



## Mr. Mark Venable

January 2, 2015

VENABLE, Mark, 50, of Lithia, Florida, passed away on January 2, 2015. Mark grew up in Temple, Georgia and moved to Brandon, Florida where he was a 1982 graduate of Brandon High School. After graduating from Erwin Technical Center, Mark went on to work as an auto diesel mechanic for Nissan of Brandon, Mosaic and Vector Fleet Management. He was a proud member of Fin & Feather club and attended Sonlife Baptist Church in Valrico. He is survived by his longtime loving girlfriend Kim Leggett; mother Jean Venable; children Austin Venable of Brentwood, Tennessee, Kacey Hansen, Jacob Leggett, and Sheryl Owens of Lithia Florida; grandchildren Madilynne Hansen and Sean-Ryan Hansen; siblings Gail Johnson, Laura Barnes, Scott Venable, and Joy Mattingly; and many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday January 10 at 11:00 A.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 A.M. Interment to follow at Welcome Cemetery, Lithia. Expressions of condolence at [www.HopewellFuneral.com](http://www.HopewellFuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Welcome Cemetery

2437 Welcome Road  
Lithia, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Plant City, FL 33567  
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## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 07, 2015 at 10:28 AM

SW

*Beautiful.*

Shannon Howard Walters - January 15, 2015 at 04:44 PM

JV

*your right;such a great SON & Loving Father and BROTHER. ....LOVE FOREVER.*

jean venable - January 20, 2015 at 11:01 AM

SH

*oh my this was so beautiful loving and missing you always mark*

sue howard - January 29, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JV

*So beautiful, I miss you my son*

Jean venable - October 31, 2024 at 04:27 PM

RE

“ I had the upmost privilege of working with mark for almost 10 yrs at imc/mosaic..we went fishing together..we even helped each other on mechanical problems on out vehicles...here it is 3 yrs later..i still miss him..like another one of his friends would say..i love you man..still missing you..felt like you was a brother from another brother..until i end my journey on this earth&transcend to heaven...miss you.wish we still could go fishing..until then 🏰😊

Robert Ellis - April 17, 2018 at 04:27 PM

SC

“ Scott/Roxanne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



Scott/Roxanne - February 05, 2015 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ Mark believed in me from a young age. I always loved that about him, he had this ability to bring the best out of any and everyone. He encouraged me to believe in myself, and I believed in him and that he could overcome this battle. But God takes the best flowers from His Garden. He loved his parents more than anything, would do anything for his family, and retained the most respectful personality. He was so loving and passionate about everything and everyone. I love that about my Uncle Mark. Forever missing you,

Jennifer Mattingly - January 20, 2015 at 12:53 PM

JC

“ Joy Clark lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



Joy Clark - January 20, 2015 at 12:41 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Mattingly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



Jennifer Mattingly - January 20, 2015 at 12:40 PM

JV

“ Jean Venable lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



jean venable - January 18, 2015 at 08:37 AM

PA

“ Pat, Sandy, Madisyn, Ashlee lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



Pat, Sandy, Madisyn, Ashlee - January 11, 2015 at 09:23 AM

SB

“ As I sit a day after Mark's beautiful service, I just wanted to say Thank you to his family for sharing Mark with us. Our family moved next door to Mark & Kim 11 years ago, we have been honored to share long talks at the fence, birthdays, and everyday life. Mark treated our daughter Madisyn as if she was his granddaughter, and our oldest Ashlee as if she was his daughter. There will not be a day that goes by as I look over next door and not remember what a true friend, neighbor and the most NON- selfish person I know.

*We will miss you deeply, and I promise to keep an eye on Kim ;0)*

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**Sandy Becker** - January 11, 2015 at 09:14 AM

DH

“ My wife Kathryn and I first met Mark when our son Ryan married his and Kims daughter Kacey. I really liked Mark when we first met. He struck me as being a very honest, friendly and genuine human being with a great sense of humor. Over the past 8 or so years that we have known Mark he has become a true friend and he and his family have become part of our family. Reading the comments made by his friends and coworkers just reaffirms what a great person he was and how correct my first impressions of him were. I just wish I had met him sooner.

Mark was such a great influence on our Grandchildren Madielynn and Sean-Ryan. I just wish he was going to be here to continue influence their lives. They really loved their Pappa Mark. We will make sure they always remember him.

I regret that I was not able to be in Florida to attend the service today. Kathryn called me and told me how moving and beautiful it was. Mark will be missed by all who knew him. He was one of those special people who you feel fortunate to have known. I admired Marks will to live and he never complained and was always thinking of others even when he was so sick. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family.

Mark, we love you man!!

Dennis and Kathryn Hansen

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**DENNIS E HANSEN** - January 10, 2015 at 02:27 PM



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



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January 10, 2015 at 12:02 AM

ML

“ Mark was one of the finest people I have met in my lifetime. He always had a smile on his face. He was always concerned about others even when the cancer had him. I'm gonna miss his sense of humor especially when he'd play a prank and get you to really bite into it and later you'd both be laughing. It was just his style. He never knew a stranger and made friends easily. I'm going to miss my friend who used to say to me "I love you man!" RIP Mark. You were a kind and gentle man. And this ones for you....I love ya man!! Thanks for being part of my life.

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**Michael Lomsak** - January 09, 2015 at 06:49 PM

LA

“ Thank you all for your beautiful comforting words. Your words have brought many smiles to my face. Wow, what a great bunch of friends my brother had. Hope to see and meet all of you tomorrow.

*Laura Barnes Venable\**

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**laura** - January 09, 2015 at 04:36 PM

TR

“ I have the distinct honor & privilege of being a co-worker & friend with Mark for the past 9 years at Vector.  
He was without a shadow of a doubt one of the most genuine, honest, funny & enjoyable people I've ever had the pleasure of knowing.  
He loved his family with all of his heart & spending time with them very much.  
He always worried about what they needed, and how he could help any of them in any way possible.  
He also was remarkably talented in sports and music as well.  
Whether it was chatting it up or joking around when we both got a free moment at work, or getting together to watch the fights on PPV at my house I always enjoyed his company, his humor, and the positive vibe and smile he brought to any situation he was involved in.  
This world desperately needs more people like him, and that part is a shame because he truly was a one of a kind fellow. One of the coolest people I've ever met.-Robles

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**Tony Robles** - January 09, 2015 at 01:13 PM

SS

“ I have many great memories during high school and junior high years of playing football and mostly basketball at our house with Mark. Mark would come over to the house when he heard the basketball and we had some great tiring games together. He was a good athlete. After years of not seeing him, and on a recent trip back to visit the family (from Jersey), Mark once again heard the basketball and came over to visit. It was the same Mark that I grew up with, always kind, polite, a good friend and I will miss him but he will not be forgotten. We had a good, long, talk and visit. He will always have a place in my heart and I am thankful to have known him. Thoughts, prayers, and condolences go out to his family. God Bless and Rest in Peace!

Steve Sprinkle

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**Steve Sprinkle** - January 09, 2015 at 08:43 AM

ML

I work with Mark. I met him when he started 18 years ago. I'll always remember him with a great sense of humor and not a negative bone in his body. He loved to fish and play guitar. I enjoyed my time playing guitar over at his moms house. We had a lot of good times together and I will miss him. RIP Mark!! I Love Ya Man!! You used to always say that to me and that ones for you.

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**Michael Lomsak** - January 09, 2015 at 01:02 PM

JV

Thank you for all your beautiful words about my son Mark. HE will be missed &LOVED forever.

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**jean venable** - January 18, 2015 at 09:02 AM



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



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January 08, 2015 at 08:22 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Mark Venable.*



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January 08, 2015 at 02:20 PM



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



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January 08, 2015 at 11:53 AM



“ *Alexis and I are so sorry for your loss. Despite the situation from the past, we have a lot of great memories with Mark and all of you in them. He was fun to be around, was wonderful with Alexis as a baby and toddler. He would do anything for you if he could...he definitely had a caring heart. I can only imagine the immense sadness all of you must feel. I'm keeping each of you in my prayers asking for peace, strength and comfort.*

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**Tammy Chaney** - January 08, 2015 at 10:08 AM



“ I recently read something that fit my thoughts perfectly. It said we beat cancer by how we live. We beat it in why we live and the matter in which we live it. Mark was a great man who will live on though all of us. He has touch each of our lives with kindness and amazing loving memories. I have several great memories of Mark. Memories of fishing, playing catch in the yard, Sharing baseball stories (he loved talking about baseball), and more. He loved being a grandpa. His love for my Aunt Kim, Austin, and his family will live forever. Mark will be missed. RIP.



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**Tiffani Bailey** - January 08, 2015 at 10:00 AM

SB

“ Prayers for your whole family as you grieve over the loss of your Mark. We lift all you up to God, who will and can give you peace and comfort at this time of your sorrow. Prayers for the whole family, I know words, don't help at all, but please know we lift your entire family up in prayer. Hopefully God's words, will bring you some comfort, " For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 Amen. The family of Tim and Sharon Bailey



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**Sharon Bailey** - January 08, 2015 at 08:55 AM

LA

“ I only knew Mark for a short time, but he made an unforgettable impression in my life. He always had a smile and kind words to share. I will miss him very much. My condolences to the family.  
Larry Adams

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**Larry Adams** - January 07, 2015 at 09:38 PM



“ *Very sweet and genuine man I will miss him!!*



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**Becky Dibble** - January 07, 2015 at 07:37 PM

RS

“ *Roxanne And Scott lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable*



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**Roxanne and Scott** - January 07, 2015 at 04:20 PM

LS

“ *Mark was one of the most polite, personable, friendly and positive persons we have ever known. He left an impact on each member of our family without us even realizing it. Any conversation with him always left you smiling. We can think of no individual who fought harder to continue his life than Mark. Even though he lost that battle, he will always remain a part of those who had the opportunity and privilege to know him and we are grateful to be among those who shared a portion of his life.*

*Our sympathy and condolences to his mother, his son Austin, his wife Kim and their family, his brother and sisters and all others who knew and loved this gentle and decent man.*

