



Mark Andrew Chapman

March 9, 1962 - September 10, 2022

Mark Andrew Chapman passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the age of 60. He was born in New Orleans, LA and was a lifelong resident of LaPlace, LA.

Beloved husband of Heidi Robicheaux Chapman. Loving father of Hailey Chapman Ralser (Derrick) and Morgan Chapman. Grandfather of his “little man,” Elijah James Ralser. Son of Allen and Jane Cambre Chapman. Brother of Stephen Chapman (Elisa). Also survived by nephews, Jack and Thomas, and niece, Katherine Chapman, and many family members and friends who loved him dearly. A graduate of St Charles Catholic High School and the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned a degree in Health and Physical Education.

Mark began his teaching and coaching career in 1987. His most memorable years were at St. Charles Catholic, where he enjoyed not only teaching, but mentoring his students, always finding a way to bring out the best in each of them. His students connected with him and loved him for his sense of humor, corny jokes, and quick wit. If you were privileged enough, you would even receive a nickname or two.

After his career as a teacher and coach, Mark established himself as a successful sales professional with 23 years of service in the janitorial supplies and industrial chemical environment.

Mark was an avid runner, who enjoyed the friendships and camaraderie more than the sport itself. He was the Vice President of the Garden District Track Club and enjoyed the “right turn run” with his running buddies. Every holiday running event was cause for celebration.

Mark loved all sports, but his greatest passion was baseball. He became an umpire at the age of 14 and worked his way up to the college level, beginning his career in 1987. After working in multiple conferences over the years including the Metro Conference, Conference-USA, and the Sun Belt Conference, he then joined the Southeastern Conference (SEC) in 1995 and eventually the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in 2005. He was selected to work over a dozen SEC and ACC Tournaments, Regionals, and Super Regionals. He reached the pinnacle of his profession by being selected to work the College World Series twice, in 2009 and 2012. His baseball officiating career spanned over 35 years, garnering a reputation as one of the most respected umpires from players,

coaches, and fellow officials from across the country.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation and Funeral Mass at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 529 W. 5th Street, LaPlace, LA 70068 on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM followed by a Funeral Mass at 12:30 PM. Interment will be private.

To share memories or condolences, please visit www.milletguidry.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **15**. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
529 W. 5th St.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Funeral Mass

SEP **15**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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529 W. 5th St.
LaPlace, LA 70068

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Andrew Chapman*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM

CL

“ *Our loving sympathy to his family.*

Coleen Perilloux Landry

Coleen Perilloux Landry - September 26, 2022 at 10:15 PM

KL

“ *Our sincere condolences on you loss. We feel fortunate to have been Mark's friend. Our prayers are with all of you.*

Steve, Kembra, and Lorraine Lee

Kembra Lee - September 16, 2022 at 11:13 AM

BR

“ *I umpired with Mark when I first started umpiring on the college level. Mark was a terrific teacher, mentor and friend. I always looked forward to seeing him umpire those weekday LSU games. It saddens me greatly to know he is no longer with us. Rest In Peace my friend.*

Bobby Risbourg - September 15, 2022 at 01:38 PM

TC

“ *The Bernard Crew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



The Bernard Crew - September 15, 2022 at 11:39 AM

CN

“ *my deepest symphaties to the family, Mark was such a good person and he will be missed by all*



cheryl naquin - September 15, 2022 at 12:43 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



September 14, 2022 at 08:07 PM

LA

“ *Prayers and Sincere Condolences to the entire Chapman family.*

Pastor Laurie Taylor Adams - Voice of Truth Church, Laplace, La.

Laurie Taylor Adams - September 14, 2022 at 04:25 PM

RL

“ *Sending love to Heidi, Hailey, Morgan, and the entire Chapman family. Mark was such a good man. I was privileged to witness first hand his adoration for his daughters. Know that you were loved beyond measure.*

Reita Lawrence

Reita Lawrence - September 14, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



September 14, 2022 at 09:29 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



September 14, 2022 at 08:59 AM

DP

“ Darryl and Sarah Powell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.



Darryl and Sarah Powell - September 13, 2022 at 10:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.



September 13, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.



September 13, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.



September 13, 2022 at 07:59 PM

VH

“ My heart is shattered. Mark was such a positive influence on so many young people especially my son, Richard. A man who never meet a stranger and was generous with his time to help others. I pray for his whole family.



Vilola Hymel - September 13, 2022 at 07:12 PM

RK

“ Heidi, Hailey, Morgan, and family, our deepest sympathies on your loss. Sending you love, thoughts and prayers.

Rob and Pam Katchen - September 13, 2022 at 06:40 PM

RO

“ I shall miss my best friend. We often carried on phone conversations on a myriad of topics. Mostly foolishness. He kept me knowledgeable on balls and strikes and penalties and pass interference when we "watched" games while on the phone with each other. But most of all I will miss his advice when I asked him for it. We all will miss him. Vaya con dios my friend.

Richard "Derf" Oubre - September 13, 2022 at 05:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.



September 13, 2022 at 04:10 PM

KP

“ Thank you Mark for being the biggest Donut Hole cheerleader EVERY Saturday morning. We looked forward to the chant at roughly 7am. Cold or Hot it didn't matter. He was leading the crew! Sadly missed. My thoughts are with you all.

Kristie Planetta - September 13, 2022 at 03:05 PM

PS

“ We send our prayers and sympathy to the family. May memories of happier times and the promise of eternal happiness bring comfort today and in the future. Cliff and Pat Stein

Pat Stein - September 13, 2022 at 02:26 PM

SG

Sorry for youll loss i had really like mark i will get in touch with mrs jane

Shirle. A. Gray - September 13, 2022 at 04:06 PM

SG

Youll have my condolence

Shirle. A. Gray - September 13, 2022 at 04:07 PM

MG

“ *Mark's co-workers at DX Group purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



Mark's co-workers at DX Group - September 13, 2022 at 01:03 PM

RO

“ *RIP Sir. You were indeed a great man and a positive influence on this community!*

Rocky Oubre - September 13, 2022 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Andrew Chapman.*



September 13, 2022 at 12:50 PM



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September 13, 2022 at 12:40 PM

MR

“ *You always called me brother in law and we always talked sports at dads house (your passion). I loved watching you umpire which made me so proud, especially the CWS. You will be missed by all of us Robicheaux's. Godspeed "brother in law"!*

Mike Robicheaux - September 13, 2022 at 12:37 PM

YO

“ *Rest In Peace. You're a person I will never forget. Prayers to your family.*

Yvette Oubre - September 13, 2022 at 12:13 PM