

Ronald Farrell

September 23, 1940 - June 14, 2020

Ronald Clark Farrell 1940-2020

On the 23rd day of the month of September, Topeka, 1940, Ron was the first born to George Frank Farrell and Martha Clark Farrell. A Highland Park Rural High School graduate, Ron obtained Bachelor of business, Bachelor of education, Master of divinity, and Master of library science degrees.

After serving as Associate Pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Ron answered his call to education, first at Eisenhower Jr. High, followed by 32 years at his Alma Mater, Highland Park High. In 2007, Ron was inducted into the esteemed Highland Park High School Wall of Fame. Upon retiring in 2008, The Ron Farrell Lecture Series Foundation was established in his honor.

Though committed to Mark Camacho since 1987, the two were allowed to legally marry in 2014. For 33 years, they collaborated creatively on many projects, giving generously to their community. Most noted among those events were 17 HPHS musicals, hosting numerous cast, faculty, holiday, and neighborhood parties, and opening their home/garden to CASA Home Tour, Mulvane Art Museum Dinner of Note, filming the introduction to Washburn University Vespers, and Topeka Beautification Association Garden Tour.

Ron will be remembered as an encouraging yet demanding teacher, a kind neighbor, attentive friend and a gracious human being. He enjoyed running (then later, due to old knees, walking), baking (especially for the holidays), dressing fastidiously, and hosting Mark's cabaret performances.

At 79, Ron died June 14, 2020, after battling melanoma cancer for 15 years. Ron is survived by husband Mark Camacho, sister Peggy Davidson and brother George Farrell.

According to Ron's wishes, he was cremated.

Due to COVID-19, his Celebration of Life was postponed to Saturday, July 31, 11a.m., at Kay's Garden in the Topeka Zoo. Ron's service will be streamed on Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home Facebook page, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the prelude. An on-site reception will follow the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions made to Topeka Community Foundation, 5431 SW 29th Street, #300, Topeka KS 66614, will fund a Westboro park beautification project. Please indicate Ron Farrell Memorial in the memo line.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kay McFarland Japanese Garden in Gage Park
635 SW Gage Blvd.
Topeka, KS 66606

Tribute Wall



“ *Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ronald Farrell*



Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home - July 14, 2021 at 05:04 PM



“ *Ronald Farrell*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Ron Farrell Family members:
Please accept heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Topeka Public Schools Foundation. Ron was such a special and beloved person, we at TPSF were blessed to have give of his talents and to serve as a board member. He always gave his all, cared greatly about TPS students, was so kind and such fun to work with.
Mark, God is with you in the loss of your husband. Everything you could, you did. All the love you had, you gave. You took such good care of someone so loved. That is a gift that will last forever!
May the warmth of God's love embrace the entire family and the compassion of those of us who care surround you all.
With Deepest Sympathy, Pamela Johnson Betts, Executive Director
TPS Foundation*

Pamela Johnson-Betts - July 26, 2021 at 03:08 PM

DA

“ To The Family of Mr. Ron Ferrell:

On behalf of the Topeka Public Schools District, we extend our condolences. We are deeply saddened and truly miss our former staff member and foundation board member, Mr. Ronald Farrell. Your family remains in our thoughts through this difficult time. As we prepare for a new year and prepare to attend the Foundation breakfast, Mr. Farrell is on the minds and hearts of us all.

Mr. Farrell touched many lives in his career as an English and Drama teacher for the district. His positive energy, humble spirit made any room come to life when he entered. He always wore a smile and looked to contribute to others in any way he could. He was one of the many smiling faces that welcomed me my first year and he always had an encouraging remark to share about others when I saw him at the Topeka Foundation board meetings. Even after retirement, he continued his service to students across the district as a member of the Topeka Public Schools Foundation Board and as an active volunteer.

While this pandemic has been difficult for all, and many memorial services this summer were private as a result, we wanted you to know that we love and miss Mr. Ferrell. His impact has changed the lives of the most vulnerable students in our community and his impact is everlasting on the staff and students that knew him. Please know that your Topeka family is thinking of you and your family at this time as we all reflect on the amazing legacy of Mr. Ferrell.

