



Mark Spinnato

April 6, 2023

Mark Allen Spinnato, 69, residing in Peoria, AZ, and Broomfield, CO passed away on April 6, 2023.

Mark, born on July 3, 1953, grew up in Baltimore, MD, and called Colorado and California home for various parts of his childhood. He studied at the University of Colorado, where he found success in his first career as a history teacher before discovering his true passion in finance by opening a wealth management firm that won accolades multiple years over, and where he spent his retired years on a speaking circuit sharing his advice with industry planners.

Mark was a loving husband, father, and friend, whose great passion for family and living life was contagious. Mark considered raising his children the greatest thing he ever did. Born and raised in the Catholic church, he lived a life devoted to God.

Growing up with the sounds of the standards, Motown, and show tunes in the air, Mark's eclectic tastes grew with him as he enjoyed live theatre and traveling the world with his wife Debbie by his side. In his free time, he was a force playing both golf and tennis. He loved football, rooting on his CU Buffs (even receiving an encouraging and supportive personal shoutout from Coach "Primetime" Deion Sanders in March 2023!) and the Denver Broncos. Mark

was also a lifelong fan of the Baltimore Orioles, getting to play ball with Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. at his camp!

As a lifelong trivia buff and national champion, Mark found interest and humor in nearly everything around him and was always excited to share his knowledge and tell stories. His quick wit and zest for entertaining drew family, friends, colleagues, clients, and strangers close to him.

Mark is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Debbie; his children Brian (Allison) Spinnato and Gina (Todd) Ross; stepsons Brett Kerin and Ryan (Melissa) Kerin; his grandchildren Ava, Addie, Mikey, and Wrena; his mother Connie Spinnato; and his siblings Joe (Yolande) Spinnato, Mary Fran (Lee) Anderson, and Jo Ann (Mark) Pronovost.

A private celebration of life is planned, and in lieu of flowers, it was Mark's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

Mark on Safari in Africa

Tribute Wall

DR

“ A wonderful, cheerful man who enjoyed life. He is a great loss to those of us who knew him through the CU Trivia Bowl, as well as all his other family and friends. Dan Rector

Dan Rector - January 04, 2024 at 02:24 PM

RC

“ To the Spinatto family:I am so sorry for your loss. I also knew Mark through the CU Trivia Bowl. I always enjoyed playing trivia with and against Mark. He always had a great sense of humor and was a great trivia player. He will be missed. Rick Cranr

Rick Cranr - November 20, 2023 at 08:24 PM

RA

“ Dear Spinnato Family:I just found out about Mark’s passing. I am heartbroken. I knew Mark from the CU Trivia Bowl. He attended several of my Trivia Invitational Bowls in Denver. He was such a kind man, peaceful in soul, and gentle in heart. All of us associated with the CU Trivia Bowl will miss him greatly. I would have loved to have been one of his students. I am sure you are comforted by the fact that Mark is being cared for by the Risen Christ.With heartfelt condolences,Ralph Albi

Ralph Albi - November 20, 2023 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ Dear Spinnato Family,I was so sad to hear of Mark’s death. Long ago, back at CU, I knew Mark from the Trivia Bowl (etc), and he was always so kind and funny. Such a great loss, far too soon. Everyone who knew him will miss him, and will be thinking of you in this hard, sorrowful time.Sincerely,Susan Mackay Smith

Susan Mackay Smith - November 20, 2023 at 01:38 PM

DE

“ *Hey sweetie, I miss you every day. And will see you in heaven. Love you always.*

Debbie - May 05, 2023 at 10:42 PM

KH

“ *To the entire Spinnato Family, Please accept my sincerest condolences. It is not often that I have the opportunity to meet those that I care for prior to their passing and I am so thankful I was able to meet Mark. He was an incredibly kind and funny person. I truly hope that your memories of him will bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time. It has been an honor to care for Mark and your family.*

Karle Henderson - May 04, 2023 at 01:25 PM