



Mark Stephen Garner

July 10, 1962 - August 28, 2015

Mark Stephen Garner, age 53, of South Pittsburg, TN went to be with the Lord Friday, August 28, 2015. He was employed in law enforcement for over 31 years working for Chattanooga Airport Authority Police, South Pittsburg Police, Hamilton, Walker, Marion and Dade County Sheriff's Department. He was recently employed by the Dade County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy, School Resource Officer, and C. H.A.M.P.S. officer at Dade and Davis Elementary schools.

Mark was a loving father, husband, son and a special friend to many he knew. He was very involved in the community working with the DARE programs, assisting with Cop Church in Chattanooga, a longtime board member for Richard Hardy Memorial School, and he attended Amazing Grace Church of God in Stevenson, AL. He announced Dade County High School Football games and had a HUGE passion and love for the Tennessee Vols.

Preceded in death by his father Melvin A. Garner.

Surviving included his loving wife of 25 years, Lea Ann Oaks Garner of South Pittsburg, TN; Daughters: Bria Garner, Ashton Garner, South Pittsburgh, TN; Mother, Mary Jo Garner, Trenton, GA; Brother, Michael (Carla) Garner, Ringgold, GA; Also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1PM Monday August 31, 2015 in the Chapel of Ryan Funeral Home with Frankie Carroll officiating.. Interment will follow in Hooker Cemetery.

Family will receive friends from 1 PM until 8 PM Sunday at Ryan Funeral Home and 10 AM until service time on Monday at Trenton Ministry Center, Trenton, GA.

Cemetery Details

Hooker Cemetery

Highway 299
Wildwood, GA 30757

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ryan Funeral Home and Crematory
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Visitation

AUG 31. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Trenton Ministry Center
Trenton, GA 30752

Service

AUG 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Trenton Ministry Center
Trenton, GA 30752

Tribute Wall



“ *Mark Stephen Garner*

October 09, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Tommy Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mark Stephen Garner*



Tommy Wooten - September 07, 2015 at 10:38 PM



“ *Mark was first and foremost a great Christian, father, law enforcement officer and most of all the same person any time/every time you ever came in contact with him. He always made every effort to stand for what is and should be right with his decision making, in all phases of his life. Him and his beautiful family have always and will continue to be a positive shining light in our community. We all experienced a great loss last week, but what a gain for our heavenly Father! Matthew 25:23 (NIV) states, His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' This verse to me exemplifies Mark Garner's earthly life. We look forward to seeing you again one day, friend. May God continue to watch over and bless this wonderful family!*

*-Mark, Misty, Tanner & Erin O'Leary
Kimball, TN*

Mark O'Leary - September 01, 2015 at 10:18 AM

DH

“ *Lee Ann, You may not read this till things calm down but I just won'ted you to know you and your family will be in our prayers now and in the days, weeks, & years to come. We know your hearts are heavy but Mark is shouting in Heaven on two good legs. Mark was a great man but behind every good man is a great women. God be with you and your family. Love you and God Bless.*



Donna Horton - August 31, 2015 at 01:06 PM

CP

“ *Curtis Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mark Stephen Garner*



Curtis Phillips - August 31, 2015 at 11:00 AM

CP

“ I met Mark Garner in September 2003 while working at a gas station 3rd shift while Mark was working 3rd shift as sergeant for the South Pittsburg, TN police Department. I felt the Lord tugging at me shortly before that, but Mark coming into my life at the time he did, was the extra nudge i needed. Plus him being "law enforcement" was different for me to have a "cop friend". I enjoyed talking for HOURS many nights with him and going to South Pittsburg Church of God for a few years. I learned a great deal from Mark, but the number one rule i learned from him is "if you're gonna be stupid, you better be tough"lol :) I have only one regret, the night he died we had a falling out, and had I known this was going to happen, I would have just let it go. But it was not in vain Mark, this taught me a very valuable lesson in life. Treat EVERYONE you meet and see, as if there last day on earth is TODAY!. I love you and I will miss you. I will see you again.

