



Marc Tanking

April 7, 1975 - March 18, 2020

Marc William Tanking, 44, Topeka, Kansas, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2020.

Marc was born April 7, 1975, in Topeka, the son of Gerald and Gayle Williams Tanking. He graduated from St. Marys High School in 1993. Marc earned a horticulture degree from K-State in 1998 and a master's degree from Fort Hays State University in 2020. He married Deborah Miller on November 11, 2000, in Topeka. Marc was a science teacher at Mater Dei Catholic School and found his niche with his sense of humor and personality in the classroom keeping students engaged and entertained. He was the best storyteller, kind, outgoing and made great connections with everyone around him. Marc had been a stay-at-home dad until his youngest was in Kindergarten. He was also great with plants of all kind, enjoyed gardening, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Marc is survived by his wife, Debbie; children, Eli, Addie and Mallory; parents, Jerry and Denise Tanking; sisters, Macy Tanking and Alicia Griffin (Charlie); grandmother, Helen Williams; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Due to Covid-19, service and inurnment will be private. There will be a rosary prayed and streamed Wednesday morning on the Mater Dei Catholic School

Facebook page.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his children's education fund, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Tribute Wall



“ *Marc Tanking*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Debbie I am so sorry for your loss and you have been in my prayers.*

Tirrena Meier (Lisa's good friend from College)

Tirrena Meier - March 28, 2020 at 02:32 PM



“ *Prayers for you Debbie and your family. So sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathies.*

Mike DeBacker

michael s debacker - March 27, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ *Love and prayers to your family Debbie. I am so sorry for your loss.*
Travis Meats

Travis Meats - March 25, 2020 at 11:06 AM

AV

“ While we’ve only known Mr. Tanking a short time, his compassion, humor & zeal for teaching has made an immense impact on our family. His gift went beyond the classroom, he motivated, supported & empowered our children to know they were capable of anything they set their mind to. We are forever blessed to have called you teacher, mentor and Brother in Christ. All of our love & prayers to Mr. Tanking & his family. The Valdez Family, Alex & Andrea, Felix, Mayela, Manny & Lulu.



Andrea Valdez - March 25, 2020 at 09:52 AM

TW

“ Jerry, so sorry to hear about Marc. Looks like he was a great guy! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! Twila Mattia

twila - March 24, 2020 at 03:23 PM

LM

“ Debbie, I am so sorry for your families loss. I still remember the day we were moving in an met you both. Marc offered to lend me a hand with anything I needed. I could tell from the first time I met him he was a caring person and a great guy. If you or your family need anything at I'm always here to help. Your neighbor Loren

Loren McMillan - March 23, 2020 at 09:41 PM

KM

“ Mark was always welcoming to us. We were really glad when Isaac told us he would be his confirmation sponsor. It just confirmed our belief that he was a great example of what we all should strive for in this life and a devout Catholic man.
kevin & Karen Mead

KU Mead - March 23, 2020 at 03:10 PM

IA

“ *Mr. T was the best. In his words, "filet mignon". We are going to miss his guidance and humor.*

ian - March 23, 2020 at 02:37 PM

DK

“ *Debbie, Mark always had a smile. He enjoyed a quick wit. He loved his kids and you. I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do you help you in your time of need. Dale and Karin Kirmer*

Dale Kirmer - March 22, 2020 at 10:25 PM

JP

“ *Some of my favorite memories were when we would just walk into a classroom together when no students were in it....and just breath and get set for the next round... he knew I had great respect for him, his beautiful wife, and wonderful children. He loved you all...so much! I will continue to pray for you all....peace and comfort...I know you all will miss him...but I am certain he will be busy watching over each of you! Remember....Fear behind your Faith...Faith in front of your fear. Fondly and respectfully
Jane Palubinski...Mrs. Pal*

J Palubinski - March 22, 2020 at 04:52 PM

SG

“ *Debbie, I am so sorry to hear this! Please know that I am praying for you and your entire family during this difficult time! ❤️❤️❤️*

Shelly (Meseke) Good - March 22, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marc Tanking.*



