



## Mark A. Schlegel

August 13, 2017

Mark A. Schlegel, aged 57, a longtime resident of Oradell, NJ passed away on Sunday, August 13th. Born in Peoria, Illinois, Mark graduated from Plymouth High School in Indiana, and received a communications degree from DePauw University in 1981.

Upon arriving in New York City, Mark worked for The Mitch Leigh Company, producers of the Broadway show, "The King and I," starring Yul Brynner. The actor saw so much potential in Mark that he recommended he become an assistant to his legendary agent, Robert Lantz. Under Lantz, Mark learned firsthand the importance of personal attention to clients. He later would go on to work as an agent at Ambrosio/Mortimer & Associates, J Michael Bloom and APA.

For the past 15 years, Mark was a partner at one of the few premiere boutique agencies still in existence in the entertainment business, Cornerstone Talent Agency in Manhattan. There, alongside his partner Steve Stone, his current clients included Kassie Depaiva, Deborah Headwall, Neal Huff, Peter Friedman, Brandon Flynn, Terrence Mann, Jefferson Mays, Marin Mazzie, Clark Middleton, Bryce Pinkham, Lois Smith, Daniel Sunjata and Lillias White. Over the span of his career, he also spent time representing Steve Buscemi, Viola Davis, Jeff Goldblum, David Harbour, Samuel L. Jackson, LaChanze, Debra Messing, Denis O'Hare, Molly Ringwald, Thomas Everett Scott and Michael Stuhlbarg.

He would regularly go from coast to coast in search of new talent. Mark often gave lectures at institutions such as the Yale School of Drama and Rutgers University, to name only a few. He would also sit in on acting classes, giving constructive critiques to students and offering insight and honesty to them so that they didn't feel so powerless or clueless as to the "business of the business."

Mark is survived by his wife of 33 years, Christine Karner Schlegel, his son Reid Andersen Schlegel, and his daughter Kirsten Margaret Schlegel. He is also survived by his parents Shirley and Donald Schlegel, his sister Christine Schlegel Sullivan, and her husband Kent Sullivan, all of whom reside in Indiana. His memory will live on through his many loving

nieces and nephews, as well as his many friends too numerous to mention.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial visitation on Wednesday, September 6th from 2-4pm & 7-9pm at the Volk Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ. A memorial service will take place at 11AM on Thursday, September 7th at The Church of the Atonement, 97 Highwood Ave., Tenafly, NJ. A celebration of life is also being planned for members of the entertainment industry, friends and family in New York City, and will be announced at a later date

In Lieu of flowers donations to New Jersey Search & Rescue, P.O. Box 14, Mahwah, NJ 07430 ([www.njsar.com](http://www.njsar.com)) and/or to The Actor's Fund, 729 7th Ave., 10th Floor, New York, NY 10019 (<https://donate.actorsfund.org/donate>) are appreciated by the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Private

268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ

## Previous Events

### Memorial Visitation

SEP 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Oradell  
268 Kinderkamack Rd.  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
(201) 261-1088  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

### Memorial Visitation

SEP 6. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Oradell, NJ 07649  
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### Memorial Service

SEP 7 (ET)

Church of the Atonement  
97 Highwood Ave.  
Tenafly, NJ

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mark A. Schlegel*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Mark A. Schlegel*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Mark A. Schlegel*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JM

“ *My first memory of Mark is watching him onstage at DePauw University in a production of "Hot L Baltimore" and his character made me cry. He was honest, endearing and quite a good actor. I met him soon after during a play we performed in together at DePauw and became great friends. His smile, warmth and heart are unforgettable, and though we lost touch several years ago, I will always remember him as the friend he was to me. I send my prayers and deepest condolences to Chris and his children for their comfort. He was truly a light in this world and I will miss him. Jackson*

**Jackson Mahaney** - September 19, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.*



September 05, 2017 at 04:21 PM

JM

“ *Joanna Merlin purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.*



**Joanna Merlin** - September 02, 2017 at 07:03 PM

PE

“ This news all comes as a shock to me, who never knew Mark. My daughter, Amy, was hosted by Mark and his family while she was in town working for a political candidate. She only had nice things to report about her experience, and she was shaken when she heard he went missing.  
Thank you all for taking care of my daughter, and my families sympathies go out to all.

*Peter Ackerman*

Peter - September 02, 2017 at 03:27 PM



“ In Memory - 7" Cross Tea Light Holder was purchased for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.



August 31, 2017 at 07:27 PM

IP

“ ICM Partners purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.



ICM Partners - August 30, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.



August 30, 2017 at 10:45 AM

RE

“ Reba, Devon Junior, Nicole, & Joel Estes purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.



Reba, Devon Junior, Nicole, & Joel Estes - August 30, 2017 at 08:28 AM

LR

“ Our hearts are weeping along with the Schlegel family. We hold many precious memories of family times shared during Mark's early formative years in Indiana. We can still hear music radiating from our ground level basement entrance when Mark would visit and listen to our record (dates us!) collections. Our daughter, Dawn, and Mark graduated from Plymouth High School together and shared special times together.

Much later in life we met Mark's wife, Chrissy, and his children Reid and Kirsten at a Christian Camp in Upper State New York when we were vacationing in the area. I will always remember the camp tour with Reid driving a 3-wheeler. It was so much fun!

Yes, we are remembering the many good times we shared with the Schlegel family and are praying each of them be given peace and strength to get through this very sad and difficult time.

*Blessings!*

*Gene & Lynn Ramsbey*

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**Lynette Ramsbey** - August 29, 2017 at 01:00 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mark A. Schlegel.



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August 29, 2017 at 03:34 AM

BI

“ Mark lived just around the "country block" when we were growing up. He was always a lot of fun and very kind. From hearing people talk about him as an adult, it sounds like he hadn't changed at all. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, kids, sister, and parents. I'm so shocked and saddened by the loss of his life.

*Barb Ramsbey Ihnen*

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**Barb Ramsbey Ihnen** - August 28, 2017 at 09:16 PM

KM

“ *Mark always had time to share, to laugh, to talk about family, to talk about business. The fact that we worked for competing agencies proves what a wonderful, selfless giant of a person he was. Never did he do anything but provide a cherished moment. Mark, you are so missed. Forever in my heart and thoughts and my family's love to Chris, Reid, Kirsten and his entire family and friends.*

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**ken melamed** - August 28, 2017 at 09:09 PM

KS

“ *I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of Mark. Mark and I went to school together and also attended church and youth group together. Mark always looked for the good in everyone. While we are saddened by his loss, we must all try to take some comfort in knowing that he will be waiting for his loved ones when their time comes. May the love and support from your family give you comfort during this very difficult time. Tears are truly the price we must pay for loving someone.*

*Ken Shilt  
LaPorte, IN*

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**Ken Shilt** - August 28, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ *Mark was always kind and generous with his time. He helped me. He cared. He didn't have to. He was a matchless man among men. Blessings to his family, friends, and colleagues.*

*Mark H. Dold*

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**Mark Dold** - August 28, 2017 at 06:32 PM

DS

“ *Beloved of God. A tireless servant. Selfless. Harmless. Kind. Sincere. Dependable. Caring. Generous with praise. Gentle with criticism. Measured in speech and deliberate in action. Keeper, both of brother and the faith. Duly-diligent. Helplessly understanding. Studiously discreet. A true ear, an open hand, a willing shoulder. That rarest thespian emissary, fluent in all dialects of #BlessedUnrest; for he as well knew "the pain of too much tenderness". This the above and infinitely more...all day, every day...year in, year out...from entrance to exit; 'the dash' between his years.*

*Daniel Sunjata*

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**daniel sunjata** - August 28, 2017 at 06:18 PM

SP

“ Some of the best times of my life was when I was Mark's assistant working with him at J.Michael Bloom. I remember we laughed all day long! He will always hold a special place in my heart during a special time in my life. He taught me so much about the "business" and was a good friend! I'm sending my prayers to his family.

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**Suzette Vazquez Potolsky** - August 28, 2017 at 02:36 PM

EL

“ Elegance, compassion, love of actors, love of the arts, intelligence, sweetness, coupled with strength, , there are so many words to describe this lovely man. i counted him as one of my friends whom i could rely on to always be there and to speak the truth.

*I will miss you very much Mark Schlegel.*

*The tenor of your voice, your empathy and your passion for the clients your represented with so much care.*

*And most of all i trusted you.*

*If i have one memory it would be that we would be on the phone right now discussing this and you would be saying,," i know, i can't believe it".*

*And, yes, i cannot believe it,.*

*May your soul watch over all you love and be a very much needed angel for this world we all still inhabit.*

*Estelle Lasher*

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**Estelle Lasher** - August 28, 2017 at 02:35 PM

LW

“ Mark and I worked and laughed together for the last 15 years. We shared openings, shows, lots of happiness, and occasionally some disappointments. Through it all I felt supported by a man who truly loved me. I truly loved him . May his memory be a blessing.

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**Lee Wilkof** - August 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM

NB

“ Simply one of the most kind and gentle souls I've ever known. My deepest sympathy and love to his family. Fly with the angels now, Mark. I will miss you.

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**Nancy Buck** - August 28, 2017 at 10:23 AM

CF

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Condon Family** - August 28, 2017 at 09:33 AM