



USAF Senior Airman, Mark A. Forester

May 15, 1981 - September 29, 2010

Senior Airman Mark Andrew Forester, 29, died in the Uruzgan province of Afghanistan Sept. 29 while conducting combat operations in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Mark is a 1999 graduate of Haleyville High School and a 2006 graduate of The University of Alabama, Mark was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and served a two year mission in Oakland, California. He is survived by his parents, Ray and Pat Forester of Haleyville and by his sister, Terri, and brothers, David, Joseph and Thad along with 12 nieces and nephews, Mark is the grandson of Jim and Dorothy Colvin of Hamilton and the late Joe and Lottie Forester of Haleyville. Mark joined the Air Force in 2007 and began the rigorous training to become a Combat Controller. Upon completion of his training he was assigned to the 21st Special Tactics Squadron of Pope Air Force Base, N.C. He deployed to Afghanistan in April 2010. Mark has been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor for his heroic actions during a previous battle and a Purple Heart for him paying the ultimate price for freedom. Visitation will be Wednesday October 6, 2010 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pinkard Funeral Home, Haleyville. Funeral service will be Thursday October 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Haleyville High School Gymnasium. He will lie in state from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the school Gymnasium. Burial will follow at Winston Memorial Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, a fund has been setup in Mark's name at www.specialops.org. or donations may be mailed to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation at P.O. Box 13483 Tampa, FL. 33681-3483, Donations will be

used to help the families of fallen Special Operations Warriors

Previous Events

Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Haleyville High School Gymnasium
2001 20th Street
Haleyville, AL

Tribute Wall



“ From and Army Gold Star family please accept our deepest sympathy. I am currently watching the episode of coming home on lifetime and cannot stop the tears from falling. It has been an honor to hear Mark's story and it inspires me to keep my brother Matthew's legacy going. My heart and prayers are with your family and friends. God bless you and Roll Tide. Kristy Bohling##imported-begin##Kristy Bohling##imported-end##

May 02, 2011 at 02:56 PM



“ Ray, Pat and family,

So sorry to learn of the tragic death of your son.

Remember our prayers are with you at this time.

May God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Doyal and Reba(Barr) Tittle##imported-end##

October 09, 2010 at 06:43 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Our entire family would like to ask if there is anything that we can do for your family we will be here in any way we can. I am a disabled veteran from Desert Storm and also served as a Combat Controller in the Air Force. I know how much your son meant to all he served with and how very proud you are of him and his service to our great nation. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and again if there is ever anything I can do just let me know. God Bless.##imported-begin##Michael L. Key##imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 11:49 PM



“ Sorry for your loss###imported-begin###Brenda Pike###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 09:29 PM



“ Although I did not go to the funeral because I did not have proper attire for it I went to the grave and there to my surprise was a friend of Marks who told me a little about him. Even though I did not know Mark my heart weep for such a special and brave young man. Even now my prayers are even stronger for the family and friends of the young brave man who will now and forever teach me not to take our men and women of the forces for granted. Thank you Mark for every thing you have done and thanks is not enough for a young brave man like you. I can not express how this has impacted my life and he will remain in my heart as a true hero forever. May you rest in peace my brother in Christ our Lord.###imported-begin###Gary Rhames###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 02:16 PM



“ God Bless You Mark###imported-begin###stacy###imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 01:39 PM



“ Forester family:

You all are in my thoughts and prayers as God will reach to you and heal you through this season of grief. My gratitude goes out to such a wonderful man who is truly a hero not only for our small town, but for the entire nation. His unselfish acts of courage and selfless moments of love towards all of his family, friends, community, America and even those precious children overseas will never be forgotten. Thank you to the parents for raising such a wonderful son and know that you will forever be grateful for his unselfish will. May God Bless you both, his entire family, and May God Bless America once more for our fallen hero USAF Senior Airman, Mark A. Forester.##imported-begin##Dustin Hutcheson##imported-end##

October 08, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you and we will keep your family in our prayers! God Bless each of you and hold you close in His loving arms!##imported-begin##Mike and Kathy McNutt##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 11:53 PM



