



## Mark Alan Brooker

April 17, 1961 - May 24, 2020

Mark Alan Brooker, 59 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died on May 24, 2020 at Northwest Medical Center in Bentonville, Arkansas. He was born on April 17, 1961 in Lakin, Kansas, to Dr. Richard A Brooker and Lorena Carver Brooker. Mark married Sherri Breeze on June 9, 1984 in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, Kentucky, with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Electronics. Mark worked as an aerospace engineer at Martin Marietta in Denver, and as a sales engineer for TRW in Boone, North Carolina, and IRC in Corpus Christi, Texas. In 1993, he and his family moved to Siloam Springs, and Mark worked in senior management at Dayspring Cards for 17 years. Mark spent close to 10 years at Manna Center, starting out as a member of the board and finishing as executive director. He was a long time member of Community Christian Fellowship in Siloam Springs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Richard A Brooker and Lorena Carver Brooker; brother, David Brooker; and nephew, Nathan Brooker.

He is survived by his wife, Sherri Brooker; daughter, Lindsey Taylor and husband Ben of Siloam Springs; son, Matt Brooker and wife Samantha of Rogers, Arkansas; grandchildren, Noah Taylor, Owen Taylor, and Adalyn Brooker; brother, Dr. Tim Brooker and wife Dr. Paulita Brooker of Houston, Texas; nephew, Brandon Brooker and wife Laneice of Arlington, Virginia; and

sister-in-law, Amy Brooker of Siloam Springs.

Mark had a passion for connecting with people and he did so most often with food. Whether he was at work at the food pantry or around the grill at home, he would make sure you were fed, full, and left better than you came. When he wasn't at work, you could find Mark building and shooting guns with his friends, at the lake fishing, or spending time with his grandkids. Of all the jobs he had over the years, being "Poppy" was his favorite.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 29, 2020 at Community Christian Fellowship in Siloam Springs, with Pastor Pat Callahan officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Siloam Springs. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020 at Community Christian Fellowship in Siloam Springs. For the visitation and funeral services, guests will be limited to 180 people at one time and everyone will be required to wear their own facemask, per the guidelines set forth by the State of Arkansas. The service will be livestreamed at [www.facebook.com/ccfsiloam](http://www.facebook.com/ccfsiloam) for anyone unable to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Manna Center, 670 Heritage Court, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Hill Cemetery

2122 W. University St.  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 28.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Community Christian Fellowship  
525 S. Lincoln  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

## Service

**MAY 29.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Community Christian Fellowship  
525 S. Lincoln  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ *My heart goes out to all the Brooker family. Mark had a soft and caring heart as a student in elementary PE. He probably did not really know his physical talent at that age because he cared more about others than he did himself. I am sure he lived his life that way.*



*I know one thing, it does not get any better than the Bill, Paul and Mark Brooker families.*

*With love,  
Coach Bruce Clement*

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**Bruce E Clement** - June 22, 2020 at 02:02 PM

WM

“ *Mark's passing will leave a void in the Siloam Springs community. I counted Mark as a friend, and have heard of many lives he touched with his sweet spirit and concern for others. We were privileged to have Mark as a member of our Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; using his experience in business and non-profit work, he always provided wise counsel and a calming influence. Mark was a Christian who acted with integrity. Sincere condolences to Mark's family - who will live on as witnesses to his life well-lived.*

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**Wayne Mays** - May 29, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.*



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May 29, 2020 at 02:04 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.



May 29, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Continued prayers for your family.*



**Renea Ellis** - May 29, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *Barbara Wesner lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker*



**Barbara Wesner** - May 28, 2020 at 10:11 PM



“ *PJ Cooper sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Alan Brooker*



**PJ Cooper** - May 28, 2020 at 06:14 PM

BS

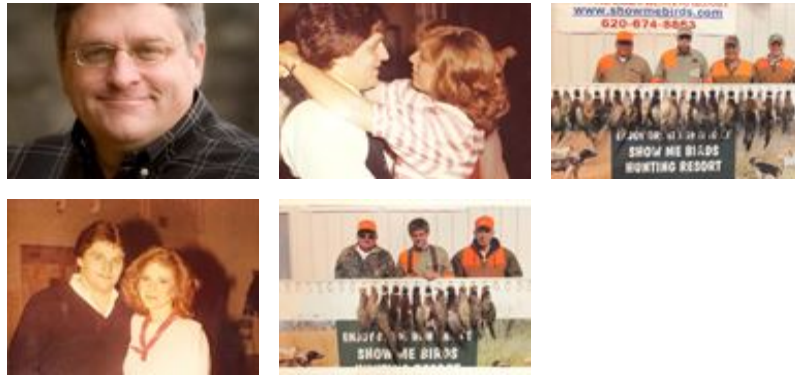
“ *Belinda Londagin Shetlar lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker*



Belinda Londagin Shetlar - May 28, 2020 at 04:10 PM

WASSON  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

“ 131 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wasson Funeral Home - May 28, 2020 at 01:28 PM

BM

“ *Mark called me often. He always ended the conversation saying “ you’re one of my favorite people “. I never did anything for him to make him feel that way. I think it was just his way to make a person feel good. May the glory of the LORD GOD surround all of you during this time and always remember the opportunity to see him again is real. He was a great man and you’re a great family.*  
*Brian MCKINZIE*

Brian Mckinzie - May 28, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.*



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May 28, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker*