*Dr. Tiffany Anderson
Superintendent
Topeka Public School District*

Dr. Tiffany Anderson - August 25, 2020 at 01:12 PM

TW

“ *Mr. Farrell was a great English teacher. I learned a lot from him. My condolences go out to Mark and the rest of the family. Rest in peace.*

Tracey Wright

Tracey Wright - June 24, 2020 at 08:26 PM

JC

“ *Many folks will miss Ron. As a fellow librarian and big admirer, I saw him as a nice guy and a great educator. Condolences to Mark and all of his family; there must be lots of wonderful memories to share.*

Judith Corbett - June 22, 2020 at 02:52 PM

CH

“ *Ron was a great teacher, librarian and director. We will all miss him.*

CA Haugsness

Craig A Haugsness - June 22, 2020 at 09:49 AM

TG

“ *I didn't personally know Mr. Farrell but my child has the great pleasure of having Mark as her music teacher.*

My deepest condolences.

Tracy Gamino

Tracy J Gamino - June 22, 2020 at 09:15 AM

DO

“ *The world is a sadder place without Ron Farrell's warm and uplifting spirit to cheer us. My family had the privilege of Ron's friendship over the years. First, Highland Park school days followed by Washburn years, and then Ron bestowed the special privilege of baptizing both of our children at Highland Park Methodist church. Later he visited us in London when he toured Europe. We were delighted to be in closer proximity when we moved from Houston back to Topeka in 2016. Our sincere condolences to Mark and family members in their loss. David Oldham*

David R. Oldham - June 21, 2020 at 01:47 PM

SS

I'm so sad to hear this. Ron was such a so talented and so fun to be around. He was a dedicated educator. Mark, I'm thinking of you.

Suzy Springer - July 01, 2020 at 08:42 AM

TS

*All I can say is... well done. He would correct my diction and I took it...why because he believed in me and made me a better everything. When I came to Ron I was broken...writing was/continues to be difficult, yet he saw something and nurtured it in me. I dedicated my doctoral dissertation to him 10 years later thanking him for believing in me and teaching me to believe in myself always. Mark, I know you have such grand memories with him, cherish them...take care
Tina (Trutina Maria Sowell-Spoonamore)*

Trutinamaria Spoonamore - January 12, 2021 at 11:44 PM

JS

“ *Ron was the epitome of a modern Renaissance Man who shared his knowledge wit and genuine caring to all. It was a joy to know and work with Ron at Highland Park High School. He touched many lives with grace and compassion. My condolences to Mark and Ron's family. Jan Swain*

Jan Swain - June 21, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mark and other family members on the passing of your loved one. He was a kind and gentle soul.*

I had Mr. Farrell for speech class in HS. When I would get up to give a speech I would inevitably start nervously laughing which would make my fellow classmates start laughing.

One of my fondest memories was when Mr. Farrell made the entire class turn their desks around so all I could see was the back of their heads, because I couldn't stop laughing. It didn't help, might have exacerbated it even, but it does bring back a fond memory of high school.

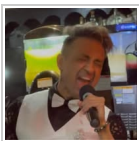
He will be missed.

Jim Dozier - June 21, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *I was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Youth Group during my High School Days in the 1970's. Ron was a wonderful Youth Group Leader. We Adored Him, he was entertaining and enlightening and somehow kept our youth group on task.*

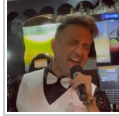
Marlene Adkison - June 21, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ *1 file added to the album His Life in Pics/Songs*



Mark Camacho - June 20, 2020 at 03:09 AM



Version 2, with modifications, Ron's life in pictures and song, a labor of love for my husband, my life, my world--Mark Camacho

Mark Camacho - June 20, 2020 at 03:13 AM



Beautiful

Theresa Watkins - June 20, 2020 at 09:55 AM



ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE! ❤️

Gloria Fish - June 20, 2020 at 01:35 PM



Absolutely BEAUTIFUL!! ❤️❤️

Tammy Hargis - June 20, 2020 at 04:15 PM



A moving tribute for someone I fondly remember. I will always cherish the opportunity I had working with you both on his final show. With a sad heart, I bid farewell and thank you.

