



MARK CZWORNIAK EULOGY PUBLISHED IN FORENSIC MAGAZINE

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On May 15th, I lost a great and loyal friend named Mark Czworniak.

Mark had beaten a serious bout with cancer and two separate heart attacks, but he was non-stop when it came to his family and friends.

Mark had been with Chicago Homicide when I first met him. Over the years we became great friends and colleagues.

He was a devoted husband to Beth and the father of two beautiful girls. His older daughter Ashley became a doctor, and his younger daughter Elle followed her dad into law enforcement. He was proud of his daughters and wife who became a Physician's Assistant.

Mark was part of my Practical Homicide Team for many years and when the opportunity arose I would have Mark instruct on NAMUS as part of the program.

Mark was also an expert Crime Scene Photographer. He was instrumental in assisting me in updating my textbook crime scene photos. Over the years Mark contributed his expertise, provided case information and photos to my new editions.

Mark suffered a devastating heart attack on April 30, 2019.

Mark passed on May 15th at 5:52 P.M. despite the heroic medical intervention and assistance of his doctor daughter and the expert medical team that kept him alive for two weeks.

Mark fought like hell to the last minute as all of his family and friends prayed for a miracle, because only a miracle could have saved him.

It was an honor to have him as a friend, and a curse to have him on your case if you were a murderer. He left no stone unturned and would utilize all options to bring justice to the surviving families of homicide.

I remember him organizing a funeral service for a baby killed at birth by her crack head mother. The family did not want the body. The body was scheduled to be buried in a Potter's Field. Mark petitioned the Medical Examiner for custody of the body. Mark secured a casket and a plot for burial. He then got The Chicago Police Honor Guard to lay this little angel to rest in the Queens of Angels Cemetery.

That was the kind of caring man and yet tough detective that Mark Czworniak was. I will miss his passion and humor as a "Brother-of-the-Cloth" and murder cop.

Even after he retired he stayed active in Law Enforcement investigations. Mark worked for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Persons and NAMUS.

Mark will be missed by all of us who were lucky enough to be called his friend.

May God Bless Detective Mark Czworniak and Family, and especially his wife Beth and Daddy's girls, Ashley and Elle.

May he rest in Peace in the Kingdom of God and may his family find solace in his service.