



## Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking

July 30, 1954 - January 25, 2020

Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking, passed away at his home on January 25, 2020. He was born in Indianapolis, IN to the late Richard Frye Werking and Jayne Martin Werking. He was married to Janet Hardesty in 2003 and she survives. Also surviving are his daughters Meagan (Mark) Darnall of Chico, CA, Jenna Werking of Las Vegas, NV and mother-in-law, Shirley Hardesty. Dr. Werking was preceded in death by his parents and former wife Patty Werking, mother of his daughters.

"Doc" was a larger than life person with a driving passion for people and teaching.

He attended Indiana State University and Palmer College of Chiropractic and continued to earn several certifications throughout his life, earning him the respect of his peers and all who were blessed to know him. Teaching other professionals his unique extremity chiropractic technique has taken him to seminars both locally and throughout the world. In addition, he has provided chiropractic care for professional sports figures and served as an Olympic Team doctor during the 1996 Atlanta games. He authored a textbook "Werking on Extremities" in 2011 and has recently completed a soon to be released on-line interactive diplomate course.

In addition to his professional life, Mark was an amazing husband, father, brother-in-law and friend. Janet and his daughters were the center of his life. He loved life and the outdoors and was an avid hunter. He was a Christian who loved his Lord and attended Northwoods Community Church.

A memorial service will be held at El Vista Baptist Church, 6301 N. Syler St. in Peoria on Tuesday, February 4th. Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 followed by a 6:00 service with Pastor Joey Watt officiating. Donations may be made to Northwoods Community Church as well as El Vista Baptist Church. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Cremation has been accorded.

#### Previous Events

##### Visitation

FEB 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

El Vista Baptist Church

6301 North Syler Street

Peoria, IL 61615

<http://www.elvistabaptist.org>

##### Memorial Service

FEB 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking*

Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services - August 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

AD

“ *I am with heavy heart to learn you have passed Doc. You were and had always been an inspiration figure in my chiropractic journey. I have been learning from you since 2nd quarter in chiro school; and 10 years later I am still learning from your advanced extremity notes last week. You have always been there for us when we hit tranches in case management. I still remembered the time you got back to me about the TMJ patient management while you were out in the woods hunting. You were a teacher, a mentor, and a friend. Your dedication, commitment, and passion for Gonstead Work have helped raised the standard of our technique and profession. I was honored to learn from you. Your legacy will carry on. Sleep well and you will be missed, Doc.*

Alan Wu DC - February 02, 2020 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking.*

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LG

“ *My deepest, heartfelt condolences to Janet and his family.*

Lori Gin - February 01, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Such a giving man, and mentor. Our students at Life will forever be grateful for the time he devoted to the Gonstead club. We all loved hearing him speak. He shared and shared again without reservation. I know I am blessed for having known him.* ”

Lydia Dever - January 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Heaven got sweeter* ”

justteen - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Janet and girls , i'm so sorry for your loss may your memories comfort you in this difficult time. Having just got a little sweeter! Justteen W* ”

justteen - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ *Heaven got sweeter ! Justteen* ”

justteen - January 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *What an amazing man and mentor to myself and many other here is Australia. I loved this mans passion and energy! So full of life and excitement. I worked with Mark at some Australian seminar and he was a pleasure to get to know. I still can't believe he is gone. My condolences go out to Janet and his daughters. What a man !* ”

Dr Quentin Free - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

ST

“*My deepest condolences to Janet and all his family. He was a great doctor and mentor. He will be greatly missed.*”

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**Stavroula** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PG

“*I was shocked and saddened beyond words to receive this news. To Janet and family, I pray for you and send my deepest condolences. At our UAC group, Mark was always a bright light spreading joy and wisdom. I could never tell which he enjoyed more, teaching or learning. He was brilliant at both. Mark was a rare breed. He was a master who deeply understood and loved the principles of chiropractic. We spent many hours discussing them. He reaches back to a great past in this profession and has certainly moved mountains to create a brighter future for us all. I'm breathless when I think about how much I'll miss him. With sympathy and sadness, Patrick Gentempo, Jr., D.C.*”

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**Patrick Gentempo** - January 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Janet, I extend heartfelt condolences to you as well as to Mark's children. I can only imagine your profound sorrow with the loss of your husband. I am still having a difficult time processing Mark's passing. I have fond memories of his help for two of my children Katherine and Michael as well as providing expert care to friends that I brought to the clinic. I was at the clinic for Mark's extremity seminar and I learned a great deal. Despite having moved to Chandler, AZ in May 2017, it really seems as though it was just last week that I enjoyed interactions with Mark when I accompanied Katherine or Michael with their office visits. Our Lord gifted Mark with many talents and he used them to his fullest capacity. I would like to think that God has told Mark that he has done well as a faithful servant. Our profession has suffered a profound loss as well. It is my hope that his memory will live on for a very long time. I thank you and Mark for the kindness that you had shown me. All of you will be in my prayers. Eternal rest grant unto Mark, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen  
Bill Rademacher

William Rademacher, D.C. - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking.

A New Sunrise Spray - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ Janet & Family...I so sorry for your loss. Mark was an amazing man! Yes, he was a Chiropractor/Teacher/Lecturer but, the legacy he has left was that he was a caring, loving & amazing human being. There are no words big enough to totally comfort you at this time but just know, he was fondly thought of by many people. If there is ever anything we can do for you, all you need to do is ask. Matt 5:4 Po POMAJZL, DC

Po POMAJZL, DC - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking.

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BB

“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark Kevin "Doc" Werking.

Beautiful in Blue - January 28, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ The Staff of Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services

Staff of Schmidt-Haller - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ On behalf of each and every member of the Gonstead Clinical Studies Society, I'd like to reach out and offer our condolences to the Werking family on this tragic loss. Dr. Mark Werking was one of the kindest, brightest, hardest working, men in our profession. He was a friend to all he met, was always (and I do mean always) there to help a fellow chiropractor and was a shining example of a true gentleman. He touched the lives of tens of thousands of people and made this world a better place. He will be dearly missed. Jeanne Taylor DC Executive Director, GCSS

Jeanne Taylor - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to the family of this great man and great chiropractor. It's still a shock to me, I can't imagine what his family is going through. It was an honor to learn from Dr. Werking. His life's work and contributions towards the Gonstead community will live forever. Thank you Dr. Werking, may you rest in peace.

Jennifer Liu - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ A great light, a great friend, a great loss. My deepest condolences. Dr. Mark lives on in each one of his students. Thousands will be helped today due to his dedication and devotion. It was always an honor to be considered a friend. See you soon brother. Our prayers are with you Janet, Meagan and Jenna. Roger Heschong

Roger S Heschong - January 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM