



Mark Raymond Thresher

December 23, 1956 - October 28, 2024

Mark Raymond Thresher, 67, of Powell, Ohio went to be with the Lord on October 28, 2024. He was born on December 23, 1956 to the late Norman Raymond and Carol Jean Thresher of Parma, Ohio. Mark is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Deborah Scott Thresher.

After high school, Mark attended Otterbein University where he not only earned a degree in accounting, but he also met the love of his life, Deb. Mark started his career at KPMG Peat Marwick as an accountant and following 18 years, he made the move to Nationwide Insurance where he helped to lead and shape the company for 25 years. When Mark retired from Nationwide he was serving as the Chief Financial Officer, a position he held for 12 years. He was driven, consistent, intelligent and persistent. He poured himself into his work and built a beautiful life for his family. Mark left his legacy not only with his family, but on the community around him, by serving on various local boards and through philanthropy. One organization he was passionate about was COSI where he dedicated 15 years of service, 6 of those years as chairman. Another important board to Mark was that of his alma mater Otterbein University, in which he served for 21 years, and was chairman for 8 of those years. He was most proud when he could give back to the people and organizations that helped shape him along his journey.

Those that know Mark, know just how proud he was of his family. He was

quick to share a recent picture or a sports stat or a life update. He loved his grandchildren with every fiber of his being and they adored him. He also loved the game of golf and the memories with friends and family that the sport provided. Mark grew up in the church and as a man of faith he knew the importance of serving God and his community with the gifts that he had been given. Mark served in leadership roles at Powell United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Mark is also survived by his two daughters Chelsea (Jeremy) Ross of Powell, Ohio and Kaylea (James) Swearingen of Mason, Ohio and his six grandchildren Parker Ross, Weston Ross, Corbin Ross, Caroline Ross, Ryland Ross and John Swearingen. He is also survived by his sister Karen (James) Fanta of Parma, Ohio and brother-in-law Alan (Judi) Scott of Bradford Pennsylvania, as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends who were truly family.

Mark will be remembered as a true gentleman, a loyal friend, a patient mentor, a proud grandfather, a devoted husband, a passionate professional and a dedicated father. Please join the family in celebrating his life and legacy.

Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 pm on November 1, 2024 at Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio.

A funeral service will be held at Powell United Methodist Church on November 2, 2024 with visitation starting at 9:30 am and the service beginning at 10:30 am.

The burial ceremony will be on November 7, 2024 at McKean Memorial Park in Lewis Run Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donating to either foundations that are established at Otterbein University: "Deborah and Mark Thresher Family

Scholarship” or “Mark and Deborah Thresher Fellowship”

Cemetery Details

McKean Memorial Park

Lewis Run, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

NOV 2. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Powell United Methodist Church
825 East Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.powellumc.org/>

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Powell United Methodist Church
825 East Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.powellumc.org/>

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Mark was not only a truly unique executive he was an even more amazing friend. We shared so many earnings calls and laughs afterwards over the years. It was an absolute honour to know him.
Colin Devine

Colin Devine - November 13, 2024 at 10:24 AM

KL

“ Karen and I were sad to learn of Mark's passing. I worked with Mark for many years at KPMG then later at Nationwide. I always enjoyed his professionalism, his patience (especially on the golf course) and his sense of humor. We will remember Mark for his engaging grin and his warm personality. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Deb and also with your family. We know he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Chris and Karen Larkin

Karen R. Larkin - November 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



November 01, 2024 at 10:14 AM

RS

“ *Deb and family, We are very saddened to hear of Mark’s passing. We have many fond memories of your Christmas parties, and golf and lake weekends in New York. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Love, Roger and Robin Smith

Robin Smith - November 01, 2024 at 05:22 AM

CK

“ *Mark you were such a competitor in high school. God bless you and family. Chuck*

Chuck Kovach - October 31, 2024 at 05:51 PM

TC

“ *The Lucas’ and Carpenters purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.*



The Lucas’ and Carpenters - October 31, 2024 at 05:25 PM

SF

“ *I remember a number of years ago inviting Mark to give a lecture to the Otterbein MBA students. He told me he was nervous, which was a surprise coming from such an accomplished man. Then he explained why; his daughter was in the audience. That was such an endearing moment. For all Mark did for Otterbein, I join so many in adding my heartfelt gratitude.*

Susan Fagan

Susan Fagan - October 31, 2024 at 03:18 PM

JB

“ Mark was one of the main reasons that I left a job that I loved and moved to Nationwide for the last 18 years of my career. His passion for making Nationwide a better place to work and provide for its clients was contagious. He will be missed by many, but he has left multiple legacies for everyone to keep his memories alive.

Joe Buck

Joe Buck - October 31, 2024 at 02:25 PM

JB

“ Joe and Wendy Buck purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



Joe and Wendy Buck - October 31, 2024 at 02:12 PM

TM

“ Debbie and family, I'm ssssoo sorry for your loss. My husband Dave and I were blessed to spend time with you both at Nationwide gatherings. He will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him. Theresa Miller

Theresa Miller - October 31, 2024 at 11:37 AM

TH

“ Tom and Terese Houle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



Tom and Terese Houle - October 31, 2024 at 09:55 AM

JR

“ I was blessed to work with Mark during his Nationwide career!! He was an incredible leader and teacher. He was instrumental in my career and was always available to teach and develop! The world lost a great man. Prayers to Deb and family!!!

John Reese - October 31, 2024 at 09:39 AM

DS

“ Such a wonderful man who I enjoyed talking with in the elevator about our Browns and the Blue Jackets. He was very appreciative and approachable and he will be missed by his family and his Nationwide family.

Darcy Spangler - October 31, 2024 at 08:49 AM

MF

“ Deb, Chelsea, Kaylea and families,
Our family was shocked and saddened to learn of Mark's passing. While at KPMG, he and I spent many winters in the audit room on the 32nd floor of One Nationwide working on the annual audits. We both looked forward to Valentine's Day when we selected an assistant to spend their lunch hour buying Valentine's Day cards for all of us who had forgotten to do so. Then we would divvy the cards up by seniority. You cannot get much more in the spirit of Valentine's Day than that! We always had fun as humor knocked the edges off what could have been a long road.
We know he will be missed by many.
Mark Folk and Family

Mark Folk - October 30, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

October 30, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ Amazing Grace 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



October 30, 2024 at 11:11 PM



“ My wife, Joy, and I offer our heartfelt condolences to Deb and family. May God hold you in the palm of his hand during this difficult time.

Joy & Brian Griffin - October 30, 2024 at 08:12 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



October 30, 2024 at 03:33 PM

FC

“ From Charles and Paula Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

From Charles and Paula Carter - October 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

FC

“ From Charles and Paula Carter purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



From Charles and Paula Carter - October 30, 2024 at 03:09 PM

AN

“ While I never had the chance to meet Mark, he had a tremendous impact on my life. I was a student at Otterbein and planned to be a business consultant abroad before graduation. I found the perfect program and was all set to depart, except for the bill, which I had no way of paying. Through the Study Abroad Office, I was awarded the Thresher Fellowship, an award that would go on to impact the rest of my life. I now work in the field of international education and would not have found a pathway and the life that I love had it not been for the incredible generosity of Mark and the Thresher family in setting up this opportunity for students to have incredible experiences. I remember the exact moment I got the call saying I was awarded a sum that went on to cover my entire summer abroad. It was one of pure joy. Truly a life changing experience was created, one of many I'm sure that was made possible through the contributions of Mark to his alma mater! My deepest condolences to the Thresher family, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Anonymous - October 30, 2024 at 03:02 PM

PC

“ I’m in shock- I’m half way around the world and just heard this very SAD and shocking news. I worked closely with Mark and the leadership team for several years and we had a lot of laughs along with our business times! Deb was always the gracious host and professional as well. Such humble and gracious people. My heart goes out to Deb, the 2 girls and grand kids. So sorry I will not be back in time to attend the services Patti Cotter

Patti Cotter - October 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

October 30, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



October 30, 2024 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

October 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.*



October 30, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies to you Deb and your family. I am deeply sorry for the loss of your husband. Hold on to the precious memories you have of Mark. May he rest in peace in the comfort of our Lord. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Gail Stahura - October 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *I'm at Mark while playing in the Pro-Am for the nationwide children's championship in either 2007 or 2008. We remained friends since this day. Mark recently hosted me at The Golf Cub just this summer. His love for his family was as strong as anyone that I know. We only traded a couple of emails a year, but I appreciated our friendship way more than you know. Love to you and all your family and friends ❤️*

Aron Price - October 30, 2024 at 07:37 AM

MC

“ Mark was an outstanding leader and incredible mentor. I always enjoyed our conversations about family - he loved being a husband, father, and grandfather. He leaves an incredible legacy with a lasting impact on so many people. The entire Thresher family are in my thoughts and prayers - may God strengthen you during this difficult time.

