



Mark Gaetano Calabrese

March 7, 2016

Mark Gaetano Calabrese, 57, of Greenwich, Manhattan, and Los Angeles, beloved son of Theodore and Bertha Calabrese of West Hartford, entered into eternal rest on March 7, 2016.

Born in Hartford, the eldest of three sons, Mark was a loving father, brother, partner, and uncle; a businessman, athlete, mentor, and friend, he lived a full and rewarding life. Mark had a deep and abiding faith, instilled in him by his parents and the Ursuline nuns at St. Thomas the Apostle Church and School in West Hartford. At Conard High School in West Hartford, he was the star quarterback for the Chieftains football team and Captain and all-state catcher for successive CCIL baseball championship teams, playing both sports under the legendary Conard coach Bob McKee. Mark went on to play baseball for Seton Hall University and The University of Connecticut. After his successful college career, Mark was an assistant coach at Elizabeth High School for more than twenty years under Coach Ray Korn, for one of the most successful high school baseball programs in the State of New Jersey. Mark was a supporter and confidant of his former coach George Greer during Greer's tenure as coach of multiple ACC championship baseball teams at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Mark was also a mentor to many of the athletes he coached, both on and off the field, and especially to his four nephews. He was the proud father of his daughter, Brittany, 28, of Monmouth County, New Jersey. He loved to spend time with her, from Jersey Shore beach days, to concerts and events and showing her

around his second home of Los Angeles, California. Mark was President and Founder of Calabrese Associates, an executive search firm, which he led for more than thirty years. The firm's focus on communications technologies and media had led him to many entrepreneurial successes' for both himself and his clients. Mark loved travelling, both within the United States and around the world. The events and places he enjoyed are too numerous to list: Red Sox and Chicago Bears games with his brothers and father; Super Bowls, Final Fours, World Cup and World Series games; concerts, events, weddings, and sightseeing. In 2007 he took his parents to Ireland so his mother could see the town her grandfather came from; in 2009 he took his father and daughter to Reggio Calabria so she could meet her cousins. This past summer, Mark, crisscrossed the country following the Grateful Dead's reunion tour, attending their first show in San Francisco and their last in Chicago. Mark will be greatly missed by his longtime love of 20 years, Elizabeth Parella of New York City, daughter Brittany and her husband Brian Champion of Monmouth County, N.J.; parents Theodore and Bertha Calabrese of West Hartford; brother TJ Calabrese, his wife Annette and their two children, Vincent and Nick, of Southington, Ct.; brother Michael Calabrese and his children Ian and Oliver, of Tariffville, Ct. "Cal" touched so many lives with his larger-than-life personality, energetic spirit, loyalty and generosity. His memory will live on in all the relationships he fostered. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 21st at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Calling hours will be Sunday from 3-8 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to Conard Football, c/o Coach Matthew Cersosimo, Conard High School Athletics, 110 Beechwood Road, West Hartford, CT 06107, where his family is establishing a quarterbacks' fund in his honor.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I knew Mark from Manhattan, met in 2002, his contagious smile and warm personality made you feel like you knew him forever.

I've had this picture of him and his daughter, which he gave to me years ago. I wanted to post it in his memory. I met Mark through a dear friend and photographer I knew-

Pamela Taylor



PAMELA - December 29, 2022 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ I had the pleasure of playing both Baseball & Football with Mark at Conard H.S. He was definitely our leader on the Diamond and the Gridiron. Although we had not seen each other for many years we did reconnect via social media and I enjoyed our exchanges. So now I will close my eyes and play back those great memories. I know you will find a way to get me the ball my friend, so here's to seeing you one day on the field again. You will be missed #10. My heart and prayers go out to Mr & Mrs CAL, TJ & Mikey. Sorry I could not attend the service for my quarterback, but I had him in my thoughts. Jack Clarke #40

Jack Clarke - March 21, 2016 at 07:11 PM

EB

“ TJ, so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Liz B. Cigna

elizabeth brand - March 21, 2016 at 11:57 AM

LS

“ Love, Tony Bash and Katie Stone purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mark Gaetano Calabrese.



Love, Tony Bash and Katie Stone - March 20, 2016 at 09:26 PM

TC

“ My wife Jean and I have been fans of Mark since the mid seventies . He was a great athlete, leader of men and a friend to all. Due to the weather forecast we will not be able to make the services. However Mark was in our Mass and communion prayers this weekend. May he rest in peace. Jean and Dick Clarke.

The Clarkes - March 20, 2016 at 07:58 PM

AG

“ *Teddy and Bertha: Margie and I are so terribly sorry to hear about Mark's passing. We read Mark,s obituary and although I know it can't erase your terrible sorrow, it was nice to read that he left such a tremendous legacy to his daughter, brothers, to both of you and to his many friends. You can certainly be proud of what he accomplished in such a young life.*

Please give my regards to TJ and let him know how sorry I am for him to have lost his brother and fellow Colt.

Margie's and my thoughts are with both of you.

Allan and Margie Grody

Allan Grody - March 20, 2016 at 03:44 PM

JG

“ *John G. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mark Gaetano Calabrese.*



John G. - March 19, 2016 at 02:26 PM

SQ

“ *My deepest sympathy goes to all in the Calabrese family at this time of loss. I remember Mark well when he was my student at St. Thomas. His love of baseball and good nature are traits I remember. My prayers are with you. Sister Jane Quinlan, Ursuline Sisters*

Sister Jane Quinlan,osu - March 19, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JH

“ *John, Sharon Conochalla and Jennifer and Michael Hauck purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mark Gaetano Calabrese.*



John, Sharon Conochalla and Jennifer and Michael Hauck -
March 18, 2016 at 06:31 PM

LE

“ *Mike/TJ,
So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers....*

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LINSIE ESAU - March 18, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Gaetano Calabrese.*



March 18, 2016 at 08:26 AM

MT

“ *Matthew and Donna Abercrombie, Chattanooga, Tennessee purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Gaetano Calabrese.*



Matthew and Donna Abercrombie, Chattanooga, Tennessee -
March 17, 2016 at 12:29 PM