Andrew Huff - June 20, 2020 at 06:07 PM



Andrew Huff just commented. Andrew if you would private message me, I'd appreciate it. Mark.

Mark Camacho - June 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM



Andrew Huff, please private message me on FB. Would be good to reconnect. Mark Camacho

Mark Camacho - June 20, 2020 at 06:23 PM



That's a beautiful tribute Mark!!

Sandy Marshall - June 21, 2020 at 12:04 AM

BC

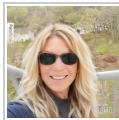
Mark, this is such a beautiful tribute to Ron, who meant everything to you and so much to so many others.

Bob Cronkhite - June 21, 2020 at 08:40 AM



Lovely tribute. Ron, Mr. Farrell, "Chuck" was my director and close friend from 8th grade at Eisenhower to Sr. Yr. at HPHS and beyond. Every time I direct a student, listen to a student's needs, hug a tearful soul, I remember he was there for me as a performer but more importantly as my dear friend. He is and will always be a large part of the best of me on and off stage. No better gift will I ever receive. Shine on "Chuck!" I love you. Your Diva

Diane Kay Payne - June 21, 2020 at 04:32 PM



What a beautiful and loving tribute. I remember him well with the curly "fro" he had back when I was in school. My deepest condolences to you Mark and all of his family and friends. Fly high with the angels Mr. Farrell.

Cyndi Akin Miller - June 21, 2020 at 05:43 PM

PM

Thanks, Mark, for sharing the wonderful pictures of you and Ron's life together! Paul and Kathy Mitchell

Paul & Kathy Mitchell - June 21, 2020 at 10:07 PM

DS

A beautiful tribute to a beautiful man.

Deb and Steve Southerland - June 21, 2020 at 11:50 PM

JK

Absolutely Beautiful Tribute to Ron, thank you Mark for sharing

James King - June 22, 2020 at 10:54 AM

JT

Wonderful Mark.

John Tollefson - June 22, 2020 at 04:13 PM

DO

So Sweet!

Dot - June 22, 2020 at 10:44 PM

CY

I miss him💖 Mark, I wish I could relieve your pain. You both remain in our daily prayers

Cynthia - June 23, 2020 at 01:02 AM

BA

A beautiful and poignant tribute to Ron! I remember first meeting Ron when I was just beginning my teaching career at HHHS. He was my mentor, my role model, and became a close and special friend. Mark, I remember how happy I was when the two of you fell in love, for you had been a special student to me, and seeing you together and so filled with joy was the best romance story. God blessed us all with the gift of Ron, who touched the lives of so many people! A part of him will live in on in all of us! Sending you my love and prayers, Mark. With love, Barb

Barb - June 23, 2020 at 01:38 AM

JB

Beautifully done Mark...I'm just now learning of this loss for you...I'm so saddened, I know how much you two loved and meant to one another....Know that my thought's and prayer's are with your during this difficult time honey...<3

Janet Bayless - June 23, 2020 at 07:15 AM

SZ

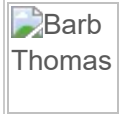
This is SO SO WONDERFUL!!!!!! what a GREAT man...a great love story! My heart breaks for yours.

Stan And Brenda Zimmerman - June 23, 2020 at 01:52 PM

MM

A beautiful tribute showing a life well lived full of life and love. Mark I am so sorry for your loss.

Mercy Mugo - June 23, 2020 at 04:48 PM



What a wonderful tribute. Ron was a precious person to be around. So sorry for your loss Mark.

Barb Thomas - June 24, 2020 at 08:06 PM



Thank you for sharing this with us. He made so many of us smile.

