



Mark Edward Thatcher

December 22, 1951 - February 9, 2023

Mark Edward Thatcher, 71, of New Kent, VA passed peacefully at home on February 9, 2023. He was born December 22, 1951, the son of the late Edward and Harriett Thatcher of Elmira, New York.

Mark was the definition of a “Renaissance Man”. His interests stretched from history to animal husbandry and everything in between. It was a very rare evening when he was found without a book in his hands. After high school his adventures started when he hitchhiked from New York to Alaska where he worked as a fisherman. After a brief stint in college and a time as a taxi driver in NYC, Mark joined the US Navy as a gunner’s mate and the Maryland and South Carolina Army National Guard as an infantryman/mortarman sergeant, serving honorably. He loved helping both animals and people. After earning a degree in equine science, he managed cattle and horse farms all while serving as a volunteer fireman and EMT. After farming he worked as a corrections officer before finding his true calling with the New Kent Sheriff’s department where he served the people of New Kent from February 1994 to November 2011, ultimately retiring as a Detective Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sharon Thatcher; and daughter-in-law, Marsha Thatcher.

Mark is survived by his loving companion Joyce Radcliffe; two sons, Kevan Thatcher (Tracci) and Kyle Thatcher (Andy); three brothers Kevin, Edward (J.P.) and Bret Thatcher; four grandchildren Sean, Christina, Mark and Lori; two close cousins Michael and Bruce Thatcher, and numerous extended

family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00pm on Friday, March 3, 2023 at Vincent Funeral Home; 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, Va. The family will receive friends for one hour prior to the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Memorial Service

MAR 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ *Mark will missed- A good friend and great police officer. We worked together for all the years he was with the NK Sheriff's Office. He was one of the smartest people I have ever known. He was a great storyteller and fun to be with. We really enjoyed our trips to college football games. One of my favorite memories is our trip to Knoxville to see his favorite team, the Arkansas Razorbacks, play Tennessee at Neyland Stadium. As others have said, he was one of a kind.*

Linwood Gregory - March 03, 2023 at 02:10 PM

KW

“ *Kelly Douglas Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Thatcher*



Kelly Douglas Wiggins - February 23, 2023 at 01:22 PM

AA

“ *I am going to miss my teddy bear! We worked together at NKSO and remain friends all Of these years. He would still call me trouble and give me that big bear hug squeezing me one of the good ones gone but he will always be in my heart prayers for the Thatcher family With love Alicia*

Alicia Akrie-Williams - February 22, 2023 at 01:14 PM

LV

“ Mark worked with my Husband and My son on the sheriff's department for many years him and sharon came to our house fot thanksgiving every year till sharon passed away and the last few him and Joyce oh what fun we had so many laughs and memories he will be missed this year and for years to come. Rip our dear friend you will surely be missed give Big John a big hug for me and tell him how much we miss him.i can see trouble brewing up there with you to together.my heart goes out to our sweet Joyce and i hope you know that Chris and I will do our best to look out for her love you big guy Linda



Linda Vickery - February 21, 2023 at 08:24 AM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album Mark



David Wooldridge - February 21, 2023 at 02:50 AM

DW

We will miss you you @ APCO. Rest easy brother.

David Wooldridge - February 21, 2023 at 02:51 AM

TE

“ I'm going to Miss Mark! Mark and I met the 1st time in May 1980 while we commissioned the USS Clark (FFG-11) in Bath, ME where it was built. We ran into each other a few times in the 80s and our Clark Reunion in 2018 in Wilmington, De. We were planning on getting together to play some golf together in Fl. Mark was a very diversified person and would give his shirt off his back for you. We had many good times together! RIP Brother and Shipmate!! Myself and Margaret send the Family/sons are respect and Love. ❤️ 🙏🙏
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Terry Eccleston - February 20, 2023 at 07:22 PM

TH

“ Mark, One of kind.

tom hicks - February 20, 2023 at 03:45 PM

MM

“ Mark you will not be forgotten! RIP ❤️ 🌹

Mary Murdock - February 20, 2023 at 02:45 PM


Franklin Walker

“ Mark was one of a kind. I feel lucky to have known him and shared so many laughs with him. He will be remembered by his team, 3rd Maryland Artilery and his name will be spoken at our campfires for years to come. RIP my friend

Franklin Walker - February 15, 2023 at 02:29 PM

LD

“ We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Thatcher after knowing his son’s for many years. Seemed like a quite genuine man. A man you can respect. I know he produced some good men. Kevan and Kyle our thoughts are with you and your families.

Le Ann Day - February 15, 2023 at 09:06 AM

RM

“ I worked with Mark for about 15 years he was one of the smartest people I every knew. He had a tremendous memory and was an excellent Police officer. He was a great friend and I will miss him very much. Richard

Richard Morris - February 14, 2023 at 04:57 PM

JM

“ Mark was one of a kind and a fun



Joe and Robin McLaughlin - February 14, 2023 at 11:21 AM

JM

Loving guy. He was good at most anything he undertook. We will miss you brother

Joe and Robin McLaughlin - February 14, 2023 at 11:23 AM

CH

“ *Chrid Hamlet lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Thatcher*



Chrid Hamlet - February 13, 2023 at 09:02 PM

CH

RIP ole buddy , already missing you

Chrid Hamlet - February 13, 2023 at 09:02 PM

DE

“ *David Ecimovic lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Thatcher*



David Ecimovic - February 13, 2023 at 03:34 PM

DE

“ *Rest in peace Mark. You were a true friend.*

David Ecimovic - February 13, 2023 at 03:34 PM

GT

“ *Garnice Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Thatcher*



Garnice Taylor - February 13, 2023 at 12:16 PM

LK

“ *Laura Key lit a candle in memory of Mark Edward Thatcher*



Laura Key - February 13, 2023 at 12:07 PM

DP

Growing up with this guy was nothing but fun and laughs. Heated it when he left town. Bless him.

Dan phillips - February 15, 2023 at 05:08 PM