March 22, 2020 at 01:18 AM



“ *Debbie,
I am so very sorry to read of Marc's passing. I have been praying for all of you for comfort and peace. I know you were soulmates and he was a special person to everyone.
Continued prayers!
Kierston Stadler Bocquin*

Kierston Bocquin - March 21, 2020 at 08:29 PM



“ *Hi Dad it's Addie and I want you to know that I love you and miss you. I hope that you are very happy. You always told us that you wanted to go on a cruise so I hope that you are on one right now. I hope to see you again someday.
Love, Addie*



Debbie Tanking - March 21, 2020 at 07:49 PM

HB

“ *Debbie,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Sending heartfelt condolences and
prayers to you and your family.
Sincerely,
Heather Biele*

Heather Biele - March 21, 2020 at 04:57 PM

JW

“ *My heart breaks for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms
around your family at this mournful time, Debbie.*

Janet Wahoff - March 21, 2020 at 04:57 PM

AG

“ *Debbie and family I am so very sorry for your
loss. Keeping you all in our prayers. May
Marc rest in peace and perpetual light shine
upon him.*



Aimee Gordon - March 21, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TT

“ *Debbie and children, and to Marc's parents and the entire family.....I
am so very sorry for your incredible loss. I went to Hayden high
school with Debbie. I did not know Marc but from reading the many
posts here, he was an amazing husband, son, dad, teacher, and
friend. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all as you navigate
through this very difficult time. 🙏💕🙏🙏🙏*

Tracie (Sutphen) Thornton - March 21, 2020 at 03:34 PM

ML

“Debbie and children, Jerry, Denise, Macy, and Alicia: my thoughts, prayers, and hugs for you now and always. Ever since hearing the news, I, as everyone, keep envisioning all the times I shared with Marc... basketball with neighborhood friends in the driveway, riding bikes, running, movies. I remember running with him one time, ready to give up and stop near the end, and he just kept telling me I could do it. His work ethic is unmatched...he ran up the hill from somewhere in town to show me his pictures from his trip to Norway... everybody else would have driven. When he found out I had been injured in a game, he got off of the bus before leaving for a track meet and had a carnation sent. He was just so thoughtful... ALWAYS thinking of others. I have known many genuine people, and Marc is at the top. Everything he did, he did to the best of his abilities. I never heard him complain or say one negative thing. He was a friend to everyone. He was and will always be respected by me and all of his friends. Reading the tributes and everyone's memories and thoughts of Marc definitely brings a smile to my face... He is just a bright spot in everyone's collective memories from grade school, high school, and beyond. God bless Marc and all of his loved ones.

Michelle Lett - March 21, 2020 at 02:34 PM

“ Marc-

I miss you. It hurts. Knowing that you are gone, and that I won't have a chance to speak to you. It is a strong reminder of how fragile life is. My thoughts go to your family, particularly the closest ones. A family I feel 100% a part of.

*As I read Coach Lamar*s comments, I couldn't agree more on the observations and the views of you. I knew you best while we were at high school together in St.Marys. In fact you introduced me to life in town. It started with you looking after me, while lifeguarding at the pool while I was training swimming. I needed a friend and immediately we found common ground, through shared interests and curiosity of life. Which has also taken you to Europe two times. After my year as an exchange student in your house, we decided to spend the summer of 1992 in Norway, together. And what a summer we had. Since you weren't not 18 yet, we had to find a friend who kind of looked like you. You needed to borrow ID to go to a discotheque. My friends needed to experience a US citizen. I just talked to several of them today, and we shared moments of the good times. Most of them only met you for 3 weeks in your life, but you surely made good friendship with them.*

I wish I made a stronger effort to stay in touch over the last few years. I thought about you often. And wondered how you were. Its is easy to say now, what should and could have been. The important thing now, is that I will remember you for the person you were. Not only was it fun to hang out with you, you were a good listener and a hardworking person. It was easy to feel comfortable around you, and you were a good team-mate and competitor in sports.

I want you to know that I will forever have you in my heart. And I hope that you have found peace. When the snow disappear from the ground, I will take a trip to your favorite spot in the Norwegian mountains where I grew up. And remember you for who you are. A true brother. See you on the other side, Marc.

Vidar

Vidar Hagen Oeen - March 21, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JL

“ *My condolences to the Tanking family. Marc was several years younger than me so I didn't know him well, but I knew he came from a great family and could always tell he was a good and genuine person liked by all. It doesn't surprise me to see all these wonderful tributes about him. It sounds like he was a beloved husband, father, and teacher and left a positive impact on everyone he encountered. My prayers go out to all of you during this difficult time. May he rest in peace.*

Jeff Lenherr

Jeff Lenherr - March 21, 2020 at 12:32 PM

KM

“ *Debbie and Family, Ben and I extend our prayers and sympathy in the loss of your husband, father, and loved one. We did not know him but we know you so he must have been a great guy! Prayers for you all.*

Klara Meseke - March 21, 2020 at 12:28 PM

LM

“ From the day he became part of my extended family, Marc added so much genuine kindness and joyfulness to our family. He loved on all of us in his with his honest questions and his curiosity about our lives at family gatherings. Marc and I shared stories of “being at home with our kid’s craziness” often at our Pierce Christmas parties and his would always trump mine in making us laugh! Debbie found her true and perfect match the day they met and they made each other shine. Dear Debbie, may God wrap His warm comforting embrace around you, Eli, Addie and Mallory today and always. Our family is a better family because of Marc.... and that legacy will always be.

Lisa and Jason Meyers

Lisa Meyers - March 21, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ Steve and I cannot imagine the sorrow and grief you, Denise and your family are feeling and going through. Prayers to God and asking him to give you strength to mend and heal your broken hearts. Even though we never had the opportunity to meet Marc, he sounded like a wonderful husband, father and teacher who is loved by all.

Steve & Jo Senne

Jo Senne - March 21, 2020 at 11:19 AM

LL

“ Deb and family I’m so sorry for your loss. Marc was a wonderful teacher, dad and friend. You’re in my thoughts and prayers. Lynn Lorenz

lynn lorenz - March 21, 2020 at 10:39 AM

HL

“*Mark Tanking a champion! ALL of my memories of you are of a hard working young man. He always worked a little harder than I thought he could. . A young man that was always doing what is right, he was accountable, and a leader. On the field, in the classroom, on the track, and in the gym. He was always one of the last to leave practice, was almost always at morning practice. He strived to get better every day at whatever he was doing. He was always there sitting at church. A leader everywhere he went.*

Mark was a state champion and a state record holder on the track. He thrived during the runs to maple hill and back, the ten mile runs on the weekend, the hill, pushing my car around the parking lot, and the 24 hour runs. He made others around him better everyday with his leadership. He always surprised me by exceeding my expectations over and over again!

Mark I wish I would have remained close with you into adulthood. I want to thank you for your effort and most of all of the amazing memories I have of you. All of my memories are good ones of you. I pray that your friends and family can rejoice in all of their good memories of you as well my friend.

His parents and sister were always there for him. Always pushing him, supporting him, teaching him and loving him. My heart breaks for you. You were such a big part of his life.

To his family, I wish I knew you, I wish I could share memories with you. My prayers are with you. May God Bless you Always! I pray that angels will lift you up everyday of your lives!

Thank you Mark Tanking! God bless you my friend!

Mark was the state record holder and state champion on the St. Mary's 4 x 800 team. Teammates were: Matt Miller, Luke Pauley and Vidar Oen. I believe their time was about 2:02 ish.

Harry LaMar.

I was blessed to be his teacher, track coach and friend when he was in high school.

Harry LaMar - March 21, 2020 at 03:34 AM

HL

Mike Miller, sorry champ! Just discovered the typo.

Harry LaMar - March 21, 2020 at 03:36 AM

MM

No worries, coach. Thank you for sharing, and well said. Marc put full effort into everything he did.