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**Joe & Cheryl Burns** - May 27, 2020 at 08:51 PM



“ *The Brooker family live the faith. When my son David went to JBU We prayed he would meet the best Christian people to help him grow but also, and to my mind just importantly, Be welcomed and loved and find a home away from home. Mark became David's Dad and Sherri Dave's mum, they looked after him as their own and Matt became the brother he never had. When we visited we were treated as family. Mark had worked in Barbados and was always interested in the developments in our island home. Matt visited a couple times and enjoyed some good Bajan hospitality and a few local beverages. We love you and are so happy to have become friends and as we say here fahmuleee. We feel the loss and you are in our heats and prayers.  
The Castagne fahmulee*

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**greg.castagne** - May 27, 2020 at 08:44 PM



“ *Greg.castagne lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker*



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**greg.castagne** - May 27, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.*



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May 27, 2020 at 02:54 PM

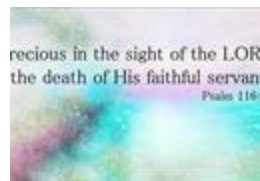
JV

“ Mark was my boss, mentor and leader for 7 years while I worked at DaySpring. He exhibited servant leadership and humility. He was an obedient follower of Christ. He spoke and lived with Christ-like integrity.

He had a calm demeanor and was rarely riled or agitated. He was stable and flexible to ideas and change. He was not motivated by money or recognition. He gave others the credit and opportunities to shine and lead.

Mark trained, equipped and was respectful of others. He gave me opportunities to grow, stretch, learn, and finish one of my degrees. He provided leadership and mentorship to many. He was a business builder and creator, leading the efforts to launch new business ventures for DaySpring such as online sales and Blessings Unlimited (now called Mary & Martha). For five years, we were coworkers to research, launch and build Blessings Unlimited. He was comfortable being the only man in a group of women. One time at a home party for Blessings Unlimited, he was the only man except for a little 2-year old little boy who stuck to Mark for the duration. We teased him about being outnumbered and the “men” sticking together.

Mark was great at keeping in touch. For the past 10 years, he reached out occasionally by phone. Our working relationship changed into friendship because of that. He left a legacy that will continue on through his ministries of work for the kingdom of God, his investment in others and his family.



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**Julie Vickers** - May 27, 2020 at 02:28 PM

PD

“ I haven't known Mark more than a year, but found him to be so friendly, generous, and living to serve others! As a teacher at the Intermediate School, I was blessed by how willing and excited he was to help our sixth graders learn about food insecurity, what was being done through the Manna Center, and what they could do to help. God knows all things, but I wish he was still here with us! His family will be in Grace and my prayers! Peter Davis

Peter Davis - May 27, 2020 at 01:59 PM

MK

“ So sorry to hear about Mark. God Bless , Mark Keaton , class of 1979 Siloam Springs

Mark Keaton - May 27, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.



May 27, 2020 at 11:56 AM

WB

“ Thank you for your investment of service to the community of Siloam Springs and thanks for setting an example for all of us to follow. Wendell and Bettie

Wendell and Bettie - May 27, 2020 at 10:29 AM

FI

“ Peace and love to Sherri, Lindsey, Matt and the entire Brooker family. Mark was such a force for good on this earth. I will miss your regular phone messages to me, "Hey Freddy, it's Brooker, stop doing what your doing and call me." You're gone today, but we will be together tomorrow my cherished friend and brother.

Fred Ichniowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:44 AM

FI

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Fred Ichniowski - May 27, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.



May 27, 2020 at 09:08 AM

AG

“ Alisa & Garland purchased the Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.



Alisa & Garland - May 27, 2020 at 08:14 AM

SG

“ I remember working with Mark at Dayspring. I found him to be kind and gracious. He would listen and try to understand my point of view. I always felt like he was for me. After he left DaySpring, whenever I saw him, he was warm and friendly and would give me a hug. He was easy to talk to and a great guy!  
I admired so much that he took the position at Manna House and humbled himself to care and serve the poor and needy in our community. His home going is a great loss to our community. We all share in the loss of his presence with us. I pray for special comfort for his wife and family during the season of grieving. Jesus will be walking through it with you. I pray that you will find the strength and support you need.  
Sharon Rose Gibson

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**Sharon Gibson** - May 27, 2020 at 12:35 AM

JF

“ He always had a smile and a laugh to share. With everything going on in my life he always asked how we were and if we needed anything. I will never forget how sweet and caring he was. You will be missed my friend.



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**Josh & Amanda Foster** - May 26, 2020 at 09:32 PM

LG

“ Lynne Glass lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker



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**Lynne Glass** - May 26, 2020 at 09:12 PM

KG

“ Last year, I worked with Mark to get a TV interview done on the Arvest Million Meals campaign. I told him how much I enjoyed working with his daughter, Lindsey and how special she is to me. He just glowed with the praise of his daughter. He was so proud of his kids and grandchildren. He leaves a wonderful legacy. Karen Gray

Karen Gray - May 26, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mark Alan Brooker.



May 26, 2020 at 05:55 PM

TB

“ Tammy Boles-Rutherford lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker



Tammy Boles-Rutherford - May 26, 2020 at 05:40 PM

LR

“ Liz Reading lit a candle in memory of Mark Alan Brooker



Liz Reading - May 26, 2020 at 04:40 PM