Bessie Hawkins - June 25, 2020 at 10:45 PM



Absolutely Beautiful! ❤️❤️

pam odonnell - July 13, 2020 at 10:28 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Helen Crow - June 19, 2020 at 04:30 PM



“ *What a wonderful life you two built! Cherish all the spectacular memories you two made! He is never really gone, forever in your heart! Condolences to everyone grieving such an incredible man!*



S. Lane - June 19, 2020 at 12:41 PM

KR

“ *Mark: There just are no words..!! My heart hurts for you, but I will say it was such a pleasure to know the two of you so many years ago... May God Bless You as you go on and heal your heart. I know Ron will be in your heart forever. Love In Christ. Karen Rowland*

KAREN ROWLND - June 19, 2020 at 11:50 AM

AH

Mr. Farrell was my English Literature teacher. He had high expectations for his students but also made learning about both classic and contemporary literature fun. He unlocked the joy of transformation through reading and the arts. Thank you Mr. Farrell. Rest In Peace ✨

Angela Hailes - June 19, 2020 at 11:05 PM

CP

“ *Ron was simply the best. Our funny times at HPHS still bring a chuckle to me even 36 years later. Thoughts and prayers to Mark and family.*

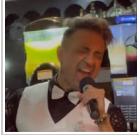
Cindy Pettyjohn - June 19, 2020 at 09:25 AM

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Neal Allmon - June 19, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ This tribute is by a student of mine, Megan Jolee Weddle, who found it difficult to navigate to this posting spot. I am posting it for her: "I just want you to know that you made such an impact on my life at Williams Magnet. You were such an amazing Show Choir Teacher and you helped me in so many ways to come out of my shell. I cannot even imagine going through the loss of your significant other but, I am so proud to know I was taught by an openly gay man. You have and will always be an inspiration to so many. I know that your husband, Ron would take rejoice in hearing that right now." Thank you Megan for your kind words.

Mark Camacho - June 19, 2020 at 04:48 AM

SS

“ I was a student in Mr. Farrell's class at Eisenhower, and Highland Park. As I sit down to write my tribute, I find myself editing often. It is the lasting impact of having a teacher who pushed us to pay attention to details. He pushed us to be excellent. He did not readily accept excuses. Through the 9th grade year I often found myself muttering under my breath when I didn't seem to measure up. But the validation that came from mastering the class at the end of the year gave me insight into my abilities and was transformational. He has touched the lives of many, what a privilege to have been his student.



My condolences to Mark, and other family members.

Suzy Segelquist

Suzy Segelquist - June 18, 2020 at 10:17 PM

RG

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Darrel and Resa Gross
Topeka, KS



Resa O Gross - June 18, 2020 at 09:33 PM

MG

“ To Mark and his family, I send my sincere condolences. I didn't have him as a teacher in the late 70's. But he was already a legend we all knew!

Melanie Gottschalk - June 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM

JM

“ Ron quite simply was not only one of the best teachers that I had the honor of working with during my career, he was one of the best persons I have had the honor of knowing. His work ethic was second to none, and frankly he taught me how to be a better educator. Mark my condolences.
Jerry Meier

Jerry Meier - June 18, 2020 at 04:56 PM

PJ

“ Preston Johnson lit a candle in memory of Ronald Farrell

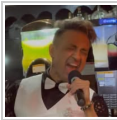


Preston Johnson - June 18, 2020 at 07:45 AM

PJ

“ I had Mr. Farrell for speech and yes he could be stern but to me, he's also was hilarious he had a sense of humor. I also got to work with him in a play called "The Me Nobody knows.' He was a great teacher and I am so sad to read of his passing. Mark, may God be with you during this difficult time. I know this is hard so I will be praying for you.

Preston Johnson - June 18, 2020 at 07:42 AM



Preston, were you IN the play, "The Me..."?

Mark Camacho - June 19, 2020 at 01:12 AM

TV

“ Mark, I'm so sorry for the loss of the love of your life. Ron was an amazing teacher that told you like it was but at the same time pushed you to be the best you could be. I'm thankful that I got to tell him what he meant to me & my life at one of our reunions.

Mark, Time will eventually heal your pain. But, the beautiful, wonderful moments & memories will dwell with you within your heart. You loved with your heart and within your heart, Ron will always be with you.

