



Mark Carpenter

July 25, 2025

Mark Christopher Carpenter, 57, of Lillian, AL, passed away peacefully at his home on July 25, 2025.

Mark was born on July 3, 1968, in Columbus, OH, the son of Dixie (Johnson) and Blaine Carpenter. He graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1987.

That same year, Mark joined the United States Air Force, where he served with honor until his discharge in 1992 at the rank of Sergeant. A member of the Security Forces, he served during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Mark was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work on the personal protective detail for CENTCOM Commander General Schwarzkopf. During his five years of service, he also earned the National Defense Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, the Marksmanship Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, and was part of a unit recognized with the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.

After an 18-year courtship, Mark married Melanie Pfaff on May 16, 2025, in Lillian, AL.

Mark worked in generator maintenance for Escambia County Facilities Management in Pensacola, FL. He was hired after a seven-year search for the right person to fill a vital role—and from day one, it was clear they had

found the perfect fit. Mark was deeply respected by his peers and known for his generosity, his willingness to help others, and his gift for teaching. Even with a demanding workload, he always made time to support those around him. He was not only an invaluable asset to the department, but also a dear friend. Mark will be greatly missed by all whose lives he touched.

A proud fan of the OSU Buckeyes and a hopeful believer in a future Cowboys Super Bowl, Mark loved sports, storytelling, and helping others without ever expecting anything in return.

He was a dedicated member and leader at the Lillian Community Club, where he served on the Board of Directors for four years, including two as President during the challenging COVID era. Mark mentored numerous board members, past and present, and was always willing to share his experience and wisdom. He also fearlessly led the crew behind the LCC's beloved July 4th fireworks display—and contributed to much more behind the scenes.

Mark is survived by his wife, Melanie, and her daughter, Stephanie (Jon); his daughters, Kayla and Brittany (Doug); grandchildren, Ryder, Norah, Kaiden, Camren, Gunner, and Baylin; his mother, Dixie; brothers, Tom (Linda), Jeff (Kelle), Daniel (Michelle), David (Madea), Scott (Debbie), and Russ (Candace); sisters, Debbie (George), Tina (Rick), and Angie; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Blaine; his sister, Amy; his niece, Ashley; and his nephew, Garon.

A Celebration of Life will be held on August 23, 2025, at 3 p.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian, AL.

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Spent so many hours with you and your brothers playing football in the field by your house. You were my best friend in the neighborhood. Rest in Christ’s loving embrace. Prayers for your family. -Bill Fowler

Billy Fowler - August 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ I went to school with Mark ... Herbert Mills through High School. He was one of the kindest people that I knew.

Paul Unger-Kerr - August 26, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SR

“ Wow!! Mark and I grew up together. He lived just a few houses away from me. We graduated together! Such sad news! Rest in peace brother!

Scott Ramsey - August 26, 2025 at 04:51 PM

SS

“ Skip Stocksdale planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Carpenter.

Skip Stocksdale - August 13, 2025 at 01:05 PM

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“ Skip Stocksdale purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Mark Carpenter.



Skip Stocksdale - August 13, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ *Express Sympathy and Condolences "I Have You in My Heart" with Butterfly Wind Chime was purchased for the family of Mark Carpenter.*



August 12, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Carpenter.

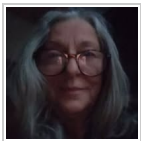
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“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mark Carpenter.*



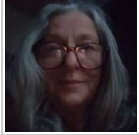
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Sally Morris - August 08, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *Sending heart felt condolences to Marks family. Love you Mel xx*



Sally Morris - August 08, 2025 at 09:04 AM



“ *Mark is a really good person always a joy to work with and around. He will surely be missed by all,
Steve Grant
HVAC ,
Escambia county
facilities Management*

Steve Grant - August 06, 2025 at 05:57 PM



“ *I am deeply saddened by the sudden loss of my dear colleague. He was kind, a hard-working man whose quiet determination and eagerness to reach every goal left a lasting impression on us all. His presence is already greatly missed and will never forgotten.*

Janie Brissett - Escambia BOCC - August 06, 2025 at 09:33 AM



“ *DEBORAH POWELL lit a candle in memory of Mark Carpenter*



DEBORAH POWELL - August 06, 2025 at 09:22 AM

KG

“ I'm so Grateful to have cross path with Mr. Mark and he Always display a Grateful Spirit. Rest in Peace My Brother!!! My condolences to the Family. From Kenneth Gilbert & Family May God Keep you All



Kenneth Gilbert - August 06, 2025 at 08:14 AM

RF

“ I can honestly say. Mark was one of a kind. great person all the way around. wish I would have had the chance to get to know him more.

Robby Freeman - August 06, 2025 at 07:35 AM

AU

“ Mark Carpenter was my Uncle. He was a great man with a loving and welcoming smile that was always ear to ear. You could listen to his stories and his voice for hours. His laugh was so loud and contagious. This man brought joy wherever he went. He will be deeply missed.

Autumn - August 05, 2025 at 08:34 PM