



Mark Charles Smith

March 8, 1954 - July 22, 2017

Mark C. Smith, 63, of Mooresville, NC, passed away peacefully in his home on July 22, 2017 surrounded by loved ones after a long and private battle with cancer.

Mark is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 43 years Kathy and their 3 children Amy, Bryan, and Kevin. He is also survived by his mother Shirley Smith, brothers Jack (Sue and family) Smith, and Matt (Tammy and family) Smith, stepdad Jack Gundlach, stepsister Suzanne (Jack and family) Harsha, stepbrother Jack (Lynette and family) Gundlach. He is preceded in death by his dad John H. Smith and sister Sharla Mattox.

Mark's first love and priority was his family but racing was his passion. He began his racing career building engines for his brother Jack's drag car in the 1970's. Mark moved his family from the West coast to pursue a career in NASCAR. Mark was a man of integrity. As owner of TriStar Motorsports and Pro Motor Engines, he was known for being a hands-on owner, always willing to help where needed and provide a story or laugh. After nearly 3 decades in NASCAR, Mark's impact can be felt throughout the garage area and race community.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Victory Junction Gang victoryjunction.org or NOVA (National Organization for Vehicle Access,

part of the BraunAbility) novafunding.org.

Mark's family would like to thank Dr. Bachelor, Dr. Krumdieck and staff, Catawba Regional Hospice, and especially his nurses Denise and Linda.

The family will Celebrate Mark's life by receiving friends from 5-8 PM, Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at The Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville. They have created a Facebook page where you are encouraged to leave a story for the family to enjoy. (facebook.com/Remembering-Mark-Smith-301261653675224).

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mr. Smith. Condolences may be made to the Smith family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Charles Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Mark Charles Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Mark Charles Smith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you and the kids mark and bill will be exchanged many racing stories*

Sylvia Schmitt - September 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear of the loss*

Ann M Stokman - July 30, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Smith family. Mark and his family have been a constant in NASCAR for many years.*

Cliff Homesley - July 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM