



## Mr. Mark J. Cook

October 26, 1970 - August 12, 2021

Mark J. Cook, 50, of Brandon, Florida, born in Gross-Umstadt, Germany on October 26, 1970, entered into eternal rest on August 12, 2021. He was a writer, who did reporting for Pewter Report, Y'all Magazine, the Tampa Tribune, and In the Field. He enjoyed fishing, the beach, was a fan of the Bucs and the Seminoles, but his greatest love was for his family. He is survived by significant other, Megan Keans; son, Douglas Davis Cook of Lithia, and his mother Erin Cook; parents, Larry and Marilyn Cook; and siblings, Julie Strehle (Jonathan Myers), Cindy Legg (Mike), and Justin Cook (Melissa). He was preceded in death by mother, Emma Cook. The family will receive friends August 19 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 South County Road 39, Plant City. A funeral service will be held Friday, August 20 at 3:00 P.M. at Beulah Baptist Church, 5300 Beulah Church Road, Lithia. For those unable to attend the service, it will be live-streamed at [Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral](https://www.facebook.com/HopewellFuneral). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arians Family Foundation at [ariansfamilyfoundation.com](https://ariansfamilyfoundation.com), or to the family at <https://gofund.me/7a3b4300>. Expressions of condolence at [HopewellFuneral.com](https://www.hopewellfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home  
6005 County Road 39 South  
Plant City, FL 33567  
(813) 737-3128  
office@hopewellfuneral.com  
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

## Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Beulah Baptist Church  
5300 Beulah Church Road  
Lithia, FL 33547

## Live-Streamed Service

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Facebook.com/HopewellFuneral  
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# Tribute Wall



“ I just found out Mark has passed. I'm shocked and saddened. We were fb friends and I loved reading anything he wrote. He dearly loved his family especially his son. My deepest condolences to them.

**kathleen richardson prager** - October 26, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ Bryan, Clara Nell, Tosha and Mandy ?????????? purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.



**Bryan, Clara Nell, Tosha and Mandy ??????????** - August 18, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.



August 18, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ Bridget Bean purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.



**Bridget Bean** - August 18, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 17, 2021 at 09:29 AM



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



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August 16, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 16, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 15, 2021 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ My condolences,

*May God be with the family in these trying times. Although I never met Mr cook personally, I was a subscriber to the pewter report. I also listened to the pewter report podcast regularly. Mr Cook had a genuine disposition, he seemed like a man of the people. I appreciate that we did engage on twitter a few time's. has was always gracious with his responses to critique or praise. Most people are unable to bring light to a dim situation but he wasn't of that realm. He had a knack for deconstructing negativity and moving on peacefully. I feel there is a lesson in a loss we can all benefit from. if we can all incorporate a few of the redeeming attributes that Mr Cook possessed, we can find solace that the world can be a much better place. Rest In Peace Sir you will always be documented in the archives as a man of the People..*

*Justice Muhammad*

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**Justice Muhammad** - August 15, 2021 at 11:34 AM

WF

“ *With Love from your Pewter Report Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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**With Love from your Pewter Report Family** - August 15, 2021  
at 09:33 AM

DS

“ *Darek & Jason Sharp purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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**Darek & Jason Sharp** - August 15, 2021 at 02:39 AM



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



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August 14, 2021 at 06:07 PM



“ *Mark I know you are in heaven looking down overwhelmed with all the love and kind words that have been spoken about you. I just wanted to send this message up to you that I will really miss you and our talks that had to do with non football stuff. I know you know that every time I set foot on the field, I will think of you and hope that you see me out there capturing photos as best as I can. Know this, if your son and family are ever in need, put my name in their heads because I would be more than happy to help in any way. Please tell Dennis Wilson I said hello as well as most of the guys from Lynyrd Skynyrd. It would not surprise me if you jam along with them playing free bird. Love you brother and we'll talk soon.*



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**Cliff Welch** - August 14, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 14, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 14, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Mark will be missed by so many. I have know Mark for years. I loved having football spats with him.  
“RTR” he was always very quick with a witty response to my Bama talk. Sending strength to his loved ones.  
Douglas, he loved you like no other.*



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**starr shirley** - August 14, 2021 at 02:50 PM

DM

“ As neighbors in Keysville our children had two homes and two sets of parents, We were blessed that Larry and Marilyn trusted us enough to be there for their children when they could not. Its with these thoughts I remember a yard full of kids throwing and grabbing a football before bouncing into the swimming pool and the water going everywhere as the beagle dog went nuts. Never a dull moment in the backyard, I also know of the families belief in God and with that I am sure the only good thing from this sudden loss is knowing Mark is in Heaven with family.....

Donna Lyn Middlebrook - August 14, 2021 at 02:35 PM

TF

“ The Middlebrook Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.



The Middlebrook Family - August 14, 2021 at 02:24 PM

GM

“ I’m very grateful for the events & experiences we enjoyed together at Pewter Report. I’ll never forget how much you disliked my emojis and how much you loved the Bucs! (And of course your fishing & family time.)

*You’ll be deeply missed by many close friends, family, and the Pewter Nation + Buc Fans across the world.*



Greg Miceli - August 14, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark J. Cook.*



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August 14, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *" Larry & Marilyn we are so sorry for your loss.Please know you are in our thoughts nd prayers. Jim & Joyce Clark*



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**James Clark** - August 14, 2021 at 01:00 PM



“ *Larry and Marilyn,  
Please accept our deepest condolences as to the death of your son, Mark. Please KNOW Maggie and I will be holding you up before our Forever Father's throne where He dispenses grace and disperses His mercies. God's personal presence be your comfort as you journey through this Valley of Grief.*

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**Robert Bud Porter** - August 14, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ *Jason Mattair lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark J. Cook*



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“Cousin Mark, oh how we will miss your gift of words in writing and your quick wit and humor! Oh how we will miss the banter back and forth your post would evoke. Oh how we will miss you! You wrote loving words for our loved ones now past, and now there are so many writing words of admiration for you! Well deserved, and somehow I feel you know. I can't but wonder if those that have passed before you were surprised when they went to meet you at the gate...I can almost hear my Dad say, "What are you doing here so early?" As I ponder life and why things happen when they happen..I have to tell myself that God is in control and even though we don't know the reason, He does! Prayers for Uncle Larry, Aunt Marilyn, Julie, Justin, Erin, and especially Douglas, and all your friends and family dealing with huge pain and a great sense of shock and loss. We know because of God's promises we will see you again.



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**Sharon and Tim Bailey** - August 13, 2021 at 09:45 PM

PV

Mark was a little red headed boy in my 1st grade class at Pinecrest Elementary so many years ago. I went through the check out line a few years ago at Winn-Dixie & was so surprised & happy to see him. He was working part time. We recognized each other immediately even though it had been years since I'd last seen him. We talked about those days . As I was driving home thinking about the cute little red headed boy, lights started flashing behind me. I told the policeman what I was thinking. He didn't say anything, just handed me a ticket for 240.00 dollars. When I saw mark again, we both had a good chuckle. Mark will be missed. My prayers go out to his family especially his son. He told me all about him that night & how proud he was of him.

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**Pat Varnum** - August 14, 2021 at 08:36 AM

SS

“ *Sandra ShirleyWaldron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark J. Cook*



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**Sandra ShirleyWaldron** - August 13, 2021 at 09:25 PM

MF

“ *Larry, Marilyn and family, condolences to you all at this heartbreaking time.*

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**Melanie Flowers** - August 13, 2021 at 08:06 PM