Mike Miller - March 21, 2020 at 12:34 PM

JA

“*Julie Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Marc Tanking*



Julie Anderson - March 21, 2020 at 12:55 AM

MM

“Debbie and kids, Jerry and Denise, Macy, Alicia, and other close family...

Know that my heart is heavy, and you all are on my mind. Many prayers for all of you. I hope that the memories being shared help bring you peace. Marc was a good friend to me, growing up. He was to a lot of people - always had a smile and a good word/gesture for everyone. He was one of the most genuine people I've ever known. He was a friend, but also someone I admired. Someone you wanted to be more like, but couldn't compare yourself to. So much respect for what he stood for - he helped me develop my work ethic. He never cut corners. He taught me how to work hard and have fun doing it. When we were track teammates, we'd be sent on a long, unsupervised run as a group. Even though many would cheat, you didn't cut your route short when you were with Marc, because he did it the right way, and you didn't want to disappoint him. But he wasn't ALL business...what a storyteller!!! We had a lot of fun times and he'd make you laugh so hard your stomach would hurt. Jerry, I'm sure you didn't think it was funny that your downstairs plumbing might have backed up due to a toothbrush, but Marc, Vidar, and I had some great laughs out of it that I'll never forget. The world is getting shortchanged with his early departure, but what a blessing to have known him and call him "friend." I may never go on another jog again without thinking of him, and that's the first thing I'll ask him to do when I see him again. Rest In Peace, friend.

Mike Miller - March 20, 2020 at 06:53 PM

RD

Mike - I remember the toothbrush story well and Marc was the best at telling it and many other hilarious stories. He was such a wonderful classmate and was good to everyone. He truly was one of the good guys. Thinking of the entire Tanking family. May you find peace and comfort in your memories. God bless!

Rachel Pearl Deiter

Rachel Deiter - March 20, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JC

Well said Mike, Marc was absolutely so genuine and great friend. He was true friend always show up no matter what to be there for you. We had many late night laughs sitting in living room KState when we were too broke to go out. Those are my favorite memories with him. Listening to his stories and laughing to tears. Thoughts and prayers with his family, Marc left positive imprint on many lives.

Jeannette Cox - March 20, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marc Tanking.



March 20, 2020 at 04:47 PM

EN

“ Debbie and Family, with deepest sympathy for you loss. May the Lord grant you strength and peace during this difficult time. At time like this, words seem so inadequate... Please know that we are praying for you and your family.

Eric Nichol and Family

Eric William Nichol - March 20, 2020 at 04:06 PM

TR

“ I was overwhelmed when I learned the news of Marc's passing. I can't imagine what you are feeling. I knew his through Science. I teach Science at Christ The King. He was such a kind person. Prayers to you all! If there is anything I can do to help you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Tracy M. Appelhanz

Tracy - March 20, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry for your loss especially during this time of limited gatherings. May God give you the strength to carry on during this sad time. Prayers from my family to yours.



Lisa (Wiechert) Hockenberry - March 20, 2020 at 12:53 PM

MA

“ Mr.T was a great science teacher. He was humble, funny, and thoughtful. He is welcoming in different ways he made the room light up. He always cared about other people.
God Bless Tanking Family



Mayela - March 20, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ Debbie, I am so very sorry for the loss of your beloved husband, Marc. Sending my deepest condolences to you, your children, and family.

Shari Westfall

Shari Westfall - March 20, 2020 at 11:39 AM

 Aleah
Michelle

“ Debbie, so sorry to hear of your loss. If there is anything I can do for your or your family please let me know.

Aleah Bass

Aleah Michelle - March 20, 2020 at 10:26 AM

TE

“ *Debbie and family, My heart goes out to you during this sad time. Marc was a personal care attendant for my son Joel on weekends a few years ago. What a special personal touch he brought to Joel and our family . We will always remember him and the special care and friendship he gave to Joel.*

Teri Goodrich

TeriGoodrich - March 20, 2020 at 09:37 AM

AQ

What a wonderful man! He made me laugh so many times, and was always welcoming and kind. I have no doubt that he was an incredible teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with Debbie, the kids, and the extended family, as well as the Mater Dei community. Sending love and prayers from St Louis- Amanda Quinn

Amanda Quinn - March 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM

 Carol Keithline

Jerry and Denise - our hearts go out to you at this very difficult time. No parent should have to go through this. Thoughts and prayers to help you get through it. Huck and Carol Keithline.