Just take these moments day by day. You have huge support system with you, please feel free to reach out. 🙏🙏🙏 Hugs & Much Love. 💜🥹🥹

Teresa Valdivia - June 17, 2020 at 11:16 PM

SB

“ I had Mr. Farrell for Speech at HPHS and always loved attending his class. He could be stern, but he also had a humorous side. So sorry for your loss Mark. He will be missed

Shelly (Olsen) Bahner - June 17, 2020 at 10:57 PM

RN

“ Our deepest sympathy to Ron's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mark. May he rest in peace. Sylvester and Rosie Negrete

Rosie Negrete - June 17, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JT

“ It was just recently that I was thinking about Ron and the time spent teaching with him at HPHS. As a new teacher he was always open to my questions and concerns. Over my time there we visited often and, with a couple other dear friends, formed a “lunch bunch” that hasn't been equaled. Education and theater were so obviously his passions, he held those around him to high standards and we are all better for it.

John Tollefson - June 17, 2020 at 09:17 PM

LC

“ Mr. Farrell was my teacher in junior high many years ago. I would tell him everyday he smelled good. He was a great teacher!
L'Taya Craig

LTanya Craig - June 17, 2020 at 08:10 PM

RO

“ Mr. Farrell was one of my favorite teachers at Highland Park High School. He challenged us to do our best and was very patient and kind. I remember his wit and his smile and am praying for the Family.
Rochelle Hill-Jones

Rochelle - June 17, 2020 at 07:22 PM

MF

“ There are some people in life that make you laugh a little louder, smile a little bigger, and live just a little better . For me, Ron was that person. We worked together at Eisenhower Middle school for three years. Thank you Ron for your love, wisdom and guidance. The world will be a smaller place without you.

Marilyn Foree - June 17, 2020 at 07:05 PM

AE

“ There are people in life who inspire you and make you better. Mr Ferrell always required more of students than any other teacher but he also gave so much. Loved His class discussions and remember the vocabulary quizzes that always were a challenge. He engaged students and always called out poor behavior. Thank you for pouring into HPHS with so much of yourself. Mark it is with great appreciation that I extend my thoughts and prayers.

Allison Eickman Emerson - June 17, 2020 at 06:51 PM

DW

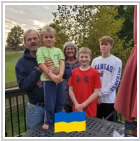
“ I met Ron through my involvement at Topeka Civic Theatre when Mark and I were in A Chorus Line together. Ron was a huge fan of our production and always gave us many compliments. After being gone many years and moving back a couple of years ago, I would run into Ron at Dillons regularly (on Thursdays when I dropped my mom off for her hair appointment) and we would chat and catch up. What a dear, gentle soul who will be missed by everyone lucky enough to have known him.

Diane Wurzer - June 17, 2020 at 06:06 PM

RB

“ While teaching at Highland Park High School I had the privilege of teaching with Ron. Always one who had a smile on his face and involved in all aspects of education. He worked tirelessly to improve the education / curriculum provided to all students. Ron was a dear friend and will be missed.

Richard Bolejack - June 17, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ Ron was ABSOLUTELY one of the most devoted teachers I ever had the pleasure of working with. He had absolutely mastered the art of working with a wide variety of students . . . from some of the brightest to those who struggled. When I was an assistant principal and it was time for teacher evaluations, I always thought he should be evaluating me instead of me evaluating him. May you Rest In Eternal Peace.

Mark, I am so sorry for your loss. I pray your many memories will sustain you during this extremely difficult time.

Gloria Fish - June 17, 2020 at 01:11 PM

CM

“ Mr. Farrell directed me in two plays at Eisenhower Junior High and I think I went to Highland Park with Mr. Camacho. Mr. Farrell was a very good drama coach and always the professional. I am happy that he had so much love and fun in his life before he passed away. Sounds like a life well lived. I am sorry for the loss of your spouse, Mark. I am thinking of you. Christina Medeiros.

Christina L Medeiros - June 17, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DH

“ Mr. Farrell was not only one of the best teachers, but also one of my favorite teachers at Highland Park. My senior year, I had him for AP English. He pushed me academically and was always supportive and encouraging. I learned so much from him that year, including many lessons I have always kept with me. He impacted so many students and will be truly missed. I send my condolences.

Danielle Hall - June 17, 2020 at 10:31 AM

PE

“ Mark, condolences to you in the passing of Ron. I did not know of him other than your loving partner, but the memories being posted reflect his positive and loving impact on many people through his many avenues of life.

