



Mark Major

July 2, 1980 - October 19, 2019

Mark Major, 39, passed away on October 19, 2019, shortly after finishing his third book. An intellectual, hilarious, and passionate husband, son, and friend, Mark leaves behind his wife, Erin Heidt-Forsythe of Boalsburg, PA, his parents, Gerald (Jerry) and Jean Major of Farmington Hills, MI, his sister, Suzanne (Thad) Quinley of Chicago, IL, four nephews, and a crowd of loving friends. After earning a BA from Michigan State University and a PhD in Political Science from Rutgers University, Mark went on to research and teach about the presidency and the media. He loved drinking a good glass of Pinot Noir, being the loudest singer at karaoke, and walking his dogs. A funeral Mass will be held at the Church of the Holy Family, Novi at 11:00 AM Saturday, October 26, 2019, preceded by a visitation at 10:30 AM. A celebration of Mark's extraordinary life will occur at a later date. Information can be found at <http://www.celebratemark.com>.

Donations in memory of Mark can be made to the Committee to Protect Journalists - <http://cpj.org> or Animal Haven - <https://www.animalhavenshelter.org> or American Heart Association. <http://www.heart.org>

Events

OCT 26 **Gathering of Family and Friends** 10:30AM

Church of the Holy Family

24505 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI, US, 48375-2845

OCT 26 **Liturgy** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I'm incredibly sorry to learn about the passing of Professor Major. I was fortunate enough to have him as a professor for 3 classes when he was at Case Western Reserve. He was such an incredibly kind person, he emailed me multiple times after I graduated and he moved to Penn State. His kindness and caring about his students sticks in my mind. I was just about to send him an email with a few classmates to thank him for everything and provide a life update for each of us, and I learned about his passing. All of us were shocked to say the least. The world is definitely a little worse off with him. Thank you, Professor Major for all of your kindness and support to me and all of your students. To Professor Major's family, I'm incredibly sorry for your loss, he was an amazing person and mentor. My most sincere condolences to all of you.

Dustin Likend - November 02, 2020 at 08:19 PM



“ I picked up a Political Science journal that arrived in my mailbox today to find the news of Mark's passing last October. What a shock it was to learn that this wonderful young man who was my graduate student at William Paterson University had died too soon. After he got his Masters at our school, we continued to be in touch for awhile. I remember receiving the announcement of his wedding and he asked me to write a chapter for his book, "Where Do We Go from Here?" which I obliged. He was a brilliant scholar always committed to putting his scholarship at the service of humane values. My deepest condolences go out to the family.

Sheila D. Collins
Professor of Political Science Emerita
William Paterson Universit

Sheila Collins - June 02, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Mark was one of my best friends in grad school and beyond. He will be dearly missed. My deepest condolences to his family.

Doug Pierce - October 23, 2019 at 06:12 PM