



**In Loving Memory of  
Paul Marcus Buchanan, “Mark”  
October 6, 1955 – March 22, 2024**

Paul Marcus Buchanan, known as Mark, passed away on March 22, 2024, surrounded by family and friends. He leaves behind a legacy of love, selflessness, acceptance, and service.

Mark was born October 6, 1955, in Knoxville Tennessee to William W. Buchanan and C. Elizabeth (Marshall) Buchanan. The family moved to Wanatah, Indiana in 1960 where Mark grew up.

Following graduation from South Central High School, Union Mills IN in 1974, Mark attended the University of Evansville where he received a B.A. degree, graduating in 1978.

He then attended Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology in Dallas TX earning his Master of Theology degree in 1983. Through a sponsorship of the SMU Perkins School and the British Methodist Church, he served a one-year ministerial internship in England, serving 4 small churches in villages outside the city of Birmingham.

Mark became an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church elected by the Southwest Texas Annual Conference in June 1985.

Mark served as Youth Minister from 1983-1988 at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio. In June of 1988 the Rev. Mark Buchanan accepted the challenge to lead at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church, San Antonio. He left a church of 3,500 people to lead the ministry at Oak Meadow where, at the time, only a couple dozen members were in regular attendance. During his 6-years at Oak Meadow, attendance quadrupled, with the foundation laid for continued growth.

In 1994 Mark moved to Dallas where he served as chaplain at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Mark continued his work in pastoral ministry at UTSW, retiring in 2020 as Director of Chaplain Services. He and spouse, Mark, then moved to Mabank TX where they enjoyed the relaxing Cedar Creek Lake life.

Mark is preceded in death by his spouse Charles Mark Walker, his father William Buchanan, and his mother Elizabeth Buchanan. He is survived by his three siblings, James W. Buchanan (Betty) of Tyler TX, Phillip H. Buchanan (Mia) of Cedar Hill TN, and M. Evon Manz (George) of Fishers IN. Mark is the favored uncle to his 7 nieces and nephews: Katie Lockwood, April Buchanan, Amanda Luebbehusen, Erica Pinney, Erik Powers, William Buchanan, and Lewis Buchanan.

Mark approached life with a humorous outlook. He always had a silly joke or two regardless of whether he was preaching from the pulpit, performing a wedding ceremony, or teasing young children. Mark impacted countless lives and his memory brings a smile to all that he knew. He is loved by many and will be sorely missed.

Our family extends a special thank you to the ICU doctors and nurses at Northeast Baptist Hospital for their compassionate care during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Oak Meadow United Methodist Church, 2740 Hunters Green Dr., San Antonio TX, Saturday, June 15 at 10:30AM with light lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mark's name can be made to Oak Meadow United Methodist Church.