Michael Carrel - October 30, 2024 at 05:25 AM

RC

“ The Otterbein “O” Club was a recipient of Mark’s generosity and support and extends its deepest condolences to his loved ones.

Rebekah Carlisle - October 29, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CR

“ Christina R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

Christina R. - October 29, 2024 at 09:11 PM

PH

“ Patty H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

Patty H. - October 29, 2024 at 08:31 PM

DM

“ Dave Meyer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



Dave Meyer - October 29, 2024 at 08:05 PM

SK

“ Srini K. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

Srini K. - October 29, 2024 at 07:10 PM

SS

“ Steve & Becky Swisher purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



Steve & Becky Swisher - October 29, 2024 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ I worked directly for Mark for almost 10 years at Nationwide, and he was everything anyone could ever want in a boss and a friend. I will miss him terribly and wish I could play golf with him even one more time. Deb — Anne and I share your sorrow on Mark's passing.

David Berson & Anne Bradley

David Berson - October 29, 2024 at 06:21 PM

FR

“ From, Cindy and Steve Rasmussen purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



From, Cindy and Steve Rasmussen - October 29, 2024 at 06:11 PM

FR

“ From, Cindy and Steve Rasmussen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

From, Cindy and Steve Rasmussen - October 29, 2024 at 06:11 PM

CA

“ I worked in the Office of Finance at Nationwide for quite a few years and had the good fortune of meeting and talking with Mark on several occasions. He impressed me as an intelligent, dedicated, and very personable and friendly person. He seemed so very down to earth and I enjoyed each interaction with him . May He rest in peace, with prayers going out to his family and friends.

Carl Apperson - October 29, 2024 at 05:26 PM

BJ

“ My name is Brian Jeter. Nationwide was a client of mine for many years. During this time I worked closely with Mark. We grew to become good friends and shared many great experiences. He was honest and a straight shooter who was committed to doing the right thing. He was respected by all who worked with him and for him. Mark was extremely proud of his family and was a committed husband, father and grandfather. He loved sharing stories about them.
My life was certainly better having known him.
I will miss him. A good man and a good friend.

Brian Jeter - October 29, 2024 at 05:14 PM

RA

“ Enjoyed playing golf with Mark. He was a great leader and there are so many Nationwide associates who have wonderful pension plans because of how well Mark positioned NW to be so financially solid. Great legacy.

- Rich Alexander

Rich Alexander - October 29, 2024 at 04:52 PM

FH

“ From Brett & Karla Hatley purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



From Brett & Karla Hatley - October 29, 2024 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

October 29, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



October 29, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ Bob & Lois Smith & Leavitt Group Midwest planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Raymond Thresher.

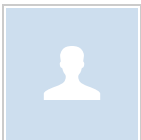
Bob & Lois Smith & Leavitt Group Midwest - October 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM



“ Bob & Lois Smith & Leavitt Group Midwest purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mark Raymond Thresher.



Bob & Lois Smith & Leavitt Group Midwest - October 29, 2024 at 02:25 PM



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October 29, 2024 at 01:49 PM



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“ *Deb, Chelsea, and Kaylea, words cannot express the sorrow we have for you during this difficult time. Mark was an amazing leader, friend, mentor, and role model. As you know, I had the good fortune of working for him at KPMG, Nationwide, and on the Otterbein Board. It's an understatement to say that I owe all of my personal growth and success to his tutelage.*

I'll cherish the memories I have from work, golf and many other interactions we had over the the years. Nobody can take these from us, and the same for your own memories. Embrace the overwhelming sorrow when it comes upon you and lean on your support system.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time.

Dan & Dee Gifford

Dan Gifford - October 29, 2024 at 11:50 AM