



## Mark William Xander

May 20, 1955 - April 3, 2011

Mark William Xander of Stevensville, MD died Sunday April 3, 2011. He was 55.

Born on May 20, 1955 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Mildred Harris Xander and the late Donald Lee Xander. He grew up in College Park and graduated from High Point High School in 1974. Mark met the love of his life Diane and they were married on January 21, 1978. Mark began working for Herb Gordon Auto World in 1974, then moved to the Eastern Shore where he owned and operated a Pepperidge Farm franchise, serving Talbot County. Wanting to spend more time with his family, he sold the business in 2009 and began a detail business with his son Jasen called X.A.C.T. Mobile Detail. Mark was also employed by Kmart as a lead staff member in Stevensville, MD. He enjoyed the Eastern Shore life that included boating, motorcycles, working in the yard, hosting crab feasts, cooking and time at the beach. He was also a devoted Redskins fan.

Mark is survived by his wife Diane Bowen Xander of Stevensville, MD; his mother Mildred Harris Xander of Silver Springs, MD; his children Christopher Mark Xander of California, and Jasen Lee Xander of Stevensville, MD; his sister Donna Xander of McClain, VA; his brothers Steve Xander of Williamsburg, VA, Michael Xander of Washington, D.C. and sister Joan Sullivan of Gambrills, MD.

A visitation will be held on Friday April 8, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, PA 106 Shamrock Road Chester, MD 21619. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday April 9, 2011 at St. Christopher's Catholic Church in Chester, MD. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Autism Society 4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350 Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark William Xander*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - April 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *With love and sympathy to all,*

*Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Xander##imported-end##*

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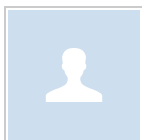
April 09, 2011 at 09:47 PM



“ *Mark was my friend, I will miss him!##imported-begin##David Oliva##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2011 at 09:21 PM



“ *I did not know Mark personally but I had some buisness with Diane at the bank and want to tell her how sorry I am that this tragic event had to have touched her life. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy Brice##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2011 at 12:09 AM



“ Dear Diane, we are so shocked to hear what happened. We just found out tonight and want you to know you and your family are in our prayers and I will see you tomorrow at the funeral. My heart is so sad for you. You've always been there for us; we will be there for you. May he rest in peace forever now he is with God and God will look over all of you. Your faith will get you through this. Love,  
Annette###imported-begin###Annette & Glenn Burress###imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 09:00 PM



“ Jay, Diane, and Chris,

We are so sorry for your loss. Mark was an amazing person who touched so many lives. We hope you can find comfort in your memories. We are here for anything you need. We love you guys!###imported-begin###Jaclyn and Steve Twomey###imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ Diane, my heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. You were such a comfort to me when I lost my dad and husband 18 days apart. Now it is your time to be comforted. God bless you and your family...###imported-begin###Catharine H. Clagett###imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 04:12 PM



“ *Diane/Millie and the rest of the family. my deepest condolences on the loss of Mark.##imported-begin##connie walker buckler##imported-end##*

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April 08, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ *I did not personally know Mark either but have been touched by tragedy and sudden death in my own family, my mom was killed crossing the rd on the island.. so i do know the pain and shock .. I have been touched by this senseless tragedy ,.. but just know God takes the best way to soon , my mom was Marks age when she was killed .. and from what i have heard he was faithful man of God .. so he and my parents can watch over us down here .. i know one of your neighbors and they have said only great things about him and the family. i know he will be greatly missed .. i used to live on the island but moved away a few years ago to caroline county .. lean on God and your faith and he will bring you understanding and sustain you ... give you strength when you are weak .. rescue you when you are sinking .. love you unconditionally just as Mark loved all of you .. i am praying for you all##imported-begin##Kathy Hyde ##imported-end##*

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April 08, 2011 at 03:44 PM



“ Hello Diane - I wanted you to know that Alex, Kelly & I send our condolences for you and your family in the tragic loss of Mark - I can't imagine what you all must be going through. Glenn also sends his condolences. - Kelly mentioned you recently put two & two together and realized you were working with my Kelly McCoy. Unfortunately, I work this evening (at Adam's Ribs) and will not be able to attend the viewing. I will make every effort to attend the funeral tomorrow - I may have to slip out early, as I'm also scheduled @ 1:00 at Adams.