Carol Keithline - March 20, 2020 at 11:03 AM

ZA

he always had a smile on his face.

zak - March 20, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marc Tanking.*



March 20, 2020 at 09:35 AM

BH

“Debbie and family, our prayers and thoughts are with you, we are so sorry to hear about your loss.

Bill Heatherman - March 20, 2020 at 09:21 AM

AE

“Debbie, Eli, Addie, and Mallory you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mr. Tanking was a wonderful person. Our children loved him. He really pushed Mikayla to use her whole potential and I know she will carry that on. The way he was with each and every student was simply amazing! I know he will be watching over his family including the Mater Dei family. Love, The Edds

Aubrey Edds - March 20, 2020 at 09:08 AM

MM

“I coached Marc in baseball when he was about 12. He was such a good athlete. My sympathy goes out to his parents, wife and all of his family.

Mark Mulford - March 20, 2020 at 08:41 AM

MT

“Mr. Tanking was an excellent teacher and friend. I am going to miss his wonderful stories. He was such a great storyteller, that he would have me laughing so hard my cheeks would hurt. My favorite story was about his Christmas tree. My students loved going to his classroom for T2 Math. He made teaching an exciting experience. He will be truly missed. My heartfelt prayers are with your family. Mary Louise Totten

Mary Louise Totten - March 20, 2020 at 07:51 AM

DM

“ Are hearts have been so heavy of learning of Mr. Tanking passing. The memory that are family wanted to share was the Art Walk right before spring break. We loved seeing him with the kids showing them a awesome science experiment with his smile and goggles on of course. He will be loved and truly missed by all. Much love and prayers to his Wife, Children, Family, and Friends. Sincerely, The Moeders Anthony, Dana, Aurea

Dana Moeder - March 20, 2020 at 01:39 AM

CW

“ Marc was a neighborhood friend and a teammate. Best memory I have was during track practices when the coach would let us take off running another 800yd run, if we beat Marc who was always the favorite to win. The only way we could do it was for all of us to box him in to slow him down while one of us ran ahead. RIP Marc and prayers and thoughts to his family.
Corey W

Corey Wiltz - March 20, 2020 at 12:30 AM

AG

“ Prayers and hugs to the family during this difficult time. Mr. Tanking was one of my favorite teachers to visit during conferences as he always had a great attitude and passion for teaching. He found a way to bring out the best in my kids and always had stories to tell. My kids thought highly of him as a teacher and he will be missed.

Angie Gray - March 19, 2020 at 11:53 PM

RR

“Dearest Deb, Mallory, Addie, Eli, and all Marc's family - my thoughts, tears, and prayers go out to you at this difficult time. I know Marc was a wonderful husband, dad, and teacher, but he was also my mentor. Finally, this year the two science rooms were moved side by side and we took advantage- running back and forth borrowing science materials, sharing funny stories and encouraging each other. On Fridays we would compare who had more papers to still take home and grade over the weekend. I usually won, which made Mr. Tanking feel better. He joked about knocking a hole in the back wall to make for quicker access to the much needed science materials for his next class. When there were spare minutes, we shared ideas we tried using to motivate students even if they backfired and didn't work. A truer coworker there never was because even if Mr. Tanking was swamped with things to do, he would not hesitate to offer to help out other teachers. Another one of his many admirable qualities was that he was not afraid to try new things and mess up; he was my role model for the often overused term, growth mindset. Yes, sometimes his room looked like a disaster at the end of the day, but that is where real learning took place - and not just about science. Mr. Tanking taught teachers and students to care about themselves and each other. He will not be forgotten!

