



## Mr. Mark Capron

April 18, 1969 - September 3, 2021

Friday, September 3rd our beloved Mark peacefully finished his earthly journey with his loving family by his side. There are no words to describe the loss we all feel, but because Mark was a lover of words and mastered the use of them, we must try. From an early age, Mark decided that our imprint on this life was not made by one great act. It is made by consciously acting in every small thing encountered. This is no easy feat, but Mark's life will always be manifested in the many lives he has affected, influenced and guided.

As a husband to Vikki and a father to Wesley, Jac, and Tobin, he lived out the inexhaustible love he had for them. To Vikki, he cherished who they were together and who they were to their children. To his children, Mark guided his boys into young men, never skipping over a lesson or an opportunity for them to become their own potential.

As a son and brother, Mark worked to make relationships whole. He never overlooked a word or action and always peeled the layers to know the why behind or the guiding thought. He did this because everything in his life has the foundation of truth underneath and he accepted no less. He is the validation and glue that has kept our family loving, forgiving and filled us with the example of grace.

Mark's career will forever be distinguished by his uncompromising and patient

fight against any injustice, small or large. His clients, colleagues and those working with and for him will forever be marked by his tireless effort to stand and work for what is right. Countless families were touched by him. This also carried through to Mark and Vikki's involvement in fostering children. He never turned his head away from any injustice. This is what Mark called "Doing the Hard Work."

There are numerous close friends in Mark's life that have been forever changed by Mark's investment in them. If you were Mark's friend, he would not allow you to skate through life without him challenging you to be your best self. In seemingly trivial conversations, you would glance at Mark and see his eyes penetrating and his brain thinking. He was glimpsing the best that you could be and trying to find out how he could help to get you there. This is a gift Mark did not hold back from anyone-his friends, his family, his co-workers and clients, his and Vikki's foster children.

Mark poured out his life for others. He lived everyday as a true example of Jesus Christ. He loved his relationship with God and never stopped exploring. He is with our God now and is basking in the revelations and truths to which he devoted his earthly life. He left us with the legacy of Doing the Hard Work. This is beyond thinking and contemplating. Mark acted. His legacy for all of us can be manifested in us Doing the Hard Work. In every life encountered, be present, go deeper, and leave everyone you touch better than when you found them. That is what Mark did for each of us. We love you, Mark. You are missed. You are a good and faithful servant. You will live on in each of us forever changing the world, one encounter at a time.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 11 at 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church of Lakeland, 72 Lake Morton Dr, Lakeland. Masks are required. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1444474/events/9835880>. Flowers will be accepted, or memorial contributions (reference Mark Capron Memorial) may

be made to Lobo Ranch at [LoboRanch.org](http://LoboRanch.org). Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](http://HopewellFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **11**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
72 Lake Morton Drive  
Lakeland, FL 33803

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ I found some pictures of our trip to the Dominican Republic in 2012. Mark was so kind to everyone. All of the kids loved him. Vikki, I'm so sorry for your loss!



Megan - September 11, 2021 at 02:18 PM

CD

“ It breaks my heart to learn about Mark's passing. I was fortunate to be part of Mark's early walk with Jesus. I have nothing but fond memories of our time together at Westside Baptist Church (Plant City) with Mark and his sister Amy. I'm so proud of the man Mark grew up to be. I'm not surprised as he was always the smartest person in the room. I will always regret losing touch with Mark over the years, but I know I will see him again one day. I'm so sorry for your loss, and my prayers are with each family member and friend for comfort.

Clayton Dean - September 11, 2021 at 11:58 AM

PE

“ Peter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



Peter - September 10, 2021 at 02:25 PM

CK

“ *Great Friend, Great Father, Great Husband, Great Guy*  
*One of the things that make me laugh when I think of Capers are his years as a connoisseur and aficionado of the Taco Bell Dollar menu ( with hot sauce of course)*  
*We drove up and down the east coast visiting many drive throughs*  
*Just a few weeks ago I drove past his favorite Taco Bell in Williamsburg and smiled thinking of him*  
*Always a positive outlook so I will hide my sadness at Mark's passing and embrace all my wonderful memories*  
*God bless the Capron family - we were all blessed with him*

*Chris Koomey*

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**Chris Koomey** - September 10, 2021 at 01:27 PM

JL

“ *James And Alana Lobozzo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Capron*



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**James and Alana Lobozzo** - September 10, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JL

“ *We are so saddened by your loss he will be missed by so many*

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**James and Alana Lobozzo** - September 10, 2021 at 12:18 PM

BR

“ If you’re wondering if Mark was the kind of guy who would give you the shirt off his back—he was! I once found myself running into Court without my jacket—I passed Mark in the crosswalk on the way into Court—asked to borrow his jacket—and without missing a beat, he took off his suit jacket and “gave me the coat off of his back.” Peace and love to you, Mark. Blessings to your family.  
Brian M.

Brian - September 10, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



September 10, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



September 09, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



September 09, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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September 09, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ *Such a loss...for a number of reasons...his service to his family, his service to foster kids, his service to the community and his service to the profession. My sympathies to Vikki and all the family.*

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**Maria Gallo** - September 09, 2021 at 04:35 PM



“ *Jeff Appel and Michele Gray purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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**Jeff Appel and Michele Gray** - September 09, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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September 09, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Miles & Parrish, P.A. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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**Miles & Parrish, P.A.** - September 09, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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September 09, 2021 at 02:21 PM

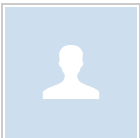


“ *Carmen Anrecio and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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**Carmen Anrecio and family** - September 09, 2021 at 11:31 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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September 09, 2021 at 07:00 AM

LM

“ Lucas & Sherri McCusker purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



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**Lucas & Sherri McCusker** - September 08, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



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September 08, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



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September 08, 2021 at 12:43 PM

GS

“ Guardian ad Litem Staff purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



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**Guardian ad Litem Staff** - September 08, 2021 at 10:40 AM

GE

“ I worked with Mark for many years and he was my first boss at Smith Feddeler Smith. I will always value his friendship and what he taught me. Much love to his family. Gail Escott



Gail Escott - September 08, 2021 at 09:27 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



September 08, 2021 at 08:48 AM

ML

“ Marcia Stuart Ceplecha & family; W&M Law purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



Marcia Stuart Ceplecha & family; W&M Law - September 07, 2021 at 11:28 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.



September 07, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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September 07, 2021 at 07:46 PM



“ *With sympathy, Ed/Gisela/Tina Fritsch purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Mr. Mark Capron.*



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**With sympathy, Ed/Gisela/Tina Fritsch** - September 07, 2021 at 07:34 PM



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



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September 07, 2021 at 06:11 PM