



Mark Eric DeCastro Rocha

August 16, 1968 - July 18, 2025

Mark Eric DeCastro Rocha, 56, of Wilmington, North Carolina, passed away with family and friends by his side at Hospice Facility on Friday, July 18th, 2025. Mark was born August 16th, 1968 in Wheeling, WV.

He was a 1986 Graduate of East Preston High School in Terra Alta, WV. Following High School he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Design from Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV. After leaving West Virginia, Mark found his home around Carolina Beach & Wilmington, North Carolina. Through the years he worked in several occupations, Graphic Design, Furniture & Mattress Sales, A Furniture Store Owner, Carpentry, and Wine Sales.

Mark was a fixture at the dock and loved to flounder fish. He would tell his friends he wanted to be known as the "Flounder Whisperer". He was a free spirit, enjoyed riding his Harley, loved 80's Metal/Rock, he did creative Artwork, enjoyed superhero movies, and loved Godzilla movies. Mark was a Jokester and enjoyed time with family and friends. But was still known as a very private person and set in his ways.

Mark is survived by Lidia Silva, (Nanny-who helped raise him) Oakland, MD. Sister Patricia Rocha of Pittsburgh, PA. Brother Michael Rocha & wife Stacey of Aurora, WV. Brother Alex Rocha, of Reedsville, WV. Nephew Ryan Rocha & wife Chelsey of Fairmont, WV, (two great nephews Lucas and Beau) Niece Haley Rocha of Elkins, WV. Nephew Christopher Zier, of Pittsburgh, PA (two great nephews Marcus and Jordan). Nephew Noah Rocha of Reedsville,

WV.

He was preceded in death by his Father Dr. Hilton Rocha of Terra Alta, WV, and his Mother Edda Rocha, of Terra Alta, WV.

Mark had an extended family, Bryan & Michelle Carpenter, son Augustus, and daughter Abigail of Wilmington, NC. This is where he called home and liked to critique the cooking and baking. Close Friends: Kenny & Jenny Green, Wilmington, NC, Chris George, Raleigh, NC, and Rod Chase, Wilmington, NC.

Special Thanks to the staff at the Hospice Facility on Physician Drive, Wilmington, NC for the care Mark received.

A private Celebration of Life will be at a later date in Wilmington, NC.

Tribute Wall

JW

“ Rest in peace old buddy I met him in Fairmont when I attended Fairmont State and the early 90s and became friends of him when he worked at Pete's place in Fairmont and then became his roommate for a semester he took me under his wing and brought me into his house so I could attend college was a true free spirit and one of a kind.

Jason A Wharton - July 23, 2025 at 12:55 AM

MJ

“ So sorry to hear this news. I went to college with Mark. We had a lot of good times at "the castle" and Pete's. He was always smiling and loved his motorcycle. It was even parked in the middle of the dining room at one point. A small group of us were able to enjoy a beautiful ride through the mountains when he moved to Wyoming.

Missy Horvath Johns - July 21, 2025 at 09:20 AM

CL

“ Goodbye Mark. May you go swiftly and safely into the next world. I miss our good times.

Christopher LeTourneau - July 20, 2025 at 09:24 PM

CG

“ We will miss him daily. He was a dear friend and a important part of a lot of lives. Thank you to the care team at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. They sacrifice so much to help many families in these journeys at the end of life and are irreplaceable. Godspeed brother Mark.

Chris George - July 20, 2025 at 07:37 PM

DR

“ We are so very sorry Peace to friends and family

David Ray - July 20, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CW

“ I am deeply saddened to hear the news of your passing! Rest in peace!

Carey walters - July 20, 2025 at 09:29 AM