“ We meet so many people in a lifetime but only a select few can be considered a hero, Mark A. Forester was a hero. I had the privilege to know Mark, we graduated together. I will never forget the times spent. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends. Thank you USAF Senior Airman, Mark A. Forester for serving our country.##imported-begin##Kevin Neuheisel##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 10:38 PM



“ Ray and Pat,
Thank you for your precious son. You both are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Bill, Wendy, Will, and Mary Claire##imported-begin##Bill and Wendy Swann##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 10:12 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of need. May God Bless your family.##imported-begin##John, LeeAnn Stanford & family##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 06:43 PM



“ Ray and Pat, I am so sorry for your loss. Your family has been in my thoughts and prayers ever since I learned of marks death. Please know that I am praying for all of you.##imported-begin##Loretta and Mitchell Frederick##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. We thank you and Mark for his service.##imported-begin##Derinda Moody##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 04:55 PM



“ I am so sorry for your family's loss and will keep all of you in my prayers. We are all so grateful for your son's service. He is a true hero.##imported-begin##Whitney Norris##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ Thank you Mark for fighting for our freedom...Thank you for protecting me and my family. You will never be forgotten. Thank you for everything. May God bring peace and comfort to this family in their time of sorrow. Know that the community and the world mourns your loss.##imported-begin##Tammy Hunter Putnam##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 03:15 PM



“ Love (and thanks) for a brave soldier and his loved ones left behind to grieve his loss.##imported-begin##Carlea Brock##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 02:35 PM



“ To the family of Mark our prayers are with you for with out the braveness of your son and others like him our lives would not be what it is today. I thank God for people like him everyday. May God be with you always and I will never forget the sacrifice he made for me and every one else. God bless you Mark

Thanks for my freedom

Gary Rhames##imported-begin##Gary Rhames##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 02:33 PM



“ Thank you for your bravery and sacrifice for all of us here on the homefront. You will forever be an American hero. God bless America and the family of USAF SrA Mark Forester.##imported-begin##Holly (Hood) Skeens##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 02:20 PM



“ May God be with you in this time of sorrow. we will keep you in our prayers
God bless
James & Carolyn McGuire##imported-begin##James & Carolyn McGuire##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 01:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, we are so sorry for your loss and so proud for his service to us all.
Tommy and Carolyn Baker##imported-begin##Tommy and Carolyn Baker##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 01:40 PM



“ I am so saddened to hear of our loss. I graduated HHS with Mark. I have impressive memories of him. He was always helping others in any way possible. I know there are no amount of words to actually comfort you but he has loss his life the most admirable and honorable way possible. My thoughts and prayers go out to your family from Crystal and Tyler Valles.##imported-begin##Crystal Kennedy valles##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 01:35 PM



“ Dear Forester Family, You have been in our thoughts and prayers since we heard of Marks passing. We are so proud and thankful for the ultimate sacfrice that he paid for our freedom. We pray that in the following days that Gos's comforting arms will continue to guide you through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Michael and Donna McGuire##imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 12:06 PM



“ Dear Forester Family,

i want to say that im sorry to hear ab the passing of Mark. Mark will truly be missed. We have lost a soldier that loved fighting for his country. My God Bless your family through this time.

*GOD BLESS,
Leigh Ann Dodd,
Chandler Benford###imported-begin###leigh ann dodd###imported-end##*

October 07, 2010 at 12:03 PM



“ *Our 2 sons went to school with your son,we wish we could be there today,We would like to say thank you and your son for his service to our country,and we are very sorry for your loss.May God be with you all durning your familys time of loss.###imported-begin###Dan & Susan Miles###imported-end##*

October 07, 2010 at 11:15 AM



“ *Prayers sent to all. May you get through this knowing what a great hero he is to us all. Many thanks for what not only Mark but the whole family gave to help keep us the great country we are.###imported-begin###George and Judy Sartin###imported-end##*

October 07, 2010 at 10:46 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and give you comfort during this terrible time.