Curtis Phillips - August 31, 2015 at 10:59 AM

LS

“ Our prayers are with you. Mitchell and Leonda Smith

Leonda smith - August 31, 2015 at 10:01 AM

JS

“ I deeply regret the great loss to your family. I also regret the loss to the law enforcement profession. Mark was an excellent representative of what a law officer should be. I will long remember his smile and willingness to help others. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Lt. J. Don Stultz

Troop A, Georgia State Patrol

J. Don Stultz - August 31, 2015 at 08:54 AM

HJ

“ *Mark and I shared a passion for firearms training, we worked for a time together at the Hamilton county sheriff's department, I remember him fondly, he had a passion for his job and family, I will miss my friend, and to the family you have my deepest sympathy, for your loss,*

so long my friend, Herbert Jones #1449 H.C.S.D, RETIRED

Herbert Jones - August 30, 2015 at 10:09 PM

GL

“ *Our thoughts & Prayers are with the family, MaryJo has been Apart of the Senior Center for many years& we the seniors & staff are mourning your loss. May you all find comfort in knowing Mark was so loved & will sadly be missed.....Dade Senior Center*



glynis lawson - August 30, 2015 at 07:23 PM

GL

“ *Glynis Lawson lit a candle in memory of Mark Stephen Garner*



glynis lawson - August 30, 2015 at 07:09 PM

Leslie
Carroll

“ *Leslie Carroll lit a candle in memory of Mark Stephen Garner*



Leslie Carroll - August 30, 2015 at 05:31 PM

DH

“ *Brenda and myself are so sorry that a great police officer and man has left us. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. We know that Mark is in the best place ever. He will be missed by many. I always enjoyed working with him.*

dale higdon - August 30, 2015 at 04:28 PM

GS

“ *Lea Ann: Becky called to let me know about Mark. I am so sorry. I won't be able to be there in person, but know that I am thinking about you. You have your girls and I feel sure you will all be a comfort to each other. Gail Scott*

Gail Scott - August 30, 2015 at 02:46 PM

OF

“ *Otis & Judy (Garner) Phillips & Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Mark Stephen Garner.*



Otis & Judy (Garner) Phillips & Family - August 30, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Ryan Funeral Home - August 30, 2015 at 11:56 AM



“ *Pastor Daniel & Pamela Beard "The Crossing East Ridge" purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Mark Stephen Garner.*



Pastor Daniel & Pamela Beard "The Crossing East Ridge" -
August 30, 2015 at 12:28 AM

SW

“ *Leanne, Daughters and Mary Jo: We were so devastated to hear about Mark's homegoing. We know he' s in beautiful heaven with our loving Savior, but our hearts are broken. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mark was a wonderful person and respected by a lot of people. He was a great friend and enriched our lives this journey of life. This is not the end, but the beginning of a new life for him. We pray that God will comfort you now, and in the days ahead, and may the good and loving memories sustain you in the coming days. We love you all, and please let us know if we can do anything for you.*

*Love you,
Mike and Sandra Williams*

Sandra Williams - August 30, 2015 at 12:08 AM

MM

“ *We are truly blessed and grateful we got to know and love Mark. He was one of the best men we knew. We love you lea Ann Bria and Ashton. We will forever love and miss Mark.*



Miranda Middleton and Clint McNabb - August 29, 2015 at 07:00 PM

VW

“ Mark introduced me to my "now" husband. When he set us up on a blind date, I was a bit worried. But, in true Mark fashion, he calmed my nerves before the unexpected event. I remember him telling me, "Calm down. And, just remember, he ain't as purty as me." Of course, that broke the nervousness that I felt....because he had me laughing....as he always did.

Now, the unexpected event has happened to my buddy. Mark, I know you're in Heaven, having the angels ringing with laughter.

We may miss you. But we hope to see you again.

Love you so much!

Vicki Williams

Vicki Williams - August 29, 2015 at 09:44 AM