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It is with such heavy hearts and an overwhelming sadness that our families announce the passing of Mark Alan Cogburn Jr. Mark left this world and crossed over to join the Lord on Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Mark was born on October 5th, 1986 at Visalia Community Hospital. He attended Pinkham Elementary from first through fifth grades and started sixth grade at Central Valley Christian where he graduated Senior High School in 2005. Mark played all sports, but it was on the football field where he truly exceeded all of our expectations.

In his Junior and Senior seasons Mark was selected as First Team All-State Offensive Lineman, First Team All-League Offensive Lineman, Fresno Bee All-State Team, Tulare County All Star Teams and helped his team go undefeated two years for a record of 26-0. From CVC Mark went on to attend College of the Sequoias where he earned an AA and started two years at Offensive Tackle and in 2007 he was the Comeback Player of the Year, after suffering a knee injury at the end of 2006. Shortly after finishing his career at COS, Mark was given a full ride scholarship to Troy State University in Troy, Alabama but unfortunately, his football career ended when he had his ACL, MCL and Patella reconstructed after another devastating injury during Spring Practice.

After leaving Troy, Mark began working for Joe Berry, his maternal grandfather at Central Valley Dairy Breeders where he analyzed cows and worked on the family ranch. Cows were a big part of Marks life, he loved working with cattle and was working on a dairy, out of state, when he passed away.

As a little boy Mark loved motorcycles and boating. He got the bug from his parents, family members and friends, after growing up near the Pismo Dunes and Lake Kaweah. Mark got his first bike around 10 years of age, an XR 100, which after about a month told his dad he had outgrown it and needed a new 250. This theme stayed with Mark because to him, you couldn't have too big of a ski boat or too fast of a bike.

Mark Jr is survived by his mother, Sheri Berry-Cogburn, father Mark Cogburn, Sr., brother Joel Cogburn, grandparents Glen and Nancy Cogburn, grandparents Joe and Nancy Berry, all of Visalia, CA. Aunts Carol De Arman-Mayer of Minneapolis, MN and Kimberly Brosseau of Salinas, CA. Uncles include Joe Berry III, of Shell Beach, CA, Ramsey Berry of Visalia, CA and Chris Cogburn of Visalia, CA; also numerous cousins, nieces and nephews are to be included.

A viewing will be held at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, located at 127 E. Caldwell Ave, Visalia, on Sunday, May 8th from 4pm to 8pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at Gateway Church, 1100 S. Sowell St, Visalia, on Monday, May 9th at 10am. Mark will be laid to rest at The Visalia Public Cemetery, 1300 W. Goshen Ave, Visalia, directly following the memorial service. At the conclusion of the graveside service, family and friends are invited back to Gateway Church/Fellowship Hall to share in a luncheon gathering in Mark's memory and honor at 12pm. Condolences may be left by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Cemetery Details

Visalia Public Cemetery

1300 W. Goshen Ave.
Visalia, CA 93291
visaliacemetery@aol.com
<http://www.visaliacem.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel
127 E. Caldwell Ave
Visalia, CA 93277
(559) 635-1144
info@salseranddillard.com
<https://www.salseranddillard.com>

Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

Gateway Church of Visalia
1100 S Sowell St
Visalia, CA 93277

Tribute Wall

SC

“ I miss my son Mark Alan Cogburn Jr. very badly. My heart is broken into and I pray each day to receive peace and comfort from God. Marki was a wonderful person, he had A big heart he was always considerate and passion about everything that he did, there is really not a whole lot I can say that you guys don't already know. He was absolutely a wonderful person.

Sheri Cogburn - November 20, 2016 at 03:59 AM

PC

“ Mark was a joy to coach. I loved him as a person , player and friend my family and I will pray for him.

Pierre Chamalbide

Pierre Chamalbide - May 09, 2016 at 11:11 AM

PH

“ Price's Jared, Helen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .



Price's Jared, Helen - May 08, 2016 at 03:01 PM

JP

“ Was so saddened to hear of your loss. I can only imagine how tough it is... My heart goes out to you Mark and the family. I have prayed for you all and continue to pray that God will comfort you as only he can.

Jared Price

Jared Price - May 08, 2016 at 01:50 PM

GA

“ So sorry to hear of Mark's passing away. I so enjoyed his presence and leadership on campus at Central Valley Christian H.S. Those were some wonderful years for Mark and his friends and faculty and staff. Keeping all of his loved ones in my prayers. Gary B. Adams, Principal at CVCHS 2002-2012.

Gary B. Adams - May 07, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .



May 06, 2016 at 11:24 AM

JF

“ Judy& Tommy Ford. FordFarms purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .



Judy& Tommy Ford. FordFarms - May 04, 2016 at 05:11 PM

CM

“ *Christine Marchant sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr.*



Christine marchant - May 04, 2016 at 12:41 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .*



May 04, 2016 at 12:28 AM

AH

“ *For some moments in life there are no words*

Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand

Annie



Andrea Hunt - May 03, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .*



May 03, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ *Much Love and prayers from your Arkansas family, Shelley and Jerry Scott* 💕



Jerry shelley scott - May 03, 2016 at 06:35 PM



“ *Your quick wit, loving heart and laughter will be miss, so missed. To the family, my deepest condolences. From our family to yours.*



Michele Cimbalakova - May 03, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ *You are going to be missed Mark. You are loved by many...a gentle giant with a great sense of humor and sensitive heart.*



Tabby Rose Allred - May 03, 2016 at 05:03 PM

RB

“ Ramsey Berry

Markie it's Uncle Ramsey I Love You. You were always such a kind, handsome, sweet person I will always remember you in the most important steps of my life to come. You made an everlasting impression on my life. I love you. Forever. Uncle BOBO! 😊



Ramsey Berry - May 03, 2016 at 03:57 PM

MT

“ Love you so much, no matter how big you grew I always still saw you as that sweet little boy, playing hide n seek in the house cupboards, gorging ourselves on pizza, staying up late watching movies. You and Joel were hands down the best kids to babysit ever. Your parents and grandparents are the kindest most wonderful people I'll probably ever know. Until we met again 'Marky hiding king of the cupboards'. Love you.