With loving prayers -
Rickey and Kristie Ary
& family###imported-begin##Kristie Ary###imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ May god comfort you during your time of loss. Mark is our hometown hero###imported-begin##Kelly Humphres###imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ To the entire Forester Family, May God reach down and lift you today in this time of your sadness. Mark's sacrifice will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and thank you again for your son. He was a true American Hero. May God be with you throughout the rest of this day and if there is anything we can do please let us know. Kelly, Leigh Ann, Sydney and Conner Kiser###imported-begin##Kelly Kiser###imported-end##

October 07, 2010 at 09:46 AM



“ Condolences to the family, our thoughts are with you.

Wayne and Gail Burleson
Brilliant, Al###imported-begin##Wayne and Gail
Burleson###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 11:53 PM



“ *this american hero is one of our own.and my heart goes out to the family,at least now the family can rest and be at ease. with knowing that he is safe with jesus.i wish i could do something to help this family in their time of need all u have to do is e-mail me if i can be of help or a friend to any of u..harbin1011@hotmail.com god bless u all we all will keep u in our hearts and prayeers.##imported-begin##rhonda harbin##imported-end##*

October 06, 2010 at 11:35 PM



“ *Johnny & I are thinking of all of you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Thank you Mark for keeping us safe!##imported-begin##Miranda Little##imported-end##*

October 06, 2010 at 09:35 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Mark will forever be remembered. God bless##imported-begin##Misty Colorado##imported-end##*

October 06, 2010 at 08:56 PM



“ *My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Linda Mcnutt##imported-end##*

October 06, 2010 at 08:43 PM



“ We thank you so much for what your son did to make sure we are a free nation We wish you are heart felt love in your heart breaking sorrow. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Ricky and Charlotte Stults##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 08:38 PM



“ Our prayers are with you all. When my boys were younger they were in the club scouts sponsored by your church. We will never forget how nice you and your sons were to all of us.##imported-begin##ReGenia Benefield Tumlin##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 08:22 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Senior Airman Mark A. Forester. Thanks for paying the ultimate price for our freedom. You are a TRUE HERO and will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Nikki Collins##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 08:16 PM



“ To the family of Mark Forester,
I am deeply saddened for the loss of such a brave, courageous & unselfish soldier you have lost. I did not know him, but what I have heard about him has been positive. My husband is currently serving the USAF here in San Angelo, Texas where we reside currently, both originally from Haleyville. So, we both are very saddened by your loss. As military, we are all one big family & when one grieves, we all do. Keeping your family in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time. May God give you the peace that only He can give during this time.

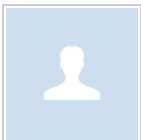
Ashley & Airman Justin Forester A1C###imported-begin##Ashley Horton Forester###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 08:11 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. He was a true American hero.###imported-begin##Joseph & Valerie Romans###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 08:04 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. If there is anything we can do for any of you in the days ahead please let us know. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family, may God comfort each of you. Mark was a hero, our country will miss him.###imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs Jim Masdon###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. I have wonderful memories of Mark in my second grade classroom. What a wonderful representative of his family, church, school, and community!###imported-begin###Annie Murphy###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 03:01 PM



“ We are so proud to say we knew you. Even as a little boy you were full of life and love. You had great strength, faith, determination and a family that will love and miss you. You have taught us all so much. We will truly miss you and your love of life. May God Bless you and watch over your family. My prayers are with you each and every day.###imported-begin###Brett and Susan Huddleston ###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 02:21 PM



“ Ray, Pat and family i am so sorry for the lose of your dear son Mark. My heart breaks for you all but just trust in the lord and he will see you through these trouble times. Mark was a hero who fought a good fight for our country. My brother SSGT Terry Lewis sends his prays and thoughts to all the family. Him and Mark graduated together.###imported-begin###Kim Lewis###imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 02:01 PM



“ *Ray, Pat and Family,*

Words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of your precious son. May your faith in God help you find peace and comfort. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Kenneth & Barbara Gravitt##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 01:47 PM

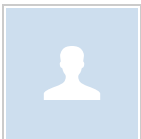


“ *Truly blessed that there are individuals in this world that pay the ultimate price for our freedom. Mark was truly and inspiration and i am so thankful to have gotten to meet him. Brave, courageous, and kindness are what empowers him to have made the decision to serve.*

Mark thank you from the bottom of my heart for doing your duty. May your family be at ease knowing that you did what you truly believed in and that God had your plan. RIP!

