



## Mark Douglas Smith

June 20, 1955 - August 7, 2017

Mark Douglas Smith of Fort Collins, Colorado.

Mark loved music and his playlist was filled with playlist: from David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, and The Beatles to Stevie Wonder, Maroon 5, and Ed Sheeran. Raised in Jefferson, Ohio, Mark thought playing guitar in a band with platform shoes and silver shiny pants sounded better than college. But he soon realized a Bachelors in Business at Kent State was a better plan. While working as an appraiser with his brother-in-law, Lou, they wrote their own music and recorded covers. Then Mark found interested in the emerging computer field so he finished remodeling his house and sold it to pay for his Masters at University of Arizona in 1984. Hewlett Packard brought him to Loveland, Colorado, where he met Dorsi. Together they enjoyed bicycling around the US and traveling the world. He worked for OpenView and Firehunter at HP/Agilent in Fort Collins followed by Indicative, NimSoft and he retired from CA Technologies in 2014. Mark was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia in 2014 and he enjoyed life until August 7, 2017.

Mark is survived by wife, Dorsi; and children, Nicole, Evan and Alexa Smith of Fort Collins; his sister, Deb Coccia (Lou) and nieces, Erin Hamel (Brian, children: Maddie and Nathan) and Amy Mahon (Jon) of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Walter E. and Margie Smith of Rock Hill/Jefferson.

Life Celebration is Thursday, August 17, 2017 at McKenzie Place Lodge, 4750 Pleasant Oak Dr, Open House from 5-8 pm. Honor Mark by wearing a symbol of your favorite band/concert or college basketball team.

In lieu of flowers, donations to local [www.Elderhaus.org](http://www.Elderhaus.org) or The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration ([www.theAFTD.org](http://www.theAFTD.org)) are appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

McKenzie Place Lodge  
4750 Pleasant Oak Dr  
Fort Collins, CO

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Douglas Smith.*



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August 17, 2017 at 08:01 PM



“ *Mark and my husband, Tom, liked to ride in Ride the Rockies. I remember them talking about their climb one day over a 10,000 foot pass on their road bike during the ride. They were going slow but steady up the pass but not fast enough for the mosquitos that caught up with them. They were so tired that they didn't even bother to swat the mosquitos away, yet they persevered. One of the best rides ever! I also remember at the end of one of the day's ride when we (Mark, Doris, Tom and I) parked and started to camp right next to a river outside town where all the riders were. Thunderstorms were predicted later that evening. We all stared at each other and thought, "This may not be a smart idea to park next to a dry riverbed when flash floods may occur later." We packed up and moved to another location. Those were great memories.- Lydia and Tom Halcin*

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**Tom and Lydia Halcin** - August 17, 2017 at 06:54 PM

JJ

“ I’ll always remember being the outsider non-IT guy sitting at the “HP Loveland IT lunch table” where I met you (Dorsi) and Mark. I saw your relationship develop in innumerable social events especially at the infamous Friday night FAC’s. I remember dragging you both up a Colorado 14er. I remember taking care of Mark’s grumpy Siberian Husky, taking him on daily walks during one of Mark’s vacations. I remember thinking many times, why don’t you two lovebirds just get married and was so happy when you did. Having left Fort Collins in 1990, I never got to meet your children, but I’ll always remember my good friends Mark and Dorsi. I’ll always remember Mark as a super smart and really interesting, witty, nice, fun-to-be-around guy and a great friend. My thoughts and prayers are with you Dorsi and your family at this difficult time.

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**Jerry Joyce** - August 15, 2017 at 10:29 PM

RP

“ In addition to Mark’s love of music and incredible intelligence, Mark had a great sense of humor. It seems like every time I saw him he had something witty to say and something to laugh about. Mark and I shared a love of dogs. He truly loved every dog he had ever had and even when we talked about his current dogs he still shared stories about dogs he previously had. His dogs all brought him great joy and companionship and I know he did the same for them. I’m sure he had a great welcoming from his dogs when he passed. <3 XO!

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**Robin Phelps** - August 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM

BQ

Oh sweet Dorsi. Sending hugs and love from Georgia. Thinking of you and your precious family. Words just don’t do justice for what I’d love to say to you. I pray you are surrounded by love and beautiful music!  
Fondly, Betty Quave

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**Betty Quave** - August 15, 2017 at 01:48 PM

MA

“ Mark was a manager at Nimsoft when he took a chance and hired me, despite of never seeing me in person. He helped my wife and I to relocate from Europe and to start our life in the US. We met Dorsi and Mark for the first time in October 2010 and instantly became friends. Out of many memories of Mark one stands out in my mind: A concert that we went to in September 2012. That day Mark just showed up in my cubicle and said: "Do you want to go to see Brit Floyd concert at Red Rocks?" I agreed. We drove together and had a great time listening to old Pink Floyd songs and sipping beers. I'm glad I said yes, because I got to know Mark a bit better that night. Mark was really great guy and he'll be greatly missed. Hugs from Suzy and Marek



Marek - August 13, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Douglas Smith.



August 12, 2017 at 02:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Douglas Smith.



August 12, 2017 at 01:57 PM

TR

“ Sending love to all of you. Mark was so well regarded and love by family, friends and colleagues.

Teresa Roche - August 12, 2017 at 08:45 AM

JA

“ Holly cow, I thought Mark was younger than me.. Needless to say, he was the golden boy of IT at HP for TMO and just an amazingly nice person. I remember the courtship of Dorsi and Mark.. It was beautiful and I don't think Mark ever expected that he could have met such a beautiful woman like Dorsi. He was smitten and in love with Dorsi and her spunk. Mark touched so many of us and I will miss him and praying that he is resting in peace now.

Jill Ayde - August 10, 2017 at 10:51 PM

LM

Dorsi and family, do sorry for your loss.

Lori and Kevin McCallum - August 11, 2017 at 09:25 AM

 Peggy Gallinger

So sorry for the nes of your loss. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Peggy Gallinger - August 11, 2017 at 02:05 PM

JS

I will always remember Mark's warmth and his infectious smile and laughter. I enjoyed being his colleague at HP, and it was fun to watch the spark with Dorsi grow into a lifelong love. Mark was truly a great guy who was a light in this world. Your light will be missed, my friend. Hugs and prayers go out to Dorsi and family.

Joanne Schafer - August 15, 2017 at 10:17 AM



*Joanne's thoughts mirror my own so I won't repeat them. I'm just glad Mark touched my life as well. He will not be forgotten.*

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**Roger Hoffmann** - August 15, 2017 at 03:32 PM