Rosemary Rocha


Rosemary Rocha - March 19, 2020 at 11:14 PM

RW

Oh my this is so very sad! Marc was a very nice young man, neighbor and teammate with my son, Corey in grade school and highschool! I am so sorry for the pain & loss that Denise, Jerry, Alicia & Macy have to endure in this very sad loss. I am in shock from hearing this actually, just so young and I watched him grow up over the years! My prayers for healing and comfort to all The Tanking family ❤️ With Love, Ruth Wiltz

Ruth Wiltz - March 19, 2020 at 11:37 PM

RW

My sympathy to Marc's wife & their children in this very sad loss of their beloved Marc. You are all in my prayers for healing and comfort...just so sad, I'm still in shock and so deeply sorry. My heart breaks for all his loving family. In Christ  Jesus, Ruth Wiltz

Ruth Wiltz - March 19, 2020 at 11:51 PM



AM

Dear Debbie and kids: Words cannot express the sadness and disbelief we are feeling in the passing of Marc. I didn't know him well, but with our daughters, Lisa Heath and Angela Meier, was aware of what a special man he was. They both worked at Mater Dei and always spoke kindly of him. We will keep you and the children in our prayers and thoughts. We will also keep his family, parents, grandmother, siblings in our prayers. Love and hugs to you and Eli, Addie, and Mallory.

Ann and Art Meier

Ann Meier - March 20, 2020 at 09:10 AM

JO

Mr. Tanking was a beloved and funny teacher he was always kind and loving he was also trying to do jokes and pranks that were always funny. At least there is an Angel watching over us.  

John-Patrick - March 20, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SH

“ My sister and I were blessed to be roommates with Marc during my first semester of school at Kansas State. He was absolutely hilarious and always made my sister (Jeanette Cox) and I crack up laughing with his sense of humor and incredible energy. He was one of the nicest, most sincere people I have ever crossed paths with. I can't imagine how much pain his family must be feeling but his beautiful Spirit and Love will always be present. I think Marc will make his presence known from the other side from time to time. Marc is extremely persistent and one way or another his Father in Heaven is simply just gonna have to make some exceptions and let Marc have his way in regards to checking in on his loved ones. 🙏❤️ - Love you buddy!!! 🙏❤️

Shane Houston - March 19, 2020 at 11:01 PM

JC

❤️🙏 He made me laugh all the time!

Jeannette Cox - March 20, 2020 at 09:06 PM

HE

“ Please know that our family is praying for all of you. Mr. Tanking was an amazing person, his smile will forever be his legacy. I can't begin to tell you how much he meant to Jenna and Levi, but he was loved by both immensely. As a parent I couldn't have asked for a better person to share in their lives. He touched the lives of so many in such a powerfully positive way. I'm sure he will continue to smile down from Heaven as he watches over you all from above. Don't hesitate to reach out for help. As a community we owe you so much for allowing us and our children to experience the true blessing Marc was to the world. ❤️

Heather Endsley - March 19, 2020 at 10:52 PM

WS

“ To all of Marc's family, I am very, very sorry to read that Marc passed. He was a wonderful student, and a wonderful human being. Sending prayers for the family for support and comfort. May God spread over Marc and the family a shelter of peace. May Marc's memory be for a blessing.

Warren Jeffrey Sickel - March 19, 2020 at 10:16 PM

DS

“ We will miss the joy and fun that Mr. Tanking brought into Mater Dei every day. Einstein said, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge," and Mr. Tanking was an artist of extreme merit. He'll be deeply missed by our family and many others. -Debbie and Ben Stanton, Sam, Ray and Alma

Debbie Stanton - March 19, 2020 at 10:02 PM

NS

“ Debbie and Family sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and dad. Praying for you.

Nancy Sharples - March 19, 2020 at 09:50 PM

BF

“ Jerry Denise and family
We are so very sorry to learn of Marc's passing. We are Keeping you all in our thoughts and our prayers during this very difficult time. Our Heartfelt love to you all.

bernard& Marge Fiedler - March 19, 2020 at 09:48 PM

BO

“ My condolences to Marc's family and especially his sisters, Alicia and Macy. I remember Marc as a bright young St. Marys Bear in my class. He was a genuinely nice person. Rest in Peace, Marc.

