



Rev. Mark Madison Norman Vickers

August 21, 1961 - March 24, 2022

Mark Madison Vickers, 60 gained his angel wings after battling a rare infectious disease on March 24, 2022 surrounded by his family. Mark was born August 21, 1961 to Hugh and Joan Vickers in Madison, Indiana.

Mark graduated from Earlham College, Richmond, IN; Duke Divinity, Durham, NC; and Fayetteville Community College, Fayetteville, NC. Mark began his call to ministry early in his life by volunteering and serving his local church and community. Mark served in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. Due to family circumstances, Mark changed his career direction and became the Chaplain and a funeral director for Forbis & Dick Funeral Service in Greensboro, NC, where he remained for 18 years. After the death of his first wife, Mark returned to the ministry in 2015, where he served as a lead pastor for the congregations of St. Timothy's UMC, Greensboro, NC; Bethpage UMC, Kannapolis, NC; and most recently of New Hope UMC, Winston Salem, NC. He also served as past Chaplain for the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association. Mark was an active Mason for many years. Mark joined the Stokesdale Lodge #428 in 2003 and was also a valued member of the Wilkerson College Lodge #0760, Sophia Lodge #0767, Lux Libertas Lodge #0772 and most recently, the Royal White Hart Lodge #0002. Mark has also served as the Grand Chaplain for two past Grand Masters of the North Carolina Grand Line. Mark received his 33rd degree from the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America and was a member of the Greensboro Scottish Rite Valley.

Mark loved the outdoors, biking, hunting and fishing with family and friends. He was an avid reader. You could always find Mark engrossed in two or three books at one time. Mark was a man of faith. He loved God! He loved life! He loved BIG! To know Mark, was to love Mark. His contagious love, laugh and smile will all be missed.

Mark is survived by his son, Thompson Vickers; wife, Mari Ed Vickers; mother, Joan Vickers; and bonus daughter, Kaitlyn Zimmerman; sisters-in-law Carla Morgan (Doug); Cindy Wilhoit (Tom); and Marti Stegall; nephews, Paul Wilhoit (Sherry); Zachary and Noah Morgan, nieces, Krista Plowman (Shane), Elizabeth Phillips (Cramer) and Jaimee Stegall; four great nieces and nephews; aunts, Patricia Ann Zwiefel (Jim) and Martha Vickers; cousins, Rene Block (Jim) and Michele Sitzberger (Carl). Mark is preceded in death by his

first wife, Susan Norman Vickers, father, Hugh A. Vickers and nephew Seth Morgan.

The family would like to extend the most gracious of THANK YOUS to the nurses, doctors, case manager and palliative care teams at Forsyth Medical Center for the love, devotion and care they gave to Mark during his time in the hospital.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church, 410 N. Holden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410. This service will also be live streamed on the church's You-Tube channel and Facebook page.

A private, family Scottish and Masonic Rite Inurnment Service will be led by past Grand Master, Gene Cobb.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mark's memory may be made to the NC Scottish Rite Foundation, P.O. Box 19908, Charlotte, NC 28219 or Global Ministries UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068 New York, NY 10087-9068 or to your own church's Youth Program.

Forbis & Dick Funeral Service, Guilford Chapel is entrusted with the care of the Vickers family.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

APR 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Christ United Methodist Church
410 N. Holden Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27410
<http://www.christgreensboro.org>

Visitation following the service

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Tribute Wall

RR

“ I was honored to know Mark through St Timothy's Methodist when he pastored here. To me Mark was bigger than life. One of the most interesting people I have ever met. There was hardly any conversation I would have with Mark, and we talked a lot, that Mark didn't know someone related to that particular subject. He had a gift of gab, life of a party, and a great ambassador for Christ. As he often said when someone passed I would say so to Mark “you have passed to the Church Magnificent”. I dearly miss you and send condolences to Thompson and Mari Ed for your loss. Hope to see you again soon someday Mark

rich rainey - April 05 at 08:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Mark Madison Norman Vickers.



April 02 at 08:21 AM

BP

“ Offering prayers and condolences for Mark's family. He was a kind soul and will be missed.

Brian & Becca Pritchard - April 01 at 07:52 PM

RW

“ Rodney Williams lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mark Madison Norman Vickers



Rodney Williams - April 01 at 10:11 AM

CD

“ Mark was an invaluable asset to my students and me when I was the school counselor at Summerfield Elementary. I had group meetings for students who had experienced the death of a loved one and he would come and talk with my students during one of those meetings. He was so understanding and able to talk on their level and empathetic. I enjoyed the professional connection and his professionalism. He added much to so many lives. He was missed when he changed jobs and was no longer available for that service. I'm sure he'll be missed by many from the many areas of his life. God sent us a wonderful man for many years. Now he gets to have him in a different capacity.
Cindy Dixon

Cynthia (Cindy) Dixons - March 31 at 01:51 PM

BS

“ I'll never forget all the great conversations and laughs that were had when I started working at Guilford so many years ago. I will miss you stopping by to say hey and talking about how nice it was that the weather was turning cold.
Mark will certainly be missed.



Bryn Stevens - March 31 at 12:34 AM

TH

“ You will be missed my friend.



Talitha Holt - March 30 at 04:11 PM

LM

“ Leigh Ann McPeak lit a candle in memory of Rev. Mark Madison Norman Vickers



Leigh Ann McPeak - March 30 at 03:54 PM

YA

“ Your Masonic Family at Stokesdale AF&AM purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Rev. Mark Madison Norman Vickers.



Your Masonic Family at Stokesdale AF&AM - March 30 at 11:06 AM

PC

“ I recently met Mark several weeks ago when he came to speak to our Lodge. I walked in the door and he introduced himself to me. I knew who he was, but had never personally met him before then. I knew him because we were both are in funeral service, but what I didn't know was that he was also a Mason. He sat with me at dinner, and we had a great conversation about funeral service, as well as Masonry. I will continue to pray for his family and friends, as well as his church family during this time.

Paul D. Cooke

Leaksville Masonic Lodge #136- Eden, NC

Boone & Cooke, Inc. Funeral Home and Crematory- Eden, NC

Paul D. Cooke - March 30 at 10:02 AM



“ Mark was such an amazing man. Since I was a teenager at CUMC he was a positive influence in my life and as a Youth Leader. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Sending love and peace to the entire family and his church families. Mark I will miss your morning prayers on Facebook!

Sheri Edwards - March 30 at 09:33 AM

WP

“ Mark will be missed by all of his! Met him the first time when he conducted my Mother's funeral and have always known that the ministry was made for him! Loved you Mark and will miss you! RIP

Wade Peoples - March 29 at 07:53 PM

MH

“ Sadden to learn the passing Of Mark. One of the nicest, sincere person I ever met. Our paths crossed several times, always the same. Worked a funeral with him in Greensboro he was lead family car,I was following him in another limo and got separated. No one in the car could speak English, finally made to the church.He said glad you made it and chuckled. Rest easy my Brother!!

Mark Hancock - March 29 at 07:31 PM

KR

“ I was sorry to learn of the passing of Mark. He provided great encouragement, wisdom and friendship during our time at NCFDA together. I will continue to keep the family in my thoughts and prayers.

*Karen Reardon
NCFDA Past President*

Karen Reardon - March 29 at 12:48 PM

RH

Ill Brother Mark was such an inspiration to me. Since I have conducted many Masonic funerals had and I worked together many times both as a funeral director and a minister. I was privileged to call him my brother in Christ as well as my Masonic brother. This world has suffered a great loss but heaven has gained another angel. I will see him again.

Ray Hall - March 30 at 01:38 PM