To your family, I also thank you for giving a man who gave for others.##imported-begin##Brooke Guy##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 12:13 PM



“ *I am so sorry for this devastating loss. Thank you for the tremendous sacrifice made by Mark and also by his parents, by his siblings, by his grandparents, by his nieces and nephews, and by his friends for the benefit of all of the rest of us.##imported-begin##Lanita Harris##imported-end##*

October 06, 2010 at 11:59 AM



“ Thoughts and Prayers are with the family during this time. May God bless you with peace and understanding.##imported-begin##Stephani Williamson##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 11:53 AM



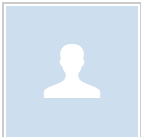
“ Dr. Forester and family~ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My heart just aches for you. May God watch over your family and guide you during this very trying time. God Bless.##imported-begin##Shila McKnight##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 11:43 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. All our servicemen are heros. Mark paid the ultimate price and we give thanks for his live and his service. God Bless.##imported-begin##Don & Angela Minor##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 10:24 AM



“ Our hearts go out to you at this time. We will be on the street in Haleyville supporting you and in defiance of the protesters. Never think for one minute that they represent our community or our nation.
God Bless You and God Bless America.##imported-begin##Ava and Larry McCurley##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Mark, but my heartfelt sympathies are sent to you. I am so very sorry for the loss you are dealing with. He IS truly a hero. I am honored know that although it should not have been on his shoulders, Mark chose to serve our country and ultimately gave his life for all of us. May God watch over you all and comfort you. You are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tina Harvey##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 03:32 AM



“ Forester family, you have our deepest condolences. It is such a tough loss for our town and for America. Mark's sacrifice for all of us is recognized and respected. Although I did not ever really know Mark, I knew of him. As a 2006 graduate of HHS and a 2010 graduate of the University of Alabama, I feel that Mark and I are part of a family. My whole family is praying for your family's strength through this difficult time. Nothing can make it easier, but God can give you comfort. You are in our prayers.
The Painter's - Alicia, Memborly, Charles, and Carol##imported-begin##Alicia Painter##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 01:12 AM



“ Joseph and entire Forester Family, I am sorry for the loss of your brother, Mark. What a warrior and hero--I'm glad he was fighting on our behalf. God bless your family.
Sherri Wilson Bent##imported-begin##Sherri Wilson Bent##imported-end##

October 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Lee & Stacey Johnson##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 09:02 PM



“ Ray, Pat and Family,

We are so very sorry for your loss. We never had the privilege of meeting Mark, but we can tell just from how others have spoken of him, what kind of man he was. HERO!! He gave his life so that we could have the freedom to live free. We will never forget. Just know that your family will be in our prayers always. May God Bless!##imported-begin##Jeff, Kristy & Alex Hood##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 08:58 PM



“ Ray, Pat and all of Mark's family. I just want you to know how very sorry I am for your loss. Mark is a true HERO and will be truly missed by a lot of people. I will always remember talking to Ray and Pat at Door Components as the receptionists. You are very Godly people, and I will never know the pain that your having to go through, but God has a true Hero in Heaven and he will be looking in on the whole family everyday, protecting you from there. Love to you all, My thoughts and prayers will be with you always,
Love in Christ,
Cindy Steele##imported-begin##Cindy Steele##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 08:48 PM



“ I best remember Mark as a young kid playing baseball. Always giving his best. His sacrifice for God, country, and family is a lesson to all that knew him. God bless your family!!!
##imported-begin##randall loden##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 08:01 PM