Barbara Otto

Barbara Otto - March 19, 2020 at 09:42 PM

AH

“ My deepest condolences to Debbie and family. I have many fond memories of Mr. Tanking when I worked at Mater Dei. His love for his family was undeniable and he really set the example for all of us other parents. My heart breaks for both his family and his students. Sending you all my thoughts, prayers and love.

Angela Howey

Angela Howey - March 19, 2020 at 09:23 PM

JE

“ Marc always had a smile & a kind word for our family. He was knowledgeable, kind, sympathetic & encouraging. I appreciated his unwavering love & commitment to his family. Debbie, the prayers for your family will be unending. Lots of hugs for you all.

Jenn Emmert - March 19, 2020 at 09:10 PM



“ *Debbie, Eli, Addie and Mallory,
We are heart broken to hear of Marc's
passing. Never saw him without a big smile.
You & your family are in our thoughts and
prayers.
God Bless -
Chris, Heather, & Connor Enos*



Heather Enos - March 19, 2020 at 09:04 PM

SC

“ *He was so generous, caring man. will be miss so much. On a lighter
note I can't make cupcakes or cake without his ingredient. Love and
prayers for the whole family.*

Susan Calvin - March 19, 2020 at 08:53 PM

JS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.
Marc was an incredible teacher and friend- but most importantly
such an incredible person! He was so generous, kind, fun, and
caring! He adored each and everyone of you and was always so
proud to share stories of you! May the memories you have get you
through these hard days, along with the love and prayers of so
many who's lives Marc touched!
Jessica and Kevin Schmitt*

Jessica Schmitt - March 19, 2020 at 08:32 PM

IG

“ *I never saw mark without a smile and a friendly word. My 1st grade
granddaughter has nothing but good things to say about him. He will
be missed. Prayers for the family.*

Iris Gomez - March 19, 2020 at 08:07 PM

EM

“ Marc aka Mr. Tanking will be, and is already, missed immeasurably. I cannot recall a dinner or after school conversation that didn't include a Mr. Tanking story. Marc not only left an impression on all the McGuire girls, he did with everybody that he crossed paths with. His zest for life, curiosity for all things, and genuine caring soul was a gift to ALL. Marc will be missed, but always in our memories and prayers.

The McGuires- Michael, Erin, Mary, Molly, Maggy, Mallory

Erin McGuire - March 19, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KM

As grandparents, in the MD community, we can easily be “overlooked”, but not with Marc. He incorporated us along with everyone else. His faith was in action, as attested by being a Confirmation Sponsor. He lived what he believed and we are all better for that. Thank you Marc. Our thoughts and prayers are with your extended family Debbie. Kevin and Karen Mead

KevinandKaren Mead - March 19, 2020 at 10:12 PM

NH

“ Debbie & children so many people are praying for your strength during these difficult days. Mr. Tanking was a special person and all of us who knew him were blessed. He shared many good recipes with me. I admired that he was a stay at home dad before he came to teach at Mater Dei. He shared his many talents with us and for this we are grateful.

Nicki Hidalgo - March 19, 2020 at 07:52 PM

DC

“ Dearest Deb and Family, our family was deeply saddened by the news of Marc's passing. He was so patient and kind to Jacob and sparked a complete joy of science in him. Whenever I would see him in the hall, he was never without a smile on his face! We feel a loss as well, that in this difficult time, we are not able to gather as a Mater Dei family and grieve with you. Rest assured, Marc left an indelible mark on Jacob and all of us, that we will carry always. The Downs/Creager Family



Donna Creager - March 19, 2020 at 07:20 PM

PA

“ Dear Deb and kids: Marc was without a doubt a bright spot in my day. His humor was infectious, and he was a joy to be around. Many times I would see him helping a student who just needed a little extra encouragement. He always took great pride in his students' successes. He will be deeply missed and always have a place in our hearts. He touched our lives in a profound way. Our deepest sympathy, the Adair family.

