



## Mark Stewart Earnest

February 13, 1971 - February 7, 2018

Mark Stewart Earnest, 46, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at the family home. A Memorial Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Saturday, February 17, 2018, 10:00 AM. Interment will follow the Memorial Service at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery. Celebrate Mark's life by visiting [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for his family.

On February 13, 1971, Mark was born in Roswell, NM, to Thomas and Maureen Earnest. He graduated from Roswell High School in 1989. At the age of 17, following graduation Mark enlisted in the US Army and became a Combat Medic with the First Cavalry Division. Thus, began a sterling military career that lasted over twenty years including five tours of duty in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, and received numerous decorations, medal and commendations. In 2010, he was honorably discharged from the Army with the love and respect of many who served with him.

He married Susie Rodriguez on August 30, 2003, in Dexter, NM, after meeting each other at Sierra Fire Department, where they both volunteered.

Throughout Mark's life he was a Firefighter, EMT and Military Training Instructor, to name the few he was most proud of. He had an immense love for music and spending time with all his grandchildren and great-grandson. Mark made many friends thought his life and he cherished each individual memory he made with them. A member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Primera Iglesia Bautista of Dexter, Mark had a loving and generous heart

and was always willing to help others. He was a wonderful father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend to many. Mark was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed, not only by his family and friends, but by all those fortunate enough to have known him.

Preceding Mark in death were his grandparents: Thomas and Millie Earnest, and Stewart and Marion Ries.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents: Thomas and Maureen Earnest of Roswell, NM; sister, Ann and husband, Mark Weaver of Lubbock, TX; children: Naomi Gutierrez and husband, Freddie, Jr. of Roswell, NM Stephanie Silvas of Dexter, NM, Eric Sosa and wife, Mayela of Roswell, NM, Zachary Marquez of Santa Fe, NM; grandchildren: Desiree Sosa, Jordan Sosa, Dominique Silvas, Meagan Sosa, Izela Gutierrez, Joel Silvas, Noah Silvas, Ethan Gutierrez, Iyana Sosa; his niece, Kennedy Weaver; and great-grandson, Deytonn Sosa.

Those chosen as Honorary Pallbearers are: Eric Sosa, Jordan Sosa, Freddie Gutierrez, Jr, Elijah Rodriguez, Orlando Rodriguez, Leonardo Anchondo, Mark Skylar Earnest, Tony Earnest, his grandkids and great-grandson.

Mark's family wishes to give a Special Thanks to friends and family, both Primera Iglesia Bautista of Dexter, and Trinity Methodist Church of Roswell, for the support and food that they have provided.

Live Your Life

So live your life that the fear of death  
can never enter your heart.

Trouble no one about their religion.

Respect others in their view,  
and demand that they respect yours.

Love your life, perfect your life,  
beautify all things in your life.

Seek to make your life long  
and its purpose in the service of your people.

When it comes your time to die,

Sing your death song and die like a hero going home.

-Chief Tecumseh

“The Sprit goes to the sky,  
but a true hero never dies.”

Mark’s family lovingly wrote this tribute in his honor.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Stewart Earnest*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Mark you will be greatly missed thanks for always caring. I love you*

**Acacia Wagner** - February 20, 2018 at 11:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**James M. Verdugo** - February 16, 2018 at 09:29 PM



*mark earnest*

**Joel silvas** - May 07, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ *Karen Reber sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Stewart Earnest*



**Karen Reber** - February 15, 2018 at 06:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark Stewart Earnest.



February 14, 2018 at 06:58 PM



“ My deepest condolences to suzie and the rest of the family..just wanna say thank you...I'm sure I told him many times before but want to say it again. Thank you mark for always being there for my kids .dominique,joel,and noah,.he always treated me and my family with the up most respect..I really appreciate that from the bottom of my heart. Not once did u ever turn your back on them..i thank you for your service to our great country. U were one proud American solider ..May u rest at ease .and at peace ..god bless and thank u ... (shorty.)

Shorty - February 13, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ Akers Catherine lit a candle in memory of Mark Stewart Earnest



Akers Catherine - February 10, 2018 at 10:25 PM



You will be Truely Missed by all who served with you and got to be recipients of your kindness and Heartfelt willingness to help everyone RIP my Brother in Arms  
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Akers Catherine - February 10, 2018 at 10:29 PM

JA

*all of sierra fire department will miss him*

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**Jeffery Ahlen** - February 11, 2018 at 03:13 PM

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“ *I was his roommate on our tour of Iraq and he always said that he was my protector. He said that he promised our other battle buddy Jimmy Russel that he would look out for me. Then when we got home, I remember that he was filling out a disability packet during one of homecoming events we had been at. My wife and I still joke about Mark doing it. I asked him why so soon. He said that you have to get it done early. I said we are less than a week being home. We all laughed about it.*

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**alfred mcintosh** - February 08, 2018 at 04:35 PM

SN

*I've known Sgt earnest for over twenty years there nothing he wouldn't do for his fellow soldiers his memory well not be forgotten Rip my brother my condolences to everyone who knew him and his family may the Lord be with them*

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**SGT RUSSELL NORRIS** - February 09, 2018 at 05:33 PM

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*Sgt Earnest "at Ease" your tour of duty for here is complete & done! It was an honor to know you....." carry on Doc" you earned it. See you in that Big Formation or where ever! Sfc Luna TFC 05-06*

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**Luna,Joe** - February 13, 2018 at 02:49 PM

JS

*hey grandpa its me Joel I just wanna say that I miss you very much and I just wanna say thank you for what you did for Joel, Meagan, Deytonn, Dominique, Jordan, and the rest of ur grandchildren I know you know I'm crying but all I have to say is that I really miss u I cant concentrate in school because I miss you so much you were the only one that I believed in you and you were gonna give me music on a hard drive but I didn't make it in time I love you and I miss I don't know what I could've done without you I love you so much love,joel your grandson*

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**Joel Silvas** - May 03, 2018 at 07:08 PM