



## Mark Anton Carolla

July 5, 1950 - July 15, 2024

Mark Anton Carolla, of Herndon, VA, 74, passed away on July 15, 2024. Lieutenant Commander, USNR, Mark Carolla, was born on July 5, 1950, in Sharon, CT, to Anthony Carolla and Mary Carolla. Originally from Pearl River, NY, he graduated from Middlebury College with a B.A. in History (specializing in German, Russian, and Medieval History) and earned a Master's in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia.

Mark's career spanned over 45 years, dedicated to the service of his country through his roles in the Army, Navy, and the Department of Defense. Mark was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud grandfather. He was a historian and an expert in rail, air, transportation, security, and international affairs. A lifelong learner, he was always reading or studying a new language. His talent for storytelling captivated everyone around him. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Leeann Carolla; his daughters, Angela Wheeler (Emmitte Wheeler) and Katherine Elam (Matt Elam); granddaughters, Emma Wheeler and Victoria Elam; and his brother, Robert Carolla (Stacy Collins).

A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA, on August 14, 2024, at 11:00 AM, with a Celebration of Life reception to follow. Inurnment with full Military Honors will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

AUG 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church  
750 Peachtree Street  
Herndon, VA

# Tribute Wall

DI

“ Mark has to be one of the most fascinating people I have ever met. I was privileged to bring him Holy Communion and spend time with him. I lost track of him when he moved to the VA but still thought of him. Just seeing this. RIP.

Diana - December 08, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ Thomas P. D'Amico purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mark Anton Carolla.



Thomas P. D'Amico - August 12, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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“ Thomas P. D'Amico planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Anton Carolla.

Thomas P. D'Amico - August 12, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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“ Elizabeth K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Anton Carolla.

Elizabeth K. - July 31, 2024 at 07:56 PM

JB

“ They told me, they told me you were dead.  
They brought me bitter news to hear, and bitter tears to shed.  
I wept when I remembered how often you and I  
Had tired the sun with talking, and sent him down the sky.

Eternal peace, my friend.  
- Jim

Jim Bruno - July 24, 2024 at 09:38 PM

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Thank you Jim, this is beautiful. Haha loved you very much.

Trini Elam - July 31, 2024 at 08:21 PM

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*Sorry to see this wonderfully intelligent, self-assured, multi-lingual and interesting person no longer with us. One of the most interesting people I've ever met. You will be sorely missed.*

*Thomas P. D'Amico*

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**Thomas P Damico** - August 11, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BC

*Thank you, Tom. Your friendship meant so much to Mark. Please feel to reach out any time. -- Bob*

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**Bob Carolla** - August 23, 2024 at 02:16 PM