*My Thoughts are With you,  
Chris McCoy##imported-begin##Christine McCoy##imported-end##*

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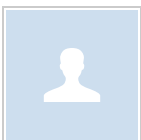
April 08, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ Diane. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please call if there is anything we can do for you. Remember God is with you and Mark is with God.##imported-begin##George & Betty##imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ Diane and Family -

*There is comfort in friendship, hope in prayer, peace in love.  
Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.*

*Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve, Tammy & Michael Rigoli##imported-begin##Steve, Tammy & Michael Rigoli##imported-end##*

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April 08, 2011 at 12:31 PM



“ Joan, I was so saddened to hear of the tragic loss of your brother, Mark. The Voelker family, previously from College Park Woods, extends their deepest sympathies to you and the entire Xander family.##imported-begin##Alyson Harbage##imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 10:04 AM



“ Mark was a one-of-a-kind person who knew how to light up everyone's day with his great smile!! I will miss that smile, his infectious laugh & his loveable personality!! Life @ Kmart will never be the same without him in all of our lives...he will be truly missed!!

My condolences to the entire Xander family. Thank you so much for sharing such a fine person/man with the rest of us!!##imported-begin##Angie Casey##imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 08:09 AM



“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the Xander family. May God give you the strength to endure this traumatic time and always. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Sue Oliver, Stan Freed, Staff of No Place##imported-end##

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April 08, 2011 at 05:48 AM



“ Diane, Chris and Jasen,  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you at your time of need. Mark was such a nice guy, always smiling and willing to help you no matter what he was doing. I know he will be sorely missed but h is looking over all of you as a wonderful angel in heaven.##imported-begin##The Guidry Family##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 09:31 PM



“ I worked with Mark and he was a great guy, always helping others even when he was busy himself! I just can't wrap my head around this senseless loss! He will be greatly missed! My thoughts and prayers are with him and his families at this time! He may be gone but will never be forgotten!##imported-begin##Jackie Crowther##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 04:05 PM



“ I also grew up with Mark and attended Buck Lodge and High Point with him. He was always been such a nice and funny guy. I am so sorry for your tragic loss. I hope your wonderful memories of him will carry you through this tough time.##imported-begin##Dottie Fridell Ewing##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 03:53 PM



“ diane!!!! i am sooo sorry to hear of your loss! may your family and friends and knowing you are being prayed for help you through this most difficult time!!! love to you!##imported-begin##VAL WHALEY IVINS##imported-end##

April 07, 2011 at 03:01 PM



“ I grew up with Mark in College Park and High Point. He was always so happy and always a smile on his face. I am so sorry for your family's loss. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Jodi Krohnfeldt Torres##imported-end##

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April 07, 2011 at 01:39 PM



“ Millie and Family: so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Debi Wolff##imported-end##

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April 07, 2011 at 10:47 AM



“ I am lost for words. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mark was such a nice guy. I enjoyed seeing his smiling face at kmart. Im going to miss that.##imported-begin##Melissa Schwink##imported-end##

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April 07, 2011 at 09:38 AM



“ Words cannot express . . . just know we're there, right around the corner, ANYTIME, for you & and your family.##imported-begin##Holly & Karl Hagelin##imported-end##

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April 07, 2011 at 08:48 AM



“ I'm a work colleague of Joe Charuhas, Mark's cousin. Although, I don't know Xander family, I can't help but be greatly saddened by this tragedy. Please know that my thoughts are with you. You have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Judy Folkenberg##imported-end##

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April 07, 2011 at 07:00 AM



“ To all the family and friends of Mr. Zander I would like to send my heartfelt sympathies to you at this time of your loss I did not personally know him but have been deeply touched by his loss as part of our community. I am praying that GOD will see you threw this and give you some comfort  
.Bonnie Coleman###imported-begin##BONNIE COLEMAN###imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ Dear Milly and All the Xander family

*There are not enough words to express how truly sorry we are for your loss of a husband, father, mother ,sisiter , brother and best friend, ect. For my dear friend Milly you know my heart bleeds for you.*

*All i can offer at this time of grief is all my love and support. your entire family will be forever in my prayers .*

*with love*

*Lisa and Alfredo Alonso###imported-begin##lisa alonso alfredo alonso###imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 09:26 PM



“ Diane & family --- You all are in our thoughts and prayers. I pray for strength and comfort for you at this difficult time. Love, Kim Ruth & family.###imported-begin##Kim Ruth###imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 08:23 PM



“ Diane and family, my husband Mal and I [Karen Sanders] would like to say how sorry we are for your loss and the situation; we have lived next door to you since August, and although we were never formally introduced, feel the need to tell you that we are sorry for this tragic loss you have all suffered, and want you to know we are here if you need anything; our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##karen sanders##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 07:49 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy to the Xander Family. We were not acquainted with Mark but we do know Jasen from Kentmoor an he is very nice an well mannered so we know his father & Mother have to be great People. What a senseless tragedy. Our thoughts an prayers our with all of you.##imported-begin##Karen & George Tunnicliff##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 05:31 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family in your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Barbara Goehring##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 05:07 PM



“ Diane, Jasen and Chris, no words can express my deep sorrow and pain at this tragic loss of Mark. My prayers and support are with you all and know that I am here no matter what you need. Mark was an awesome man and friend and will be forever loved. He and Diane had what most peole do not or will not have in their lifetime. Love you all and will see you Friday.##imported-begin##Teri Smith##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 04:25 PM



“ Diane,  
*There are no words that could possibly heal the pain of such a sudden loss like this. Just know that caring thoughts are with you and your family now and in the days to come.*  
*With Heartfelt Sympathy,##imported-begin##Lynette & Kurt Sublett##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 04:16 PM



“ Diane, Chris and Jasen- *You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Try to find comfort in knowing that so many people are thinking about you and caring about you. It is such a numbing feeling losing a loved one in such a tragic situation so be sure to keep your family and friends close and lean on them as they are your strength and they will help get you through this very difficult time. On a lighter note, the picture is perfect.... What a great way to remember him. Love, The Comegys##imported-begin##Heather and Willie Comegys##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 02:48 PM



“ mark, *you will be missed dearly..kmar's not excatly the same without you, but now your a wonderful angel shining down on us, you were truely a great guy, may you rest in peace and watch over your loved ones!##imported-begin##brandi manning##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 01:52 PM



“ Diane, Chris and Jasen, my heart goes out to all of you at this time. Mark was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Lynn Hirschauer##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 10:57 AM



“ To the entire Xander family: Even though I do not know any one of you personally, I wanted to offer my sincere condolences for such a tragic loss to your family. No family should have to endure the pain you are going through now. But know that you have an entire community mourning with you. May God bless each of you during this most difficult time and I hope you find comfort in the love and memories you will always have in your heart.##imported-begin##Kathy Clark##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ I love the picture, it just shows that great smile and happiness that Mr.Mark shared with everyone that was around him.##imported-begin##Michele Pearson##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 10:54 AM



“ I meet Mark many years ago we laughed and talked alot over the years,all of us at Herb Gordon Auto Group are deeply saddened by his useless death.Mark always brought a smile to your face with his great smile,He will be greatly missed our thoughts and prayers to family and friends!

With Deepest Sympathy,

Joe Sponseller##imported-begin##Joseph A.

Sponseller##imported-end##

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Joe Sponseller##imported-begin##Joseph A.

Sponseller##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 10:49 AM



“ Diane,I am very sorry to hear of your tragic loss. Mark is a great man and was a dear friend. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##DAVID BROWN##imported-end##

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April 06, 2011 at 10:14 AM



“ To remember Mark, and his dearness, and his kind heart.

*"In one of the stars, I shall be living.  
In one of them, I shall be laughing.  
And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at  
the sky at night."*

*~ The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupery##imported-  
begin##Mary##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 07:59 AM



“ Mark is my cousin. I can't stop thinking about him and the way he left this life. How tragic for him in his last moments on earth. I love you Mark and I will miss you!

*Psalm 34*

*The Lord confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.  
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their  
distress he rescues them.*

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.*

*Many are the troubles of the just man,  
but out of them all the Lord delivers him.*

*He watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.*

*The Lord redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who  
takes refuge in him.##imported-begin##Joseph*

*Charuhas##imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 07:38 AM



“ *Markie, I will miss you! I am so glad I got to hug you at my father's funeral in January. Who would have known that would be the last time I would see you. I know Uncle Billy, Don and Charlie gave you hugs when you joined them. God bless Diane and the boys!###imported-begin##Jimmy Charuhas###imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 07:29 AM



“ *Jay, Chris, Ms. Diane and entire Xander family,*

*We are here for you and are horribly saddened by your loss. Our prayers and love is with you all.###imported-begin##Rob Knotts, Mandy Knotts and family###imported-end##*

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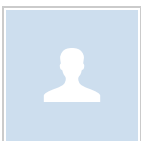
April 06, 2011 at 06:59 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Diane, and Diane's children, and the rest of Mark's family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.###imported-begin##John Seward and Family###imported-end##*

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April 06, 2011 at 04:47 AM



“ *Di, Jay, and Chris: My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. Mark was such a great man, husband, father, and friend. He will be greatly loved and missed.###imported-begin##Nicole Mitchell###imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 10:05 PM