Pam Ensley - June 17, 2020 at 10:05 AM

EA

“ Mr. Farrell was one of the best teachers and a great director. He directed me in the play Caught in Villain's Web my senior year and I can still remember him making sure we knew our lines! Great memories for sure. Mark, I am really sorry for your loss. He was one of the special ones.

Eric Axlund - June 17, 2020 at 08:53 AM

DR

“ Mr Farrell was one of my favorite teacher's, role models and inspirations in life. He always encouraged me and let me know he saw the potential in me even when I did see it in myself. I appreciate your contribution to the world and many of use who felt marginalized. RIP

Dr Carrie Register-Haley - June 17, 2020 at 07:13 AM

 Joey Cumley

“ I don't have many fond memories of Topeka, but Mr. Farrell will always hold a special place in my heart. As a gay kid, going to school in Kansas 20 years ago was not easy. He was always incredibly kind, and while I never discussed my sexuality with him he clearly knew and would do his best to always check up on me. I ran into him once post-graduation and he was so kind and let me know that he wanted to always know that I was safe as he could see I had been struggling. He was tough when it came to theater rehearsals - but truly a special guy.

Joey Cumley - June 17, 2020 at 04:18 AM

DM

“ My family moved to Topeka my freshman year. I had Mr. Farrell for English class and thought he was the greatest. This would have been school year 1975-1976. He touched many lives, my prayers for friends and his family.

Deanna Maier-Robinson - June 17, 2020 at 01:32 AM

MK

“ I had Mr Farrell for a theater class in high school at Highland Park and he was tough but fair! He had a very creative mind and I learned so much from him! Rest In Peace, Mr. Farrell!

Mary Fischer Krass - June 17, 2020 at 12:28 AM

RH

“ I was never in any of his classes, but I knew him through Mark. I always seen him in the library. He always gave good advice for anything. I'm so sorry for your loss, Mark.

Roy Hanschu - June 17, 2020 at 12:16 AM

T(

“ Thank you Mr Farrell for being patient and guiding us through tough casting cuts and giving life advice. I left school 20 years ago and I still think fondly of you and Mr. Camacho during theater practices. You'll be missed .

Tina Hawkes (Ngige) - June 16, 2020 at 11:54 PM

HB

“ I feel blessed and honored to have been taught by Mr. Farrell. He was tough, but fair and he cared about us. He wanted us to do our best and be our best. I am so thankful that he was a part of my high school experience.

Heather Brown - June 16, 2020 at 11:04 PM

AN

“ I was never in his class, I worked with him on the musicals. He was motivating in the best way. He expected better from you but in such a way that made you certain you were better. He is missed and my prayers are with his loves ones.

Annie - June 16, 2020 at 11:01 PM

JM

“ I have very fond memories of Mr.Farrell. His classes were always interesting and filled with learning in many ways. A true Resonance Man. So quick witted and intelligent.

Jerry Mahner - June 16, 2020 at 11:00 PM

KK

“ Mr. Farrell. What can I say. From the first day in your class when you basically told us what was up and we could leave then, find another class if we weren't there to learn. I loved you and moved to the front row. Your classes were the only ones I chose the front row. Lol I'm still a back row, make funny comments girl. You were funny, frank and just the absolute best. And to Marky. I am heartbroken over your loss. Thank you for loving a man that meant so much to do many!

Kelly Kimble - June 16, 2020 at 10:51 PM

BC

“ Mr. Farrell was my speech teacher many years ago(1978-79). Was a class I dreaded but once I was in his class it became one of my favorite classes. Mr. Farrell was a wonderful man and great teacher to all of HPHS. My condolences to Mark and Family. Rest easy Mr. Farrell.

Barbara (DeLong) Criqui - June 16, 2020 at 10:33 PM

TE

“ What a huge loss for all of us who had the pleasure of being taught and mentored by this GREAT man. Mark, I am sorry for your loss.

