



Mark Dennis Woodbury

October 13, 1959 - January 19, 2015

Rev. Mark Dennis Woodbury, 55, of Charlotte, MI, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, January 19, 2015. Mark was born October 13, 1959, in Grand Blanc, MI, the son of Robert Woodbury and Carrie (Woodbury) Cudney. After graduating from high school, he moved to Livonia, where he met the love of his life, Laura Kullgren. He worked as a chemical engineer for Souter Oil and Dearborn Refining for 10 years. Mark gave his heart to the Lord in 1983 and eventually followed the call to ministry serving as a Youth Pastor in Livonia. In 1989, Mark and Laura moved to Charlotte, where Mark had taken a position as Youth Director at the Charlotte Assembly of God. In 1991 he became the church's Lead Pastor. Throughout his 26 years of ministry in Charlotte, Pastor Mark touched the lives of thousands as he grew the church into the vibrant community it is today. His passion also extended beyond his church to reach the greater Eaton County Area for Jesus Christ. He loved people, missions, music, racing, and above all, his family, Laura, their children, and his Savior. Mark is survived by his wife of 31 years, Laura Woodbury; their children, Austin, Paul and Anna; father, Robert (Carol) Woodbury; brother, Matthew (Susan Woodbury); Sisters in-laws Donna Gendjar and Linda and Aaron Cohen and Paula and Keith Cupp; Uncle, Jim Barnett; and his nieces and nephews, who were very special to him. He was predeceased by his sister, Roberta, and his mother, Carrie Cudney. A celebration of Mark's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at the Charlotte Assembly of God with Rev. Rick Pasquale and Rev.

William Leach officiating. Visitation will be Thursday 6-8 pm and Friday 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Charlotte Assembly of God. Interment will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Charlotte Assembly of God Missions Department. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark Dennis Woodbury*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 02, 2015 at 11:11 AM

SP

“ *Mark was the kind of friend that makes me want to be more like Jesus. His passion for Jesus, his love for his family, and his clarity in ministry all mark a man that is enjoying heaven but missed on earth.*

Steve & Trina Pennington - January 27, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CL

“ *We were very sorry to learn of Pastor Mark's passing this week. When we visited church there, he was a very nice pastor. We will keep his family in our thoughts and continue to uplift prayers for the family during this difficult time. Carla, Joe, Ryan, and Sasha*

Carla Lowery - January 25, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CF

“ May God wrap his loving arm around each of you during this extreme difficult time. Pastor Mark, was a very loving, dedicated man and my family and I have many good memories of attending CAG. I will never forget that he dedicated my 3 children more than 20 years ago, and how special that will always be to me. Heaven got another incredible angel, and I know Joe was there to greet you and give you a hug. God Bless, Laura and family.

Candy Riley & Family - January 24, 2015 at 01:18 PM

DC

“ Have so many memories but one that stands out most is where Pastor Mark was there for us in one of the hardest things I have been though. When our daughter Laura was killed in an auto accident, although Pastor Mark was traveling with family on vacation after getting word he personally called and offered to handle the services for us. Like always he went above and beyond, we'll never forget. Words arent enough to express our apperication of Pastor Mark, Laura and family. Our prayers are with you always.

Doug Cesco - January 24, 2015 at 08:33 AM

RM

“ Our condolences go out to the Woodbury family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Pastor Mark was such an awesome man of God! He always knew how to make us feel welcomed! He also helped both of us as we were walking out our faith through the LTC ministry! He spoke life into us! He will be missed.

Rob and Brittaney Mistovich - January 22, 2015 at 08:49 PM

JP

“ Pastor Mark and Laura were my youth leaders at Livonia Assembly of God. Mark was there when I got saved and also when I was baptized. They used to drive me to Wednesday services and Sunday services when I needed them to. I thank God for you two. I have very fond memories from our youth group. Thank you for everything you gave/did for us teenagers. I will always love you guys!!!!

Julie Pierce - January 22, 2015 at 12:51 PM

DB

“ Pastor Mark made me feel welcome in the church while I attended. He looked out for me and asked me every Sunday how things were going. So sad to know he is not going to be around to continue help others. He is in a good place. God bless!

