



Mark Edward Risk

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Mark Edward Risk, age 71, of Fayetteville, passed away peacefully on October 6, 2025. He was born September 16, 1954, in Dearborn, Michigan, to Oliver and Hazel Johnson Risk. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Beverly Ragland, and her husband, Jim Ragland.

Mark graduated from West Bloomfield High School before attending the University of Arkansas, where he earned his master's degree before later returning as a respected professor in real estate.

Mark made Fayetteville his lifelong home and dedicated his career to both education and real estate. A proud University of Arkansas alumnus and later a real estate professor at the university, he inspired countless students and professionals with his knowledge, honesty, and love for helping others succeed. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville and the National Association of Realtors and was known for his unmatched work ethic and genuine care for the people he worked with.

Beyond his professional life, Mark was known for his sharp intelligence, curiosity, and ability to connect with anyone. He had a deep passion for music, architecture, art, and Razorback sports—each reflecting his love of creativity, expression, and community. Whether discussing a favorite building design, a classic record, or a game day at Razorback Stadium, Mark had a way of making every conversation engaging and thoughtful. His interests were as broad as his compassion, and he found joy in sharing those passions with the people around him. Above all else, he loved deeply and gave selflessly, always putting the needs of those he cared for before his own.

Mark is survived by his son, Logan Risk (Emily) of Fayetteville; two brothers, John Risk (Sojourna) and James Risk (Andrea); and his former wife and forever friend, Bobette Rieff. He will also be deeply missed by many close friends, colleagues, and former students who will carry forward his influence and warmth, and by numerous



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nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at Moore's Chapel. Graveside services will follow at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Airy Cemetery near Clarksville, Arkansas, under the direction of Moore's Chapel. The graveside service will be reserved for family and close friends, with a larger public celebration of Mark's life to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship fund will be established in Mark's memory.

To place an online tribute, please visit www.bernafuneralhomes.com




Events


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Visitation

 **Tuesday**, October 14, 2025


 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT

 **Moore's Chapel Funeral Home**
206 West Center St., Fayetteville AR 72701




Graveside Service

 **Wednesday**, October 15, 2025

 11:00 AM CT

 Mount Airy Cemetery Near Clarksville

Cemetery Details

 **Mount Airy Cemetery**
Clarksville AR



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Robin Hall Guadagnini posted:

We are so prey to her of Mark's passing. So many memories of him through the years. Always enjoyed running into him and catching up. Please know we send our prayers for comfort for the coming days. Teddy Hall, Robin and Robert Guadagnini

October 29 at 12:59 PM



Katie Hampton posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Tom Reed and the Reed & Associates' group.

October 14 at 2:11 PM



Dawn Cate-Bonner posted:

Sending love and deepest condolences to family and friends. Mark was very kind and such a supportive and important part of the live music scene in NWA. He is greatly missed.

October 13 at 7:08 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Risk family.



October 13 at 2:50 PM



Joe Hiryak posted:

I loved hearing his stories about the early days in his career buying rental property. Also, before that his stories about starting out in an architecture program up North deciding it was not the right fit then making his way down to the U of A. The rest is history. Really glad I got to know him. ☺

October 9 at 8:15 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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