



## Mark Anthony Torres

June 5, 1979 - March 25, 2024

Mark Anthony Torres, age 44, of Hobart, died on March 25, 2024, from a massive coronary attack. Mark was born on June 5, 1979, he is survived by his daughter, Colette Torres and her mother, Toni Torres; his mother, Teresa Torres; sister Rachel (David) Bell; nieces Madeline and Fiona Bell and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Hector Torres and grandparents, Bill and Virginia Curtis.

Mark had the soul of a true artist, and a unique sense of humor. His smile would literally light up the room, especially when he was talking about his daughter, Coco, who was the light of his life from the day she was born. After graduating from Merrillville High School in 1998, he attended the American Academy of Art and Columbia College in Chicago. As DJ Mark One Torres, he developed a large following of house music fans, playing all over Chicago and headlining at venues across the country. Proud to have been mentored by the late Paul Johnson, he produced music about peace and love, and still treasured the many friends he made from that scene. Mark relished everything from Irish singers to old time Motown and was so happy that his daughter inherited his love of music.

He was the reason for the creation of the non-profit disability rights agency Everybody Counts in 1986. Later, as a counselor/advocate he truly connected with all kinds of people and made a real difference in their lives, before becoming Systems Manager and bringing everybody there into the 21st century through his love of computers.

Mark was also a youth camp counselor for the American Coalition of Amputees, where he mentored young people, many of whom still kept in touch. As an active member of ADAPT, a national grass roots coalition, he participated in numerous rallies and compiled several documentaries. A non-denominational memorial featuring his photos and music will be held Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th Street in Hobart, from 1 to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be provided throughout, and friends are encouraged to bring memories and stories to share at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
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APR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

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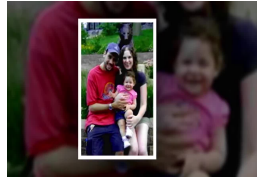
APR 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Mark Torres Service Tribute Video



Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - May 07, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ Your Team at Everybody Counts purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mark Anthony Torres.



Your Team at Everybody Counts - April 05, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ I knew Mark for many years through my involvement with Everybody Counts. He helped the organization in more ways than I could ever say, and the help that he gave me when I was board president was immeasurable. He will be greatly missed by all the people that he touched. Greg Mitro.

Greg Mitro - April 04, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ Patricia Hicks-Hosch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Anthony Torres.

Patricia Hicks-Hosch - April 04, 2024 at 02:37 PM

PH

“ Patricia Hicks-Hosch purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mark Anthony Torres.



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Patricia Hicks-Hosch - April 04, 2024 at 02:37 PM

VV

“ Valeria V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Anthony Torres.

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Valeria V. - April 04, 2024 at 01:51 PM

GE

“ I extend my heartfelt condolences to the surviving Torres family members on their loss. Mark was a dedicated father, a person with a caring helping disposition, a many of many interests, a zest for life. Truly a Renaissance Man. The void you leave in the lives of those you've touched will never be filled.

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George - April 04, 2024 at 01:10 AM

BC

“ Theresa, I am so sorry to read about Mark's passing. I send my condolences and love to you and your family. God Bless. Barb Corcoran

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Barbara Connor Corcoran - April 03, 2024 at 09:27 PM

RR

“ Theresa, what can i do to help you. I never got to meet him, but he must have been incredible. I'll write a longer note later. Peace love rob rotman

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**rob rotmaan** - April 03, 2024 at 02:55 PM

CW

“ Remember playing basketball with Mark rip

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**Clifton woods** - April 01, 2024 at 06:17 PM

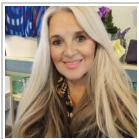
MS

“ Unbelievable that another beautiful soul is gone and taken so soon. RIP, Mark. I first met Mark at a place called Rubes in Harvey IL. He used to do Sunday afterparties and I think Thursdays. Anyways, he was always an awesome person, he would go out of his way to help people. I hadn't seen Mark for a few years, but the last time we were together was a great time. Toni and Coco, I'm so very sorry for your losses!

-Mike

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**Mike Salinas** - March 30, 2024 at 10:42 PM



“ I offer my, heartfelt condolences to Teresa Torres for the loss of her beloved young son, Mark.

Sincerely,  
Jim Ruge

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**Irene Brown** - March 30, 2024 at 02:28 PM

KB

“ We are devastated to learn that this unique soul is no longer on earth. We watched Mark grow from a teen to an artist, activist, and father. Mark lives in many people's memories, especially those of his mother, Teresa. The admiration was mutual: in the interview below, he named Teresa his role model. Indeed, the two worked together on many projects and in employment over the years, and their efforts are reflected in the changes they made and the ongoing results of their advocacy.

*Read an interview with Mark in his younger years here:*

*[https://www.nwitimes.com/uncategorized/name-to-remember-mark-torres/article\\_7f476c76-5a6c-5612-a9e5-4fbafb2c5fb4.html](https://www.nwitimes.com/uncategorized/name-to-remember-mark-torres/article_7f476c76-5a6c-5612-a9e5-4fbafb2c5fb4.html)*

*David and Kelli Boyden*

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**Kelli Boyden** - March 29, 2024 at 08:36 PM

AP

*Teresa and family,  
I am so sorry. My condolences to you and your family.*

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**Alicia Paz** - April 05, 2024 at 01:36 PM