Dawn Bauer - January 22, 2015 at 10:33 AM

DW

“ Laura, Working with Pastor Mark & you at Charlotte Assembly was one of the best experiences in our life & ministry. You always inspired and challenged us to become the best we could be. He was able to be a leader and a friend, a teacher and a learner, and always gave glory to God for everything good in his life and ministry. We are praying for God's strength and peace to you and your family during this time. We miss being with you, but we know you are surrounded with a great church of loving people! May the Lord's presence be very evident to you all in the days ahead. David & Cathy

David & Cathy Wilson - January 22, 2015 at 09:54 AM

RM

“ A great part of the reason that we are here serving in the Philippines is the encouragement that Pastor Mark gave to us on a number of occasions while we were at Charlotte Assembly of God from 1998-2002. In the midst of difficult times, he encouraged us to continue to pursue the call that God had put in our hearts. While we continue to dedicate our ministry here to the Lord, we also dedicate ourselves to giving honor and appreciation to Pastor Mark's memory. His life teaches us an important lesson: we must never underestimate the power of our encouragement to others.

Ray & Deborah Miller - January 22, 2015 at 06:03 AM

RV

“ Dear Laura and family...Deepest condolences at this most difficult time. May the Comforter wrap his love and peace around you all. Mark and you go back 30 years with our family and all the memories are good ones. He is one of the good guys and lived what he believed. He was an example of a true Christian in his ministry, his marriage, his family and all aspects of his life. He will be missed. May God's richest blessings be poured out upon you and your family.

Renee Vertin - January 21, 2015 at 06:52 PM

TE

“ Laura, and family, we wanted to express our deep sorrow for you loss. Pastor Mark, through his kindness, love, and generosity made an impactful difference in our lives. He always had them time to say a kind word or lend a helping hand whenever we were in need. We will miss hm so much.

The Eldred's - January 21, 2015 at 06:35 PM

TJ

“ I just wanted to send my condolences to Matt and his family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

Teresa M Johnson - January 21, 2015 at 06:26 PM

SS

“ I connected with Pastor Mark when I was a youth pastor and did several joint events with the Charlotte students. More recently I see Pastor Mark regularly at the South Central Section pastor gatherings. Pastor Mark has always been kind, hard working, and highly effective in ministry. He has always been willing to take time to talk with me and encourage me. He is a tremendous example in pastor ministry. I have always looked to his ministry as a great example. He will be greatly missed. May God bless the family with His presence and His comfort.

Steve Samonek - January 21, 2015 at 05:17 PM

PS

“ Sending our love and prayers to Mark's wife, Laura, his children and congregation!

Pastor Ric & Renee Shaul - January 21, 2015 at 04:52 PM

JJ

“ Dear Matt, We are so sorry for your loss. We know how much Mark meant to you and to so many others. We are praying for you and your family. So thankful that our hope is in the Lord and that one day you will be reunited with him. God bless you and yours. Jim & Debbi Joseph

Jim & Debbi Joseph - January 21, 2015 at 04:25 PM

MW

“ My condolences for your loss here on earth. I am rejoicing with Pastor Mark for the blessings he is surely receiving now in heaven - the Lord has a GREAT man of God with him for sure! I am, in part, who I am today in Christ because of Mark and Laura's love and guidance. I grew more in my understanding of God's word in the 7 years under his teaching than I have in a lifetime. It is the basis for everything I fall to now. My notes have served me well and I feel blessed to have had such a passionate man for Christ share them with me. I Love you Woodbury family and will always be here for you. God bless!

Melissa Ward - January 21, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JB

“ Dear Laura and family, I am so sorry to hear of your great, great loss. While I did not know Mark intimately, we shared several common denominators together--not the least of which was the impact Pastor Dave Ytterock had left on both of us. I appreciated Mark's heart for the broken and lost. Please accept my condolences. I will be praying for you and the wonderful people of Charlotte A/G. Rev. Jeff Bonzelaar Executive Director, Life Challenge of Southeastern MI

Jeff Bonzelaar - January 21, 2015 at 02:45 PM

TR

“ Praying for you all, the family and friends of this mighty man of God.