Mary Thomas - May 03, 2016 at 03:05 PM

Paula Noga

“ Paula Noga purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr. .



Paula Noga - May 03, 2016 at 02:59 PM

Paula
Noga

“ *Paula Noga lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr.*



Paula Noga - May 03, 2016 at 02:00 PM

CH

“ *One of the sweetest little boys I ever knew. My heart is broken for the whole family. Our prayers are with you all. Carol Hoppert Hays*

Carol Hoppert Hays - May 03, 2016 at 01:41 PM

JW

“ *Mark, my prayer for you and all the family is that in the days to come you will all be able to remember how lucky you were to have known Mark and his love for you all. This will be with tears of joy and special memories, your treasures, tucked away in your hearts.*



Jan West

Jan West - May 03, 2016 at 01:36 PM

JR

“ I am Mark's great Aunt Jan from Arkansas. When Mark was about 15 I had flown out to visit Mark's fraternal grandparent's and extended family. Mark came into see his Grandma Nancy and Grandpa Glen. Mark's Grand Dad Glen had a love for old muscle cars that was carried on through Little Mark. Mark had just got his permit to drive with a licensed driver. Long story short Little Mark insisted that I needed to go for a ride in his Granddad's 66 Cheville. His eyes lit up when his Grandmother stated OK, but just about mile down the road and back to her house. The joy that was in that boy's eye's I will never forget as long as I live. I hope he is riding around in his favorite old muscle car up in heaven and I wouldn't be surprised if he had a special guest in the passenger seat. I love you Markie.

Janice Richey - May 03, 2016 at 01:32 PM

Kelly
Stoecker

“ You were the biggest of men...with an infectious smile... A hugger..a lover..a fighter... Your cousin's and I will miss you beyond words... But know you'll be a giant guardian angel... Godspeed sweet nephew...
Aunt Kelly Kelsey & Braden



Kelly Stoecker - May 03, 2016 at 03:47 AM

Paula
Noga

The sweetest little blue-eyed baby I ever saw. I remember taking you with us to Pismo, and your Grandma chasing after you on your trike at the RV park. We loved you the first time we laid eyes on you, and we love you still. Only God knows why He chose to take you now. We will miss you forever. Rest with the Angels, sweet boy. Uncle Jim, Auntie Paula, Elizabeth, Michael, Justin, Ashley, Aiden, Vanessa and Baby Damien

Paula Noga - May 03, 2016 at 01:38 PM

CT

We are shocked and saddened to hear of Marks death. We have great memories of him. We are praying for the family. Love you. Charlie and Andra Thum

Charlie and Andra Thum - May 03, 2016 at 04:04 PM

 Danika Pizana

“ *Danika Pizana sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Alan Cogburn, Jr.*



Danika Pizana - May 03, 2016 at 02:28 AM

 Danika Pizana

“ *May GOD continue to be by your mother's side through all of this. RIP Marky.*

Danika Pizana - May 03, 2016 at 02:27 AM

KI

“ *I am not sure what grade....maybe 1st or 2nd....anyway, Mark went to Hawaii I think, and when he came back he brought necklaces for our whole class. Random memory but it keeps popping into my head lately. Also- I saw him at a yoga class not too long ago and he seemed so content. I also ran into him at CVS a few weeks ago. He was always friendly and smiling.*

Kimberly - May 03, 2016 at 01:33 AM

TA

“ *My Nephew,... My Cousin,...*

Sadness overcomes us as we remember the past of the of our lives. It is with great humble and light, that we realize how family is the utmost importance at this time. Marky(aka Mark). It is in our heart and prayers to our family as we grieve and cry!

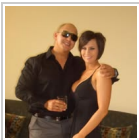
Me, {Aunt Tracy, remember the little boy I spent so much time with at the coast, and relish the moments, as I recollect the beauty that we were blessed with, as you were a young boy} . JoJo,{ My Big Cousin, I always looked up to you and admired your kind heart and open mind. A piece of our hearts are broken and will never be repaired.} To Aunt Sheri, Uncle Mark, Joel, Nana, Papa Joe, (Dad Joe Jr.) and every other family members...Words can never express our feelings.

We Love and will always hold a wonderful place and so many memories in our hearts...

With much Love and Compassion,

Aunt Tracy, And Joseph Francis Berry III

Tracy Aushman - May 03, 2016 at 12:12 AM



“ *Our family will have a huge void without you!! Love you Markie!! RIP Big Bear!*

Tiffany Beggs - May 02, 2016 at 10:54 PM



“ *I love you, Mark.*

Hailey Graham - May 01, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *RIP my sweet friend. You will be missed
dearly.*
Brandi and Ali Martin



Brandi Martin - April 30, 2016 at 11:33 PM