Tony Emerson - June 16, 2020 at 10:32 PM

PE

“ What a beautiful life, well lived, in the service of others. The best that we can hope for, is for those left behind to remember us fondly and smile. Your legacy will live on in all of your students. May perpetual light shine upon you and may you Rest In Peace 🙏 Mark you have my deepest sympathy. May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you in your grief. Two very lucky men to have found such love 💙 you were truly blessed.

Patti Elliott - June 16, 2020 at 10:27 PM

AC

“ I was a theater geek and you were our super-committed, loving theater director. You made us shine when we weren't sure we could and when we didn't know how. God bless you. You made a difference for so many. You made a difference in my life and I'll never forget you. :) Rest in peace.

Angela Cervantes - June 16, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ I will never forget working alongside Ron. He was wonderful, and our lunch times together during those years memorable. I will miss you Ron Farrell!

Angie Seamans - June 16, 2020 at 10:12 PM

LP

“ My condolences to the family and friends. May God's grace shine upon you in this time of sorrow.



Lisa Pfannenstiel-Crable - June 16, 2020 at 09:59 PM

KA

“ Mr. Farrell was a stern, but enjoyable teacher. He made me a paper bracelet that said, “ I will do my homework.” And told me I had to wear it for two days so that I would remember to turn in my English homework. That was my senior year and he chuckled as he saw me walking around with it on. I also had the pleasure of being in 4 musicals directed by him and choreographed by Mr. Camacho, my heart goes out to him in this difficult time. -Kara-

Kara - June 16, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LK

“ Mr. Farrell pushed me to want to do and be the best I could be. By doing so gave me faith in myself to do all I wanted and dreamed of being. Truly a remarkable man that made such a difference in my life. Mark, you have my sincerest condolences.



Lynette (Frickey) Kauffman - June 16, 2020 at 09:14 PM

BC

“ I never had you as a teacher, but your plays were amazing!! You touched so many lives ,Highland Park will never be the same ,Thanks for the memories ! RIP !!! From Brandy Brown , Brandy Cobb



Brandy Cobb - June 16, 2020 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ Mr Farrell, one of my most favorite teachers and best classes I ever had at HPHS. He was a treasure to the teaching profession and will be missed in life period. My sincere condolences to Mark and his entire family.

Jammie Middendorf - June 16, 2020 at 09:10 PM

KE

“ My heart is sad for Mark and for the community. Mr. Farrell directed all the productions during my time at HPHS. I learned so much about the craft. He will be missed.

Kelly - June 16, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JS

“ Mr. Farrell you will be greatly missed. My high school memories are filled with your teachings from two musical productions Sugar and Joseph and helping me mold my commencement speech for senior graduation! Thank you for sharing your gifts with the students of Highland Park. Mr. Camacho you and in my sincere thoughts and prayers! Sending love and light your way.

Jaime (Harris) Scott - June 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM

CA

“ Mark, sorry for the loss of Mr. Farrell. He was one of a kind as one of my former instructors at highland Park. I had him for speech.in my senior year in 1987. My thoughts and prayers are.with you.



Carletta Anderson - June 16, 2020 at 08:12 PM

MW

“ Rest In Peace my friend, a life well lived!! Prayers and Blessings for you Mark. Cherish the memories.

Michael White - June 16, 2020 at 08:04 PM

KB

“ Ron was our youth minister at Highland Park United Methodist. He knew how to reach junior high and high school kids. He treated us like human beings. Gave us challenges and believed in us. He has always had a special place in my heart.

Kathy Beach - June 16, 2020 at 07:10 PM

MJ

“ Mr. Farrell and I had the biggest argument after cast list went up one time. I asked him why he kept type casting me. I was always the fat friend, the wicked witch, or the motherly type. He said Megan I give you the roles that you can make bigger than yourself. He trusted me over and over again!!!! Tonight it's with a heavy heart I say farewell and thank you Mr. Farrell for making my love of theater bigger than myself. 💔💔💔💔💔💔💔 RIP

Megan Johnson - June 16, 2020 at 07:02 PM

LE

I will be indebted to this teacher who became a friend over the years. I'm so glad the last time we spent together was dancing & the admiration he showed for Marc was infectious. Thank you for teaching life lessons that have lasted beyond the years in the classroom. Thank you and rest easy now❤️

Lisa Emerson - June 16, 2020 at 09:05 PM

PB

My 22 years working at Highland Park High School was always fun, adventurous, challenging with something new almost every day. One of my biggest challenges and new for me was Ron asking me to be in the production "Working." I told Ron and Mark that they had lost their minds and that i was not an actor. Well, after much debate, I ended up in the cast. That was the most fun I ever had. It was work and I wasn't sure I could remember my lines and act at the same time, but Ron kept assuring me that I could do it. He was an awesome teacher and lots of fun. I'm praying for you Mark.

