 2014 at 03:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mark Steven Savarino.*



December 31, 2014 at 02:55 PM

AJ

“ An extraordinarily good guy...kind, giving, thoughtful, fair, and so many more good characteristics. He retired in 2010 from AT&T but really never left us in thought or spirit. Rest Mark and to the family immediate abs extended my prayers are with you...blessings always.



Angel Jones and family

Angel Jones - December 31, 2014 at 02:45 PM

JG

“ My condolences the Savarino family. I had the pleasure to work under Mark for six years in Houston at AT&T. He was one of the finest bosses with the utmost compassion for all his employees. Rest in peace.

John Garcia

John Garcia - December 31, 2014 at 02:42 PM

KB

“ Our hearts are broken...Steve and I have been honored the last few years to work with Mark at USHealth Advisors...he was one of the "good guys"...so very genuine...full of integrity. ..and loved his family above all things!!! He always made you smile each time you spoke to him or saw him...we will miss him terribly. Hug our baby boy for us Mark up in heaven and this is not goodbye...we will see you later...All of our love to Wendy and the whole family!!!!

Kathy and Steve Breazeale - December 31, 2014 at 02:29 PM

CP

“ Mark was a very caring and sweet person, whom I worked with @ Presidio (SWBT). May God comfort his family in their time of sorrow.

Clara Price - December 31, 2014 at 02:17 PM

JJ

“ I had the previlage of working with Mark at SW Bell at Presido (Houston). He was a very caring warm hearted individual. He always had a hunting story to share with me. He will be missed greatly. To his family, my prayers are being lifted. May GOD bless you all.

JAMIE JAMES - December 31, 2014 at 02:09 PM

JT

“ I feel very blessed to have known Mark and to have had him as a 3rd line manager. He could certainly test you to your limits, but was always fair. I remember the time he had to work on opening deer seasoning day.. Let's just say not a happy man. The district staff put on reindeer antlers and ran around outside his window. He had a toy gun and aiming at us. Know wasn't the same as the real deal, but it did bring a smile to his face

Johelen Thomas-McCandless - December 31, 2014 at 02:08 PM

DJ

Wendy and family.. My thoughts and prayers are with during this sad time. I worked with Mark when you lived in San Antonio.. He was a great man

donna johnson - December 31, 2014 at 04:19 PM

AB

Johelen I was just sharing that story with my daughter yesterday. I know he thought we were a bunch of goofs, but it did make him laugh.

Autumn Baker - December 31, 2014 at 06:23 PM



My thoughts & prayers go out to Mark's family. I had the privilege to work w/him @ Presidio (AT&T). He was a very caring & considerate person. May God bless you all.

Angel Farrow

Angel Farrow - December 31, 2014 at 08:56 PM

CM

My husband, Ed and I both worked with Mark here in San Antonio. He not only was a great manager, but a great friend! Our thoughts and prayers are with the Savarino family and all his friends.

Cindy Maule - December 31, 2014 at 09:48 PM

GN

My thoughts and prayers are with Mark's family today. I worked with him in San Antonio and always looked forward to his smile, positive attitude and willingness to work together. I know you will miss him. May your good memories of his life bring you comfort.

Glenda Nicholson - January 01, 2015 at 01:33 PM

JB

Wendy, My heart goes out to you and your family. Mark was a wonderful man, he was kind, funny, smart and amazing. You and your family are in my prayers.

Jane Burchard - January 04, 2015 at 06:50 AM

AS

Our thoughts and Prayers are with Mark's family.

Angela Salas - January 06, 2015 at 10:26 AM