*The Sprinkle Family, Larry, Sandy, Steven and Jeff*

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**Larry Sprinkle** - January 07, 2015 at 03:15 PM

JV

*Thank you &family for your LOVE for MARK,HE loved you all. THANKS for you do for ME.*

jean venable - January 29, 2015 at 09:49 AM

LC

“ *So Sorry. He will be missed by all of us. Such great memories from growing up around the "Green Box"*

Lynette Cooper - January 07, 2015 at 01:20 PM

WF

“ *I read the obituary about the loss of your loved one and I extend my sincere condolences.*

*Death is truly an enemy but there is comfort in the Bible that "God will actually swallow up death forever and certainly wipe the tears from all faces." Isaiah 25:8*

*Hold onto the beautiful memories of and continue to have the love and support from family and friends.*

*See also the comforting message found at, [www.tinyurl.com/mezwv23](http://www.tinyurl.com/mezwv23)*

Williams Family - January 07, 2015 at 12:09 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hopewell Funeral Home - January 07, 2015 at 10:25 AM

LP

“ *Lori Porter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable*



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**Lori Porter** - January 07, 2015 at 07:26 AM

JS

“ *There are many great memories I have of my friend Mark. Hours and hours of nonstop ping pong, morning until night basketball, or just hanging out and shooting the breeze are just a few of the childhood memories that I will always cherish. A great man who always stood up for his friends and I'm a better man for knowing Mark. Your friendly smile and demeanor will be missed but not forgotten. Rest in peace my Friend.*

*Jeff Sprinkle*

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**Jeff Sprinkle** - January 06, 2015 at 08:04 PM

SS

“ *What a great friend and man having grown up with Mark and having all the memories from school to football and playing guitars together those are times I'll never forget I was so privileged to have known him and to call him friend. He will surely be missed but I will never forget the impact he had on me. Rest in peace friend I will always remember you.*

*Scott Swack*

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**scott swack** - January 06, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ 22 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Hopewell Funeral Home** - January 06, 2015 at 01:58 PM

JV

*BEAUTIFUL ...*

**jean venable** - January 22, 2015 at 09:53 AM

RA

“ *I met mark at Nissan of Brandon in 1989. I found out he liked to fish. we became good friends. I will never forget the times we went fishing. we always had a blast fishing. the main reason I liked mark was the man he is. honest, caring. would help you any time you needed it. we grew older and lost track of each other. rest in peace old friend. your in a better place now. ron ackerman*

**ron ackerman** - January 06, 2015 at 01:15 PM

MS

“ *So many memories from childhood, I still cannot take it in that he has left the earth. What a good, honest soul, so blessed to have known him. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Mariellen Swack*

**Mariellen Swack** - January 06, 2015 at 10:23 AM

PK

*“ mark was one of my best friends. it makes my heart heavy with the thought of him gone. even if we didnt hang to much as we grew older. he will always be in my thoughts. he is and always shall be my friend. god has plans for this young man,*

*petey*



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**pete katosh** - January 06, 2015 at 10:16 AM

LB

*“ Laura Barnes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Mark Venable*



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**Laura Barnes** - January 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM

DB

*“ Many are the memories of all of us playing softball in the field together. It's in those memories that you'll always be, always smiling, young and happy. I'm so thankful for the day I was blessed to spend with you at the beach last summer and seeing that trademark Mark smile on your face. Until we meet again in heaven in my memories you'll always stay! Love You.*



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**Deborah Driver Brown** - January 05, 2015 at 08:47 PM

TP

“ Terry An Teri L Pinkston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Mark Venable



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**Terry an Teri L Pinkston** - January 05, 2015 at 08:33 PM

PM

“ Mark was a great friend of mine growing up and he will always have a special place in my heart. The years of memories together will never be forgotten. Whether it were all the days we spent swimming in the pool, building tree forts or playing football at the "field", we built a great friendship. Mark was a role model to us and always that "big brother" anytime you needed him. He has a beautiful family and was loved by many! In his honor, I will always remember him for his kind heart, caring gestures and that smile on his face! Love to all of you!

*Penny*

*Just let your love flow like a mountain stream....*

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**PM** - January 05, 2015 at 07:29 PM

JH

“ What a kind and special friend Mark was to my family and all of his other friends. We were lucky to have him in our loves for the time we had. The sadness we feel speaks volumes of the man he was..... Go Rest High Up on the Mountain, Your work here on Earth is Done



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**Julie Hinson** - January 05, 2015 at 05:06 PM

LB

“ We miss you so much already brother...our hearts are broken.  
But we have strength in knowing we will all be together again as a  
family in Heaven.

Love,  
Laura

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**laura barnes** - January 05, 2015 at 04:31 PM

WD

*My heart is with you all. May God comfort you.*

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**wes doyle** - January 05, 2015 at 05:58 PM

JV

*Mark loved you also,had such a BIG LOVING HEART . THANK U ALL.*

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**jean venable** - January 20, 2015 at 11:15 AM

KW

“ Kurt Wicklund purchased the Arrive in Style for  
the family of Mr. Mark Venable.



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**Kurt Wicklund** - January 05, 2015 at 01:25 PM