



## William Mark Greathouse

December 4, 1946 - September 23, 2019

William Mark Greathouse was born on December 4, 1946, in Franklin, TN, and entered heaven on September 23, 2019, after battling pancreatic cancer for a year. He was born to William M. and Ruth N. Greathouse, who preceded him in death. Mark attended Isaac Litton High School and Trevecca Nazarene College, where he met Janice Milby, whom he married in 1967. In addition to Jan and his sisters, Rebecca (Ted) Martin and Beth (Mike) Sykes, he is survived by two sons—William Matthew (Laureen Crampsey) and Joseph Wesley (Angelique Spehr), eight granddaughters—Katherine (Austin) Turner, Hannah, Mary, Mercedes, Lucia, Vivian, Josephine, and Beatrice—and two great-grandsons. Mark loved wood and loved people. He made his living in the building-materials business, but he made a life loving people. That love originated with his family, but it radiated outward to virtually everyone he met. He loved the people with whom he worked, with whom he worshipped and sang, and even people whom he met only once—even the servers and cashiers who endured his silly jokes. His gracious smile and the twinkle in his eyes told us he loved us.

Mark had joy, and many things gave him joy. Music gave him joy, so much joy that it had to be shared with other men who became the Heritage Men's Chorale. Good food and travel brought him joy, and he loved to share both with others. Learning and growing brought him joy, and he shared both during many years teaching Sunday school. Mark enjoyed many things, but sharing them with others made the joy meaningful.

Mark's life will be celebrated in a service at First Church of the Nazarene, 510 Woodland Street, Nashville, TN 37206, on Sept. 29, 2019, at 6PM, with visitation prior to the service from 3 to 6. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Heritage Men's Chorale, c/o Harold McCue, 231 Green Harbor Rd., Old Hickory, TN 37138-1025. To donate to the Chorale online, visit [phillipsrobinson.com](http://phillipsrobinson.com).

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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First Church of the Nazarene

510 Woodland St., Nashville, TN, US, 37206

**SEP** **Service** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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# Comments

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“ With much love, The Schiffmans purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Mark Greathouse.



With much love, The Schiffmans - September 28 at 08:58 AM

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“ Jan,  
Our hearts are broken for you in the loss of your husband. I'll never forget the outpouring of love you and the Trevecca community gave me during my former husband's battle with colon cancer in 2003-2004 when all 3 of our kids were students at Trevecca. Whether you knew it or not, your words of encouragement and support in the position you held at Trevecca helped ease the pain of losing my husband at age 51, and now our hearts go out to you in the loss of the dearest on earth to you. Since Mark found such joy in music, may you find great comfort in the words of the song that brought the same comfort to me: "Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye to the dearest on earth to me, and my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks? Is it aught to Him? Does He see? O YES, HE CARES; I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares."

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because HE CARES FOR YOU!"

Sending our love and deepest sympathy to you today,

Deloris Winsinger Ball

Richard Ball

(Nashville, TN)

Deloris Winsinger Ball - September 28 at 06:13 AM

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“ My first memories of Mark were in his early childhood. His dad was my pastor in Clarksville, TN until Mark was about 8 1/2 years old. I'm about 11 years older than Mark,  
and I knew him best in those early years. He was a very loving child, easy to get to know, and I enjoyed playing rough house with him. I only got to see Mark occasionally in later years, but he continued to have a loving spirit, friendly, and always a joyful person. My wife and I have maintained a friendship with the Greathouses through the years, though for the most part it was with Dr. G.

Jan, we're sorry you had to lose Mark at still a very young age, but glad you have such a great family, and we know where Mark is and will see him again.

Kindest regards,  
Bill and Helene Heaton

**Bill Heaton** - September 27 at 11:29 PM

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“ We have appreciated our friendship with Mark and Jan Greathouse. Our condolences and prayers.

Paul and Charlotte Beals, Huntsville, Alabama 35806

**Paul Beals** - September 27 at 06:07 PM

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“ We grew up across the street in Greensburg...Matt is a year younger than me, and Wes is a year and a day younger than my sister. My mother used to speak fondly about when Mark got his first set of glasses; he said to her incredulously, "You know what? THE TREES HAVE LEAVES!" (Being nearsighted myself now I can fully appreciate that.) Mark was just crazy about their miniature black Poodles, Jolie and Molly, and was the reason we ended up with our black and white Pointer, Bozo, a stray who was hanging out at their house across the street. My late mother was especially fond of Mark, and they lived directly across the street, until they built another house that was diagonally across from us. Their family was such a huge part of our lives growing up- Mark often ended up supervising some really bad basketball in the driveway or rounding us up at dark when we had gone all the way to the opposite end of the street on our bikes. I'm so infinitely sorry to learn that he's left us, but he was a man of faith and we must be reconciled that he is at peace in a better place now.