“ My most sincere heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mark Xander during this tragic time. I grieve for your loss and pray that you find peace and consolation in knowing that so many care for you.##imported-begin##Linda Kraller##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 09:44 PM



“ Diane, Jasen, & Chris: I am so very sorry for your tragic loss. There are no words to lessen your pain right now. I hope you can find the strength to get through this difficult time. Thoughts & prayers are with you always. With Deepest Sympathy, April##imported-begin##April Winstead##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 09:34 PM



“ We are so sorry for Marks family he was really a good guy.My husband and I will really miss him. He was a hard worker. He was always smiling and was always talking about his family he loved you all very much. He was very kind to my elderly mother. Peace be with you all.##imported-begin##Kirk and Dawn Morsell##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 09:12 PM



“ I just want to say that Mark was a great man. Everyday, at work Mark would ask me "Hows my Chrissie Doing"? He knows I am not a morning person at all lol. Every morning he would say this with a big smile on his face. I'm grateful to have known him. I know that he loved his family and he actually told me that he had put in alot of request for time off to spend more time with his family. He also told me if he did not get those days off that he was going to call out sick and I just laughed as Mark told me that time was precious and don't hurry time. I truly am deeply sadden by the whole loss for the family and friends. My thoughts and prayers go out to you guys. I know Mark is smiling down on all of us and I can't express enough how much Mark will be missed! He was truley loved here at work and he will be in our hearts forever. We love you Mark!###imported-begin##Chrissie Pollard##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 08:54 PM



“ You guys are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I know that your strength as a family will help you through. I have lots of great memories of growing up with your family and of your father. I am so sorry that this tragedy has happened to such a wonderful family. Mark is the type of person who can never be forgotten.###imported-begin##Erich Heiderman##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 08:46 PM



“ Our family is very sorry for your loss. We always saw Mark at church or at Kmart. He was always friendly and always would stop what he was doing to talk for a moment or two. When he saw me coming he would always start laughing because he knew I was going to complain about the hunting license he sold me that did not work!! Keep faith in the Lord to help your family get through the tough times ahead.

*With deepest sympathy.*

*The Kelly Family###imported-begin##Kelly family###imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 08:24 PM



“ Diane, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Words can't even describe. You and your family are in our prayers.###imported-begin##Rob Morrison###imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 08:05 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to Diane, Mark and Diane's children, and the rest of Mark's family and friends. What a horrible, senseless, tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.###imported-begin##Dean and Patty Johnsen###imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 07:44 PM



“ *Diane, Chris, Jasen and family:*

*Our hearts break for you in your loss of Mark. Hold your memories of him close to you in this time of incredible sorrow and hold tight to each other. You are in our thoughts and also in our prayers.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Brenda and Don Tryon##imported-begin##Brenda Tryon##imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 07:34 PM

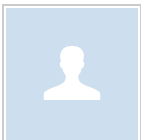


“ *Diane, Jasen, Christopher and the Xander family*

*We are heartbroken over the loss of Mark. He always had a smile and a hug for everyone. What a great guy and a great family. God bless Mark and all of you. We will be there for you. Many thoughts and prayers. We love you all.##imported-begin##Jim and Laura Charuhas, Mary, Brendan, Georgia##imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ *So very sorry, Diane and family for your tragic loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Cliff and Barbara Lowe##imported-end##*

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April 05, 2011 at 05:45 PM



“ I knew Mark when we were kids in P.G. county, he was a really nice kid. Thank you for your contributions to autism, I have an autistic child. I am so sorry.##imported-begin##kathy marinucci##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 05:39 PM



“ Mark always had a smile and made work a much happier place. I only new him for a year, but he was one of those people that if you only new him for a short time, it felt like a lifetime. My prayers are with the entire Xander family. God bless.##imported-begin##Guss Leager##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 05:38 PM



“ Diane & Xander Family. We are so sorry to hear about the sadness that has happened to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joe, Debbie & Jen Canter##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ Jasen, My heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in the untimely death of your father. No words that I could say will ease the pain at this time. Only faith will get you through this.##imported-begin##Pat Giles##imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 04:58 PM



“ *Diane: I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking of you and your family always. Peggy*###imported-begin###*Peggy Ridgley*###imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 04:12 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Mark's entire family. I never had the priviledge of knowing Mark but his wife Diane helped me through a difficult time when my husband died suddenly and I pray that she and his children will lean on their faith in God to get them through Mark's untimely death.*###imported-begin###*Mary Ann Gandolfo*###imported-end##

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April 05, 2011 at 02:37 PM