



## Mark Philip Poncy

February 13, 1947 - February 1, 2012

### Mark Philip Poncy

Mark Philip Poncy went back to God on February 1, 2012 in Jupiter, Florida, surrounded by his wife of 43 years, Marnie, and their four children—Morgan (Susan Brown), Chip (Jane Plomley), Mara (Jay Hatfield), and Mike (Amanda Taylor). Born in New York City on February 13, 1947 to George and Mary Poncy, Mark grew up a rabid Yankees, Giants and Rangers fan with his two brothers, George Jr. (Susan Thomas) and Richard (Carole Stott), and indoctrinated his family and many others with his sports patronage. He was educated at The Delbarton School, Georgetown University, Fairleigh-Dickinson University, and George Washington University.

At 20, Mark fell in love with Marnie Ritchie and began a wonderful family that adored him and reveled in being the focus of his life. They moved to Palm Beach County in 1974, where Mark, his brothers and his Dad formed and grew Steridyne Corporation, a family business in medical product development, for 23 years.

Mark and Marnie enjoyed raising their family in the area's small town environment, where Mark coached, played, prospered, and became a central figure in the community. A favorite little league coach, Mark taught countless kids how to compete and enjoy the game of life with character, pride, humility, and a great sense of humor. Off the field, Mark became a father figure to many, mentoring kids in various endeavors in classrooms, the backyard, and

around the kitchen table.

Mark's creative spirits and talents were enjoyed by many. He was an amazing storyteller, musician, composer, and inventor. He wrote novels, published numerous articles and recorded a diverse array of musical pieces, including singer-songwriter compositions, classical works, musicals, an alma mater and a Mass. Mark's ingenuity was also reflected in his patents, inventions, and business ventures. An intellectual property expert, Mark's recent work with his life-long friend, Jack Scarola, inspired him to enroll in law school—he remained a student of life until death.

Mark is survived and loved by his mother, his two brothers and their families. His sandbox crowd of lifelong friends will continue to treasure his friendship as they play the many games Mark shared with them. Mark and Marnie's love story continues in their now eight children and twelve vibrant grandchildren. Marnie, Chip, Mara, and Mikey want to thank Morgan, as both a physician and a son, for his incredible care of his father during this past difficult yet joyous year. The entire family is grateful for the professional and loving care provided by his physicians, nurses, and their staff.

Mark was a thinker—a living manifestation of Rodin's masterpiece. The scientist tells us that where there is loss, there is also gain, while the poet claims gain cannot be met without loss. Mark insisted that both are correct, and his life was a beautiful testimony that he, as always, got it right.

Mark's funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul of the Cross on Singer Island at eleven o'clock on Monday, February 6, 2012. For directions & online condolences, please visit [www.taylorandmodeen.com](http://www.taylorandmodeen.com).

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Philip Poncy*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *I knew Mark as a talented, inventive writer, and advised him on some of his dramatic writing. He was talented, bright, energetic and creative, but what I remember most vividly and warmly, is that he was a man of great sensitivity, conscience and humanity. May he rest in peace until such time as we will surely meet again in God's embrace.*

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**Donn B. Murphy, PhD - Georgetown University Professor Emeritux - Arlington, VA - Friend** - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *He died as he lived, --with grace, dignity and courage and he lives on in the hearts of all those he touched. The pain of losing him seems overwhelming. Yet we are all more than we might have been because of him. His death then is something that would always come too soon. Mark was about life! About the joy life brings. That's the gift he gave us; the one I think he'd want us to pass along. Rest well, dear friend. You done good! With love always, --Mary and Jim*

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**Mary Cinnamon - Cherry Log, GA - Friend** - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Poncy Family,*

*I consider it a true blessing to have known Mark. He is the only man I know who truly lived. I am so sorry for your loss and if there is anything that you need you know where to reach me. May God be with you all during this time.*

*Love Always*

*The Baileys*

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**Daniel Baileys - Denver, NC - Friend** - February 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To the Poncy Family,*

*Our deepest condolences for your loss. Mr. Poncy was a great man and the world is better that he was in it.*

*I'll always have fond memories of him as my little league baseball coach and the patience he always showed while teaching a game that he loved to a bunch of mis-fit kids...!*

*Our thoughts and love go out to you all.*

*Chris and Doreen Gaskill*

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**Chris and Doreen Gaskill - Los Angeles, CA - Family Friend** - February 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Marnie*

*We send our love and condolences. We are here if you need us  
Robin and Neil*

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**Robin and Neil - N Palm Beach, FL - Neighbor and friend** - February 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Rest well and in peace, Mark. Your influence on so many of us was profound. You left us too early and will be desperately missed. You and your family have meant much to me and my family. Your wit and your kindness lives on in all of us.

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**Sean Baileys - Baltimore, MD** - February 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Marnie, Morg, Chip, Mara, and Mikey, My heart goes out to you all! Mark was the absolute BEST husband, dad, brother, uncle, and friend to us all. He has always been my definiton of a HERO. His soft spoken voice and beautiful smile is what I will remember most. You all have always been there for our family through the years, and please know we will always be here for you. I love you all to pieces!  
Kathleen

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**Kathleen Baileys Amos - Baltimore, MD - Family** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sad to hear about the loss of a good man. Wonderful husband, father, and friend to many. He touched all of our hearts and will be missed. I pray for comfort for all who loved him most during this difficult time. Love you Poncys!! - Maryann Baileys

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**Maryann Baileys - Towson, MD - Family friend** - February 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Marney,

*I Was so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. I have always admired you, Mark, and your entire family. He was such a smart individual who had such a vibrant personality! I have thought of y'all often, and really have missed seeing you.*

*I know this is a difficult time for you all. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. He was a 'gift' to everyone who knew him.*

*Love to you all,*

*Judy*

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**Judy Barner - Great Falls, VA - friend of family** - February 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Dear Poncy Family,

*I had the distinct pleasure and honor of working with Mark on his wonderful musical, "Makeover", at the Cuillo Centre for the Arts. I was the Sound Designer for the production. Mark's enthusiasm, talent and easy-going manner made working with him effortless. I will miss his friendly face and his music. Please accept my heartfelt sympathy.*

*Sincerely,*

*James A. Crockett*

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**James A. Crockett - Lake Worth, FL - Theater Associate** - February 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM