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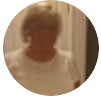
Clark Friedgen passed away on June 14, 2010 at age 52, following a long illness. He grew up in La Mesa and attended Helix High School and San Diego State University. His lifelong love for adventure and the outdoors took him from climbing out his bedroom window and up onto the roof as a toddler, to several years as an elite gymnast on the La Mesa Gymnastics team, and competitive high school diver. He was an avid surfer, backpacker, rock climber, and mountain biker. Clark loved flying his two passenger RV6A Airplane which he maintained with TLC. He had a fulfilling career with the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department where he was a crew leader in tree maintenance. He knew the history and biology of every tree in Balboa Park. It was an education to ride with him through the park and learn about the trees he cared for so much. He was proud of having worked with the artist that created the "Comfort Tree" in Balboa Park, a red, white and blue tribute to the 9/11 catastrophe. He cherished the friendship of his climbing buddies and the camaraderie of the flying community at Brown Field. He was predeceased by his mother, Alice. He is survived by his father, Robert, whose love and devotion allowed him to complete his life's journey at home, in dignity. He is also survived by his sisters, Susan and Holly, brother-in-law David, nephews Bryan and Kevin, and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Chapter 14 of the Experimental Aircraft Association at Brown Field or the American Cancer Society. Clark, we wish you God's blessings in this greatest adventure of all.



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Shari Leavitt posted:

I was on the La Mesa Gymnastic Team with Clark and I have videos of him doing gymnastics.

July 5 at 1:10 PM



Edwina Goodell-Villegas posted:

Clark and I attended Murray Manor, Parkway Junior High and Helix High School together. I too remember him as a great gymnast during the weekly gymnastic session in Mr. Gillis's class. I dreaded it, he thrived on it...none of us could even come close. While we were all trying to get the 2 somersaults onto the mat (before hitting the cafeteria floor; which doubled as our gym), Clark was doing back flips over all of us. I was saddened to hear that Clark had passed away. My condolences to the Friedgen family.

June 22 at 5:00 PM



Daniel Dew posted:

I had the pleasure of having Clark work for me for 4 years before he moved on to his job with the city. I was sorry to lose him as he was a great employee with a great attitude. Always upbeat, interesting to talk to, and always involved in trying to further his knowledge when it came to the work he did. I never went rock climbing with him, but after his several trips he took while he was working with me, he was always very excited and animated to express details of his journeys. He was a hard worker and always enjoyable to be around. We climbed many a tree together. When I last saw him, Aug. of '09 at a PTCA meeting, he mentioned he was going through some troubles with his health. He will be missed. My heartfelt condolences to his family on this sad occasion.

June 21 at 5:00 PM



Tim Brooks posted:

I knew Clark at Parkway Middle School, where he was the best gymnast around as well as a nice guy. What's strange is that although I didn't know him that well and hadn't thought about him in years, something made me Google him on a whim today... Condolences to his family and friends.

June 21 at 5:00 PM



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GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Clark was a real trooper. Through all his adversities, he never complained, and always kept a positive outlook . He will be missed. Larry McElroy (San Diego)

June 21 at 5:00 PM

DS

David Skyer posted:

This is really sad news. Clark was a great person. I remember a friend telling me that Clark was sick. I had not seen him in a few years. I meant to call or visit him but did not get the chance. I only knew him from the climbing world but I did consider him a friend. We shared a few climbing adventures. I have fond memories of great climbing with him. I will miss his quiet manner, his strong handshake and his courageous leadership. I am impressed with the common theme about Clark. He was a quiet and gentle person who was unassuming and a good friend. I will miss him.

June 20 at 5:00 PM

RB

Rob Belter posted:

Although I haven't seen Clark in many years, I'd like to voice my sympathies without hesitation. He was a kind and gentle man that will be missed by all. He will be missed.

June 20 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Clark was as friendly a guy as you could hope to find. It was my honor to have climbed with him. He was a strong climber with a strong heart and a good friend. Bob (Silver City NM)

June 20 at 5:00 PM

JO

Jake Orbin posted:

Clark was a wonderful person. He was the silent type that was always smiling. He was friendly to everyone. I knew him seven plus years ago/ when he was first starting out as a ground crew tree person. I am saddened to hear of his loss. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

June 20 at 5:00 PM



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Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

Clark was a very quiet guy , but very nice and had a a lot of knowledge . He did tons of work in my area in the of the Palasades area. I thank you for all your hard work . May you rest in peace and God be with you . Cisco Aguirre . Chula Vista , Cal.

June 20 at 5:00 PM

SL

Saul Lopez posted:

Clark was great friend and co-worker.I had the pleasure to work with Clark for 8yrs at Park&Rec(Tree Maint.)God Bless you and your Family.

June 20 at 5:00 PM

RO

Robert Osborn posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.

June 19 at 5:00 PM

DR

Dan Rankin posted:

Clark was an outstanding roommate.He really enjoyed relaxing in his chair on the front lawn at his Brighton address.

June 19 at 5:00 PM

GP

Greenwood Memorial Park posted:

We were so sorry to hear of your loss and our prayers and thoughts go out to you in this very difficult time. We knew Clark from his visits down to EAA Chapter 14. He loved flying and that was evident every visit. He was always anxious to look at any planes that flew in and was glad to talk to anyone, young or old, about flying. I remember one day he spent almost an hour listening to one of the pilots who had been in World War II. He was very attentive and full of questions because he wanted to learn as much as he could. He was always willing to lend a hand around the Chapter too – from setting up World War I hangars for special events to helping put together a hangar that had been donated. He was one of the first up on the ladder to get all the bolts in place and was first in line to help push when it needed to be moved a few inches. He really wanted to help and make a difference and we really appreciated his enthusiasm and upbeat manner. We will miss him. Ryan and Donna Ryan, San Diego, CA

June 19 at 5:00 PM



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