“ May God bless you. My heart breaks for your family. Didnt know Mark but graduated with David. He was always a kind man. Mark looks alot like him. My prayers are with your family. It would have been a honor to have known Mark. Sincerely Lisa
##imported-begin##Lisa Mcdonald Pedersen##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ To the Mark Forester family. Our love and prayers go out to you now and always. Love to you all.
##imported-begin##Billy & Fayrene Whitman##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 07:05 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My daughter April (Miller) Smith graduated with Mark. She told me that during school time that Mark was very very nice, she spoke highly of him. There are no words to say, but so very sorry. Our prayers are with each and other one. God bless.
##imported-begin##Robin Miller##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ Joseph and family I am so sorry to hear of the tradgedy that has come to Mark and to your family. Everyone that knew Mark Loved Mark. He was such a sweet guy. Hes in a wonderful place now with our Lord. Hes one of the Angels now. May God wrap his arms around each one of you in this time of need. We will always remember what Mark done for us and for our freedom. WE Love Mark and he will be missed. My Prayers go out to each one of you.##imported-begin##Tonya Gaines Williams##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 06:36 PM



“ We want to tell you how sorry we are for the loss of your son. Such a selfless act to protect our freedom. Words cannot express how heavy our hearts are. I pray that God will give you piece and confort beyond understanding.##imported-begin##Bubba & Karen Gravitt Family##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with the Forester family in this time of loss. We're proud of USAF Sr. Airman,Mark Forester's sacrifice for the freedoms we all hold so dear to our hearts in the United States of America and most of all his sacrifice to protect our freedom of religion. God's Word teaches that for one to lay down his life for his fellow man will result in that person saving their life. God will reward him for his work and sacrifice. May God Bless Each Of You And Our Nation!

In Christian Love,

Scotty Kent Burleson##imported-begin##Scotty Kent Burleson##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 05:49 PM



“ I just want to convey my most sincere sympathy for the Forester family. Your family has my deepest appreciation as a United States Citizen for the service and the sacrifice Airman Forester gave to his country.

As a Mother of an Alabama National Guardsman who served a tour in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, I have the utmost respect for your son's service, and the deepest sympathy for your loss.

I worked for many years in Haleyville with attorney Samuel L. Masdon, and knew a few of the Forester family.

May God bring you peace, and comfort during this time, and through the coming days. God bless you all.

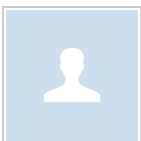
Darlene B. Thomas##imported-begin##Darlene B. Thomas##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 05:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this sad time.##imported-begin##Gale Brakefield##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 05:35 PM



“ So sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Gale Brakefield##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 05:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers ...
May God bless you and your family...##imported-begin##Keith and
Fredrika Monroe##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ There is really nothing i can say to take away your pain threw this
awful time. I am so sorry for your loss. I didn't know ur son but my
brother is n the army and i can only imagine how i would feel if he
hadn't came home safe. Your son is a hero to me cause he was
fighting for all of us and trying to make america safe for my kids and
i saluate him and thank him for what he has done. May God bless
you and your family threw this time.##imported-begin##Holli
Gilbert##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 03:11 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of such a great man. He has given honor to his
family, our town, our country and our Lord. May the Lord comfort
and bless the family during this time.##imported-begin##Todd and
Boo Brooks##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 01:16 PM



“ Ray, I left Haleyville in 1981 but I think you remember me. I learned
of your sons sacrifice to our country on the HBTV website and was
very saddened. Having served in Viet Nam I know about your pain
and am sure that God will be with you and your family during this
time. You will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Lonnie
Morris##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 12:24 PM



“ Your son is a true soldier. His bravery is awesome. He not only fought for our freedom, but for freedom for people he did not know. He will never be forgotten and will always be loved. I salute you, USAF Senior Airman Mark Forester!##imported-begin##Sonya S.##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 12:18 PM



