



## Mark Austin Jeffers

May 21, 1947 - February 26, 2011

Mark Austin Jeffers passed away on February 26th 2011 at the age of 63. His courage and strength serves as an example to all who knew him. Mark was a true hero in the fight for life. Loyalty and love to his wife and family was the cornerstone of his life.

Mark is preceded in death by his father Paul Myron Jeffers; brother, Phillip Myron Jeffers; father-in-law, Howard Stephens; and nephew, Corporal Joshua Wade Cody.

Mark is survived by his wife of 41 years Sharon Stephens Jeffers, his mother, Ardis Emma Jeffers ; son, Michael Todd Jeffers; and daughter Laurel Christine Jeffers and three grandchildren Emma Adeliegh, Annelise Elizabeth, and Micah Patrick Jeffers.

Mark graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering. He was a professional petroleum engineer for 28 years serving with many companies including Amoco, British Petroleum, and Seagull Energy, where he served as vice president of drilling and production before retirement.

Mark, Sharon , and their children settled in Richmond , TX in 1988. Here he began his ever-tenacious and brave battle with cancer. Mark had a passion for

learning and science. His thirst for knowledge and his unparalleled willpower led to success with every endeavor. From his love of golf to his battle with cancer, Mark tirelessly fought to empower himself with the knowledge required for the challenge. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Special thanks to the Richmond Fire Department, Fort Bend EMS, and the doctors, nurses, and chaplain at Memorial Hermann Sugar Land Hospital for their diligent service during Mark's final days.

Funeral services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 507 South Fourth Street, Richmond, TX , Thursday March 3rd at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Rosenberg Richmond Helping Hands, [www.roserichhelpinghands.org](http://www.roserichhelpinghands.org), or Office of Advancement, UT Health

Science Center at Houston , P.O. Box 203366 Houston , TX 77216 Check memo to Dr. Robert Amato Research Fund.

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Sharon,  
*I don't know if you will get this. So much time has passed. I just found out about Mark and I am so sorry. I do understand your pain. Kenny passed away February 16, 2007. I still mourn him and miss him so much. We have lots of good memories, don't we. Hopefully, one day you and I will see each other again. Love, Susan*

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**Susan Davis** - November 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Ardis,  
  
*I was so saddened to hear about Mark's passing away. I know it was a long battle and that he must have been a wonderful man.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,*

*Betsy*

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**Betsy Wiley** - March 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Sharon, *I am truly sorry to learn of Mark's passing. We have to remember that Mark is in a better place now. May time help lessen the sadness you and the family are having now.*

*Sincerely,  
Debbie Hillhouse Pate*

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**Deborah Hillhouse Pate** - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Mark was a wonderful boss and friend and I felt lucky to have known him. Our sincere sympathies to Sharon, his children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,  
Marsha and Larry Bower

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**Marsha Bower** - March 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ To the Family of Mark Jeffers,

I saw the obituary regarding Mark's passing in the newspaper today. I wish to offer all of you my deepest condolences.

Mark was my roommate at LSU in 1968; he was also a fraternity brother. Further, we both worked at Amoco; but, not at the same location. One of my fondest memories was Mark winning the 100 meter butterfly in intramural swimming to clinch Sig Ep's first athletic sweepstakes trophy.

I noticed that Phil Jeffers is also deceased. He was another fraternity brother though quite younger.

Once again, I am deeply saddened.

Robert D. Johnson

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**Robert D. Johnson** - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Sharon, I read about Mark's passing today in the paper and wanted to express our sincere sympathy to you and your family.

*We played golf at Pecan Grove for 5 years until we retired and have lost touch with many.*

*Again our deepest heartfelt sympathy to you.  
Jerry & Jimmie Allen*

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**Jimmie P Allen** - March 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM