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Mark Andrew Wiggins passed away February 11, 2023 in Sylmar, California.

He was born

June 28, 1964 to parents Walter and Maureen Wiggins in Los Angeles, California.

Mark grew up with his family and siblings in Hollywood, Burbank, and North Hollywood

before his parents finally settled in Lake View Terrace. Mark attended Our Lady of the

Holy Rosary Catholic elementary school in Sun Valley, California, and thereafter Notre

Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California.

Mark married early – – he was but 18 years – – and he and his wife Linda had four

children together (Mark, Jr., Kelli, Kristy and Sandi). Mark's first marriage ended after

several years and he subsequently met and married Jackie, with whom he had two sons,

Christopher and Dalton. Mark and Jackie (with whom he shared a birth date)

knew they

wanted to spend their lives together and were happily married for almost 17 years.

Mark supported his family by managing a commercial debt recovery firm, Thomas

Richards & Co., for several years, and then subsequently engaged in the same kind of

work at firms in Woodland Hills and Canoga Park. However, Mark's passion was no doubt

his music. Mark knew from early childhood that he loved and wanted to play the drums.

He let it be known at approximately the age of five or six that he wanted a drum set from

Santa Claus at Christmas, and his dear Aunt Betty, his mother Maureen's sister, happily

obliged.

In high school at Notre Dame, Mark became acquainted with the word "Nirvana" and its

meaning, and decided this would be a great name for the band he formed with his younger

brother Erik. Together he, Erik, cousin Bert and friend Rick ultimately would constitute

L.A.'s own original "Nirvana", and they played extensively throughout Los Angeles

County during the 1980's and 90's. Nirvana received accolades and write-ups in numerous

trade magazines in the United States and Canada before the grunge group Nirvana from

Seattle, Washington (Kurt Cobain, et al.) came on the scene. Mark's Nirvana and

Cobain's Nirvana settled trademark disputes amicably in Federal Court in Los Angeles in 1991.

Anyone who had the great fortune of meeting and knowing Mark Wiggins was no doubt immediately impressed by his intense energy, wonderful sense of humor, and deeply loving and passionate interior masked at times by a more gruff exterior. As do we all, Mark encountered struggles and challenges in this life; part of his journey in confronting these challenges was his willingness to personally interact with, encourage and counsel many others through their own life challenges. Mark truly comforted and uplifted many who were at their most vulnerable and hopeless. If there is anything more beautiful to do in this life, it is hard to discern.

Mark was also a thinker. He engaged siblings and others in profound philosophical conversations on the nature of humanity, our World and Universe, and God Himself. His insight and thinking were often startling in their novelty and thoughtfulness -- and woe to the interlocutor who engaged Mark in political conversation! Mark was generous and tender; Mark was a giver; Mark was energetically passionate and loved and cared deeply. Therefore, Mark's too-brief life was enormously

consequential.

Mark, your family and numerous friends are shaken and saddened by your passing, and we will hold you close to our hearts and carry you in our memory always. We are enormously proud to call you son, brother, uncle, father and grandfather.

You have left us all reeling by your loss because you were loved beyond measure.

May God grant you swift entrance into His Kingdom. Pray for us as we do for you. May you rest in peace.

Previous Events

Viewing and Visitation

FEB **22**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary
11071 Columbus Avenue
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-4751
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB **23**. 12:00 PM (PT)

San Fernando Mission Rey Church
15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd.
Mission Hills, CA 91345

Please Deliver all Flowers to Mortuary. No Flowers at Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Andrew Wiggins*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mark Andrew Wiggins*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Wiggins.*



February 22, 2023 at 02:11 PM