Tim Ryder - January 21, 2015 at 02:33 PM

JJ

“ You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. It is unbelievable that he is no longer with us. I will always cherish the memories spending time with Mark, Matt and Roberta.

Jacquelyn Jones - January 21, 2015 at 12:26 PM

RS

“ While we did not know Pastor Mark, my husband has been close friends with his brother - Matt & Matt's wife - Susan, for many years. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to the Woodbury family, but we know Pastor Mark is now home in Heaven with our Lord & Savior. Praying for Peace & Comfort for the Woodbury family. Rick & Joanie Stevens

Rick & Joanie Stevens - January 21, 2015 at 11:54 AM

AH

“ Pastor Mark was a great man. When I was a child I attended Charlotte Assembly Of God. He was always there with a smile and always made everyone feel welcome. I would go to church to get away from home because it was the only place I felt i was wanted and loved. He was a big part of that. I think he knew a lot of us (myself and my friends) came to church to get away from our homes because we were mistreated and under loved. He made up for that. He showed us that there were still people who cared and believed in us. Even when i was acting out and getting into trouble at church, he was there to talk to. He made the days better on Sundays. One Sunday when i was a kid, I was listening to him talk, and then a guest speaker came and spoke. They both talked about how nobody can make you feel bad about yourself or inferior without you allowing it. Well after service was over, I went to go home and my mother had pulled some sort of stunt like normal, and told me if she ran out of gas it was my fault, then proceded ot tell me how pathetic I was. Well if it wouldht have been for Pastor Marks words, adn the guest speakers words, I may not be here today. Life was tough, and he made it better. Rest In Paradise Pastor Mark. You will be missed.

Amanda Huver - January 21, 2015 at 10:41 AM

JM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. :(It's heartwrenching to get use to a loved one going from an Earth Angel to a Heaven Angel. We continue to pray that your hearts will find peace. Thoughts and prayers are with you through this hard time. GOD Bless you all. R.I.P Mark!

John & Tori Maygar - January 21, 2015 at 10:16 AM

JH

“ *Pastor Mark was a great man who loved his people and a helpful friend. He will be greatly missed. My prayers for comfort to his family.*

Jack Hickey - January 21, 2015 at 08:07 AM

SR

“ *Amazing man of God. You have left a print on our hearts forever. You will truly be missed Love Rich & Steph*

steph & rich - January 21, 2015 at 01:26 AM

AV

“ As I sit here trying to decide which story to share about Pastor, some make me laugh, others make me cry. It's hard because he was there for everything! Flat tires, hospital stays, missions trips. My wedding day. He was always there for advice, encouragement and prayer. He lived out the example of serving others and loving unconditionally. When I was struggling with a decision, needing wisdom or excited about what God was doing in my life - I knew I could call him. One thing that sticks out to me is that through Pastor Mark & Laura I learned what love was. Their love for each other showed me what a Godly marriage was. Their love for the congregation showed me how Jesus cares for His people. Their love for me showed me that true, genuine love does exist and even though I walked through those doors broken & lost that I had a home and was cherished. It is because of their love that I am able to get a glimpse of the love of Christ. I realize how incredibly blessed I am. What a blessing to have had such an amazing man so invested in my life & in the lives of those around me. What a blessing to have such an abundance of memories that I get to pick which to share. What a blessing to live in the community that he & his family sacrificially devoted their lives to serving. I have been forever impacted by his presence in my life and I am so honored to carry out his legacy of Loving God, Loving People and Living to Serve. As I heard you say so many times. I love you and I'm proud of you. *Philippians 1:3* Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

Alisha Vallance - January 20, 2015 at 10:56 PM

MJ

“ Dear Laura: My heart is hurting for the lost of our pastor. You have such a wonderful man of God, for so many years. I know you are so proud of him. Pastor immediately enters into the presence of God and enjoys concious, fellowship with the Father and with those who have gone before. You will see your loves ones again. Xoxoxoxoo Hugs and lots of love for you and the kids. Blessings!!!!

Mayra J Jimenez - January 20, 2015 at 10:30 PM

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