PJ Adair - March 19, 2020 at 07:04 PM

TJ

“ The Jones lit a candle in memory of Marc Tanking



The Jones - March 19, 2020 at 06:52 PM

RF

“ Mr. Tanking was such a caring and kind teacher. He has meant so much to our family because of his positive influence to our son. He was able to see all of the potential in our student and always made him feel important. Aiden loved Mr. Tanking’s “dad jokes” and would share them with us! They liked to tease each other about KSU vs KU. Thank you for all you did for Aiden-he will forever remember all you did for him and how you made sure he knew how special he was. You will greatly be missed & we were all blessed to know you!

Ramirez Family - March 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM

AS

“ April Smith lit a candle in memory of Marc Tanking



April Smith - March 19, 2020 at 06:46 PM

AS

“ Mr. Tanking was Sarah's favorite teacher. We all are very grieved for his loss. My husband remembers a story about Punishment Hill the best. I remember going along for Women's Day in Science. Sarah had fun disassembling critters and learning about science. Most of all we remember his kindness and gentleness. We are so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and bring you peace.

April Smith - March 19, 2020 at 06:45 PM

RS

“ *Debbie and Family,
I am very sorry to hear of Marc’s passing. My thoughts and prayers
are with you during this difficult time.
God Bless*

Rick Strecker - March 19, 2020 at 06:36 PM

TW

“ *Dear family of Marc, I was so shocked and saddened at the sudden
loss of a friend and colleague . Please know that my thoughts and
prayers go out to each of you during this time of sorrow and loss.
My favorite memories are of his wonderful sense of humor and
quick wit. He could really get his students to believe some of the
wildest and funniest stories! His thoughtfulness and generosity are
some of the things I will miss most. May you know the comforting
embrace of our Loving Savior and His Most Precious Mother today
and always.*

Theresa Wicker

Theresa Wicker - March 19, 2020 at 05:23 PM

DM

“ *What an amazing person! I have always admired the way Mr.
Tanking deeply loved his family, followed closely by his genuine
care for his students. His sense of humor will forever touch me with
a smile. My heart grieves for you all.*

Denise Mead - March 19, 2020 at 05:19 PM

JO

*Debbie and family so sorry to hear about Marc’s passing. Prayers for
the family*

Julian and Peggy Oliva - March 19, 2020 at 09:51 PM

AF

“ *Tanking family,
No words can express how sad we all are at losing Marc. However,
there are so many wonderful memories to look back on. I can't think
of too many stories that didn't include his wonderful family or a story
that didn't make us laugh. His zest for life was unparalleled and we
are all better for having had him to help brighten our days. Know
that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ally Figgs

Mater Dei

ally figgs - March 19, 2020 at 02:44 PM

GM

*Tanking Family,
So sorry for your loss, prayers for all.
Dan and Gerry Lou Marstall*

Gerry Lou Marstall - March 19, 2020 at 09:45 PM

BH

*Debbie, Eli, Addie and Mallory
We give you our deepest sympathy. Marc always had a great smile and
was always very pleasant each and every time I was around him. I
know he was very proud of you all. He will be greatly missed but be
comforted he will be with you always and watching over you from
heaven. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Bruce and Liese Haverkamp - March 20, 2020 at 09:28 AM

NW

*My greatest memory of Marc was the first time we met. He found out I
was Violet and Olivia's grandma. From that time on it was hi Grandma
Nancy. I loved every minute of it. He made a room light up just by
walking pass it. Always with a smile no matter what. Debbie and kids I
pray for you all that you will find peace and some understanding as to
why God needed Marc so bad. One things for sure God took one hell
of a awesome angel to join his Army in heaven. RIP Larry and
Grandma Nancy White.*

Nancy White - March 20, 2020 at 01:56 PM

KO

FHSU Faculty and Staff are deeply saddened by the loss of Marc. We enjoyed getting to know him and to help him achieve his goal of becoming a teacher. Our sympathies to you and your family.

Kerry Schuckman, FHSU Licensure Officer - March 22, 2020 at 12:09 PM