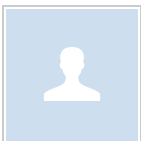
“ There are many people we meet in life Some do great deeds; But of all that can proudly be called a hero, There is none greater than the man who gives their life for country. Thank you USAF Mark A. Foster.##imported-begin##Cleta Pinkard##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 11:38 AM



“ I am thankful for having known Mark and his family for so many years. They have been a great inspiration to me and my family. I know Mark died serving his family, country, and his God. May God comfort Pat and Ray and their family during this difficult time. We love you. The Tinker's##imported-begin##Don Tinker##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ We Are Praying For Your Family.##imported-begin##George & Faye Cox##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 07:30 AM



“ Our hearts break for yours. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow. What a blessing to know that one day we have the Blessed Assurance that we will be reunited with our loved ones. Heaven has gained a Brave Warrior.##imported-begin##Brandon and Christi Norris##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 07:17 AM



“ Dear Brother Forester & family,
I was so deeply saddened to hear of Marks passing. I remember hearing of him when we were coming to church in Haleyville. I know you are all so proud of him, he gave the ultimate sacrifice. He did this out of love for our country, and for you, his family and friends. I cannot imagine the heartache each of you are feeling at this time. But I do know, as you do, that our Heavenly Father has a greater plan for us all. He called Mark home, because he needed him there. What a joyous reunion you will all have one day soon! I am praying that Heavenly Father comforts you all and surrounds you with peace and happy memories in the days ahead. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Michelle##imported-begin##Michelle Rice##imported-end##

October 05, 2010 at 04:40 AM



“ We are so grateful to have served with you as missionaries in Oakland. You had the most beautiful hair. We have lost a great friend. We love you Elder Forester.##imported-begin##Kevin & Brittany Larkin##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 11:24 PM



“ Our prayers are with you. Mark will always be remember as a hero. But to me he will also be remember as a kind and loveing young man.

Barry, Joyce and Andy Pounders##imported-begin##Joyce Pounders##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 10:31 PM



“ Mark it is still hard to believe you are not with us anymore, but you have touched our lives for the better. Thank you for your service.##imported-begin##Reese and Paige Widmier##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 10:03 PM



“ Although I did not know Mark I am thankful for the service that your son as given to our country. May his sacrifice and yours never be forgotten. May God Bless and keep your family through everything. Thank You for the greatest sacrifice any soldier and their family can give for our freedom.##imported-begin##SPC Dana L Hyde(Alabama Army National Guard)##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 06:45 PM



“ My heart goes out to the Forester family, his friends and the community of Haleyville. I will always treasure his kindness and his greatness.##imported-begin##John Larsen##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 06:35 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. The family is in my prayers as you go thru this. Remember the good times and know one day you will see him again in Heaven. You now have a special angel watching over you.##imported-begin##Marilyn Mullins Shiflett##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 06:35 PM



“ I did not know Mark. But from reading the tributes and the messages it seems as though I should have known him and that its my lost for not knowing this incredible person.##imported-begin##Keri Harbin##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 04:50 PM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of one fine young man, and outstanding airman. Mark was a true role model to all of the Combat Controllers and their families. I had the pleasure of meeting him several times through my son-in-law, who is also a Combat Controller. Mark's faith was first and foremost in his life, and for this he is recieving the ultimate gift~everlasting life. He will be missed by all and forgotten by none.##imported-begin##Alaina Bronson##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 04:13 PM



“ Dear Family of Mark,
There is nothing that can take the place of Mark, but please know that our military family stands with you in your sorrow and have the most respect and pride for the Hero that Mark was.
We pray God gives you His Divine Peace and Comfort to your grieving hearts.
Mark will never be forgotten, and will forever remain a Hero in our hearts and minds.
Thank you for sharing your Hero with this country.
Angels Surround You Always,

Cindy & David Perez, E-8 USAF ret.
PP of: Christopher Perez, CPO USN ret.
PPIL of: SSgt Joshua Hudson, USMC 1/2
Sgt Trace Zuniga, USMC (8 yrs)
SP: of Joshua Monfort, USAF (8 yrs)##imported-begin##Cindy & David Perez, E-8 USAF ret.##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 03:34 PM



“ There are no words to express our sorrow for your loss. Our prayers, love and thoughts are with you. We are grateful and admire men like Mark, who defended America and its citizens. Great is his reward in heaven. Peace and loving memories be with you all.##imported-begin##Roger and Gracie Burdge##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ Our deepest regrets to your family. Our prayers are with you during your darkest hour. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding be with you all. Your son was a true American hero who gave his life for our freedom. I pray for your strength in the days ahead.

