



## Mark Stokes

November 15, 1953 - November 9, 2019

Mark Reginal Stokes, 65, of Prattville, went to be with the Lord on Saturday November 9, 2019 after a brief battle with cancer. Mark died peacefully surrounded by his family.

Mark was born on November 15, 1953 in New Orleans, Louisiana, the son of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Reginal Stokes, and grew up in Belmont, Mississippi and Selma, Alabama before moving with his family to Pleasant Grove, Alabama in 1968. He was a 1971 graduate of Hueytown High School. He held degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. For almost forty years, Mark was a passionate minister of the Gospel. In Alabama, he pastored churches in Lauderdale County (First Baptist Anderson and First Baptist Green Hill), Jefferson County (Valley View Baptist and Enon Baptist), Autauga County (Camellia Baptist and First Baptist Billingsley). He also pastored First Baptist Church Aberdeen in Aberdeen, Mississippi, and briefly served on staff alongside his father at First Baptist Church Pleasant Grove in Pleasant Grove, Alabama.

Throughout his ministry, Mark was honored to serve in various leadership capacities. At the time of his death, Mark was serving the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions as the Evangelism Strategist for Central Alabama. He

was also proud to serve on the Board of Directors for Shocco Springs Conference Center. Throughout his ministry, Mark served local Baptist associations and the Alabama Baptist State Convention in various roles as moderator, committee member, and trustee.

Beyond his long work in ministry, Mark loved spending time with his family. He loved deer hunting, travel, and cooking. He was a lifelong fan of the University of Alabama. Mark enjoyed NASCAR, beginning as a volunteer with Alabama Raceway Ministries and serving as Director at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, Nancy, and three children and six grandchildren; son Matthew Stokes (Lori) of Vestavia (Jack, Lucy, and Oliver), daughter Maria Murray (Ben) of Trussville (Ann Shepard and Henrietta), and son Martin Stokes (Katie) of Prattville (Winnie). He is further survived by his mother, Judy Stokes, of Cleveland, Tennessee, his brother, Tim Stokes (Susan) of Nashville, Tennessee and sisters, Marcia Clement (Manson) of Cleveland, Tennessee, and Beth Brillon of Katy, Texas, and numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Dr. Reginal Stokes.

The family would like to extend their thanks to Dr. John Reardon, and the doctors and staff of the Montgomery Cancer Center, the Oncology Unit at Jackson Hospital, Encompass Health and Rehabilitation, and John Knox Manor Home Health.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Myers-Mallory Offering at the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions.

Visitation will be held on Saturday November 16 from 1 pm to 3 pm at Camellia Baptist Church in Prattville, with a funeral following at 3 pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Camellia Baptist Church  
Prattville, AL 36067

## Service

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Camellia Baptist Church  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.



November 16, 2019 at 08:47 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.



November 15, 2019 at 04:10 PM



“ *Janet Eikenberry* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of Mark Stokes.



**Janet Eikenberry** - November 15, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ *Sunny Memories* was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.



November 15, 2019 at 02:30 PM

LF

“ *Lynne Pinson Owen & Family and Wayne Dill & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark Stokes.*



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**Lynne Pinson Owen & Family and Wayne Dill & Family -**  
November 14, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.*



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November 14, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.*



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November 14, 2019 at 11:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.*



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November 14, 2019 at 11:38 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Stokes.* ”



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November 14, 2019 at 10:33 AM



“ *Brother Mark taught The Word at Camellia. Our family will always love and appreciate his love and kindness during the illness and death of our Gerald Ratliff. God bless Nancy and Family.* ”

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**Maurine Ratliff** - November 13, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *Shirley Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mark Stokes* ”



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**Shirley johnson** - November 13, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ *Bro. Mark, Nancy and family came to FBC Aberdeen and provided superior leadership and wonderful preaching. So sad about this.* ”

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**Chester Patterson** - November 13, 2019 at 12:12 PM

KS

“ I was blessed to know Brother Mark these last 3 or so years while working at the Association office. Mark always had a smile on his face and his love for his family was so apparent. He absolutely cherished each of them. When he came into our office or called, he was genuinely interested in hearing how my family was doing, especially about our daughter, Claire, who worked at Shocco over the summer and recently started attending the University of North Alabama. I will always remember Bro. Mark’s kindness ~ He is truly missed. Praying for Nancy and family.

Karen Segura - November 13, 2019 at 10:07 AM

MW

“ He was a great pastor always there when we needed him. Rest in peace. Will be greatly missed.



Myra WYATT - November 13, 2019 at 09:13 AM

Paula  
Spencer

“ Paula Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mark Stokes



Paula Spencer - November 12, 2019 at 08:49 PM

CW

“ *Carroll White lit a candle in memory of Mark Stokes*



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**Carroll White** - November 12, 2019 at 08:31 PM

DB

“ *Debbie Gilmore Bowen lit a candle in memory of Mark Stokes*



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**Debbie Gilmore Bowen** - November 12, 2019 at 08:06 PM

MB

“ *Bro. Mark was a fun loving pastor and we joked from time to time. One time, our first yard sale event was about to happen to help fund 20 members on a mission trip. We had a lot of old furniture, most in fair shape but there was some pieces that weren't. He sidled up to me in his "pastoral" way and asked me this question. "Mike, are you going to be able to sell any of this stuff?" My response to him caught him off guard but he belly laughed. I said "Bro. Mark, I could sell a nun an IUD and make her think she needed it." Of course it was just the two of us standing there. He said "You didn't just say that!" Then he belly laughed and hugged my neck. That mission trip was to Bolivia. We raised every dime of that money without touching our budget which was \$23,000 and Bro. Mark supported every thing we did. Our prayers are with the family as they go through this time of grief.*

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**Mike Bunch** - November 12, 2019 at 07:35 PM

JB

*He sure enjoyed the trip to Bolivia. It was an awesome trip and he was such a good leader! Prayers for all!*

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**jackie benson** - November 12, 2019 at 08:52 PM