**Mary Taylor Huntsman** - September 26 at 11:39 AM



“ so very sorry ,please,accept my deepest condolences.

**Candace** - September 26 at 12:25 PM

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“ So sorry for loss. Prayers for comfort and peace



**Jim and Ona Sidebottom** - September 26 at 10:19 AM

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“ I was sad to hear about the passing of Mark. I had the pleasure of getting to know Mark and the Greathouse family while I worked for him from 2004-2008. He was a great person to work with, strong in his faith and loved his family. My family is thankful for the time spent with the Greathouse's as we shared dinners and other celebrations together. Jan, Matt, Wes and family, you are in our prayers.

Jason, Regina and Levi Thompson

**Jason Thompson** - September 25 at 05:06 PM

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“ So very sorry to learn of Mark's passing. He, Jan and boys were a great addition to our church life and work life while in Green Co. My late parents, Howard and Tillie Russell, loved during business with him. His friendship was truly a blessing for all in Green Co, KY. Jan and I go all the way back to childhood days at Summersville Church of the Nazarene.

**Wanda Beyer** - September 25 at 02:16 PM

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“ Mark left an indelible imprint on all of us who knew him, and I suspect even on those who only encountered him briefly. He was that kind of guy: thoughtful, kind, genuine, committed, loving; a man of integrity whose life was exemplary of his beliefs. Mark honored God, Jan, Matt, Wes, all of his family, his church, and his global family of friends and colleagues. I was honored to know Mark for many years. I am praying for Jan, Matt, Wes, and the family. May God give comfort and strength as only He can.

**Martha Bean** - September 25 at 12:36 PM



“ So sorry of Marks passing. You knew he was a true believer in God. God bless your family. You will be missed.

**Betty Polacek** - September 26 at 08:59 AM



“ So sad to read of Mark’s death announcement, he and Jan friends and neighbors when they lived in Greensburg, Ky. He was a kind man and a man that loved God and his family.

gayle stemm-hines - September 25 at 04:38 AM

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“ I have been thinking about My friend Mark Greathouse a lot during these last few hours.

Yes there are many memories that we shared over the years. Tonight however my thoughts have been about the following:

Seven Things I Am Already Missing About Mark

1. Mark’s hugs. He engulfed you with his wonderful manly bear hug. I miss it already.

2. Mark’s laugh. I can hear it in my head as I have heard it many times before. Even in recent weeks as we talked on the phone we laughed together. I miss your laugh Mark.

3. Mark’s huge heart. Mark was a tall strapping man, but as big as he was, his heart was even bigger. There was always a lotta’ Love in that big heart. He had love for God, for his family and for others.

4. I will miss how Mark always gave people a second and even third chance. He was always redemptive in relationships. Thank you Mark for setting such a good example for us.

5. I will miss Mark’s love for music and his TNU heritage, however due to his starting the alumni choir it will live on beyond him.

6. Mark, I will miss your great work ethic. I was privileged to see you operate in several work arenas and environments. I have an appreciation for higher end crown molding thanks to you.

7. Most of all I love and appreciate and admire your eternal scope on life on this earth and for eternity. In our last conversation you said I want to make every minute count for Christ

You kept this focus to the very end and it will go on forever.

I love you Mark and I know I will be with you in heaven.

Your friend,  
Fred Huff

fred Huff - September 25 at 01:39 AM



“ I echo the superb description of Mark by Fred. He was generous of spirit, warm, and gracious., He reflected the Gifts of the Spirit comprehensively. He made you want to know the Lord as he did. I will certainly miss him. I pray for Jan and the remainder of his family. Finally, Fred’s description of Mark’s hug couldn’t be more accurate. I will certainly miss that.

**Ralph Leverett** - September 25 at 11:58 AM



“ A fine gentleman! Richard Moore

**Richard Moore** - September 25 at 05:53 PM



“ Mark's hugs were special. I will miss them.

**William Nichols** - September 26 at 12:50 PM