Pamela Berry - June 17, 2020 at 10:35 AM

PY

“ Mr. Farrell was my teacher at Eisenhower Junior High and his classes were both fun and educational. I later would see him at HPHS and he always had kind words. A true gift to students he was and his legacy of service and the positive impact he had on the lives of others, speaks for itself. Rest well, kind sir. Rest well.

Patrick Yancey - June 16, 2020 at 06:22 PM

WJ

I had Mr. Farrell in high school as my speech teacher and I hated speech. He knew it and helped me get through to pass. He was a great teacher to many many students and I've never forgot him

Wendy Janca - June 16, 2020 at 06:33 PM

P(

I never had Mr. Farrell in high school as a teacher. I think him for all that he had done at Highland Park. He was always a good teacher for all the plays that we're ever done. Mr. Farrell you will be missed may you rest in peace sir.

penny scheidegger (cowan) - June 16, 2020 at 08:05 PM



So very sorry Mark. I'll continue to keep you in my prayers, my friend.

Ann Mitchell - June 16, 2020 at 08:39 PM

CH

I first met Mr. Farrell when he was the Associate Pastor at Highland Park Methodist and I was in high school MYF. Years later he taught my sons at Highland Park High School. In recent years we would run into he and Mark at various restaurants and enjoy visiting. He always remembered my sons and asked about them. He was a dedicated teacher and did so much for the school. We are so sorry Mark. Sympathy and prayers.

Cheryl Herman - June 16, 2020 at 08:46 PM

LP

So sorry for all of us for this loss. Mr. Ferrell directed my play, Mary Mary and has a special place in my heart. He may be gone but never forgotten. Thank you for g8vibg yourself as you did. Love akways

Linda Price - June 16, 2020 at 11:06 PM

R(

“ I had the privileged of being in 2 productions with Mr. Ferrell at Eisenhower. "Oliver", and "The Wizard of Oz" I played the wicked witch. He then transferred to Highland Park at the same time my class started our sophomore year. I then played the mayor's wife in the "Music Man". Mr Ferrell did everything with a sense of excellence. I learned so much from him about public speaking and stage presence. I believe it has helped me thru my life, and I will always remember him fondly. I will keep you and your family and friends in my prayers.

Rebecca L Rinn (Edwards) - June 16, 2020 at 06:22 PM

KC

“ Mr. Farrell was one of the hardest teachers I had but that's what made him one of the best. Rest In Peace

Kevin Carter - June 16, 2020 at 06:16 PM

RE

“ My condolences are extended to the family of Ron Farrell. I consider Ron a true friend. He was a teacher extraordinaire. He will be long remembered for his contribution to the students, and families of the Highland Park High School community. Those contributions will survive long after we are all gone.

Rest in peace my friend!

Ronald L. Epps - June 16, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JB

May God smother you with His love and peace! All my love to you Mark!❤️ My love for Mr. Farrell will live forever. Awesome teacher in and out of the classroom. Rest my friend til I see you again.❤️

Jodi Blount - June 16, 2020 at 09:11 PM

DL

Ron was very special to my family. He worked with my Dad, Bob Langston (Minister) at West side Christian church. He was an Associate Pastor and youth minister in the early 70's. I was able to stay in touch with him and Mark through the years. He was a big influence on my life.

Deba LangstonBrant - July 18, 2021 at 03:35 PM

MB

“*My condolences to the Farrell Family. I was a student at Highland Park High School and Mr. Farrell as an instructor. He made learning very fun! Rest In Peace!*”

Michael Browne - June 16, 2020 at 01:50 PM