*The Family of Mac McAlpine
Mac, Beth, Wyn and Scott
Will, Christe Lee, and Emme Romine*

October 04, 2010 at 12:59 PM



“ We just wanted to let you know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Bob & Shirley Kuykendall

October 04, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ Ray and Pat and Family. I am so sorry for the lost of Mark. Mark was a remarkable young man to be willing to serve his country. I wish that he had not had to give the ultimate sacrifice for his country. My prays and thoughts are with you daily. May God see you though this difficult time. We all love all of you.

October 04, 2010 at 11:24 AM



“ *Ray and Pat,*

My thoughts and prayer are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Scott Townsend##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Mark. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

*With love,
Derrick Elliott & family##imported-begin##Derrick & Caroline Elliott##imported-end##*

October 04, 2010 at 09:55 AM



“ *Mark was such a sweet person. I (Angela) remember him from when he was such a young lad. We are so saddened to hear about YOUR loss, and ours too - he is truly a fallen hero, he gave it his all. May God comfort you all. Your family has always been so special to us. Love & Prayers!##imported-begin##Keith, Angela, Caroline & Juliana Tidwell##imported-end##*

October 04, 2010 at 09:44 AM



“ Dr. Forester and family,
I was deeply saddened to learn about the death of your brother and know this must be an extremely difficult time for you. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I continue to hear wonderful stories from friends all around the AF about what an amazing person Mark was and know you must be so proud of him. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Adrienne Fields##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 09:25 AM



“ My heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of this soldier who paid the ultimate for us all. My prayers are with you. Draw comfort from the Father who holds your son now. God bless.##imported-begin##Robert Gomez##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 08:45 AM



“ I want you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have the greatest respect for you. My heart is heavy for your loss. May God hold you close during your time of need,##imported-begin##Lafern Morris##imported-end##

October 04, 2010 at 08:19 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Praying for peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Randy and Sheryl Powell##imported-end##

October 03, 2010 at 10:49 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Are prayers are with you as you go thru this.##imported-begin##Michael & Mary Gordon##imported-end##

October 03, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ thinking of you and your family##imported-begin##kenneth & jimmie nell pinkard##imported-end##

October 02, 2010 at 07:54 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He is in the arms of God now. A brave warrior. God Bless America! Horace, Fay, & Chris Cummings##imported-begin##fay cummings##imported-end##

October 02, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ Dear Forester Family:
There are no words to express our sorrow for the loss of your sweet son. Our hearts are heavy and saddened for each of you, your family, and your loved ones.
Our gratitude is immense for Mark's unselfish service and honor to this country.
Please know that we carry you in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. May the Lord hold each of you close as He begins to touch and heal your aching hearts through and beyond this incredibly painful and difficult time.
Our love,
John and Cathy (Cronin) Coughlin##imported-begin##John and Cathy (Cronin) Coughlin##imported-end##

October 02, 2010 at 10:58 AM



“ Sorry for the loss he was a great man and i salute him. Wish i was able to come back to honor him, but i am currently preparing to go over. I will hold a special prayer for you all as i say my prayers everynight. May god bless you and keep you.##imported-begin##Matthew Stanfield##imported-end##

October 01, 2010 at 10:39 PM



“ So sorry to hear of this.- Prayers are with you. If there is anything I or the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4543 and Ladies Auxiliary can do please let usknow##imported-begin##Dwight Thomas and VFW Post 4543##imported-end##

October 01, 2010 at 08:39 PM