



Mark Richard Littleton

September 25, 1950 - January 23, 2020

Mark Littleton courageously finished his earthly race on January 23, 2020.

Mark was born in Camden, N.J. in September, 1950 to H. Richard and Elizabeth Littleton. He grew up in Cherry Hill, N.J., graduated from Colgate University, and earned his Th.M. from Dallas Theological Seminary.

After serving as a youth pastor in Indianapolis and pastor in Glen Burnie, Maryland, Mark started writing full-time. Around 100 of his books were published by Thomas Nelson, Moody, Zondervan, Barbour, Standard, Howard, Baker, Intervarsity Press, Reader's Digest, and other publishers. His books included novels, non-fiction Christian living, poetry, devotional, children's materials, devotional Bibles, and theology for laity. Many people go through life with their heads in a book, but Mark always had a book in his head—even up to the last days of his life, he was talking about his next books.

He also authored several hundred articles for publishers, including Christianity Today publications, Reader's Digest, The Chicago Tribune, Baltimore Evening Sun, Discipleship Journal, Moody Magazine and others.

Mark was the co-director of the Heart of America Christian Writers Network. He loved helping writers hone their skills and frequently spoke at writers' conferences and other events. He enjoyed teaching Bible-based classes and

discussing scripture with others. He loved being with people and learning their stories. Prayer was a huge focus of his life.

Mark is survived by his wife of 23 years, Jeanette; children: Nicole (Anthony) Frieze, Ally (Michael) Stilley, Gardner, and Elizabeth; grandchildren: Azrael, Fiona, and Matthias; siblings: Steve (Diane) Littleton, and Rebecca (Chris) Corbett; brother-in-law, Thurman (Evelyn) Gardner; and nieces: Joni (Kyle) Javes, Kelly Littleton, Molly Corbett, Amelia (Tim) Benefiel, and Lydia Gardner.

A memorial service will be held at Mark's church, Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Independence, Mo., on February 8 at 4 p.m. For any wishing to give memorial donations, the family suggests Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Heart of America Christian Writers Network conference scholarship fund (contact HACWN@earthlink.net), or the Littleton children education fund at Community America Credit Union.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Church of the Nazarene

Tribute Wall

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“ When I first met Mark in the Fall of 1973 at Dallas Seminary, he was a ball of energy, declaring that. after his recent conversion to Christ, "the whole world seemed to come alive with color." His grand sense of an unparalleled discovery was not lost during the subsequent four years in Dallas. In early 1974, he, along with Steve Russell and another single guy, became a member of the mini-church at Fellowship Bible Church in Richardson that I had begun to lead.

Susan and I last saw him when we were driving through Kansas City in November 2009. Though he had known deep disappointments, he was still ready with quips and jokes.

To God be the Glory for Mark's life..

Bob Osburn - February 13, 2020 at 09:03 AM

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“ Mark Littleton dearly loved Jeanette and all his children. His love of Jesus showed in everything he did. He was a prolific writer and his books will continue to send THE message. Mark's four children and all his grandchildren will all remember the love he had for them and he will live on on this earth through them. Mark sometimes irritated us, but we never questioned his sincerity or the love and pride he had for his family, He leaves a tremendous legacy to this mortal earth. His warped sense of humor will be missed.

Sally and Walton Whittaker - February 08, 2020 at 09:31 AM

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“ Mark encouraged the people around him to be authentic and to use their gifts. He and Jeanette were instrumental in helping me learn to use writing as a ministry. Mark was an avid conversationalist and a people person--developing others was part of his legacy. I am so thankful to have known him.

Angela Unruh - February 07, 2020 at 10:23 PM

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“ I knew Mark mostly through the HACWN conferences. In all the years, I never heard him promote himself or his work. He always promoted us instead. Every year, I came home with a specific word of encouragement from Mark. His words often kept me going.

Kathy Nickerson - February 07, 2020 at 08:17 PM

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“ Mark was a truly lovely man, and his encouraging helpfulness and fun wit will be greatly missed. I fondly remember reading one of his books and getting to discuss it with him, enjoying getting to hear the backstory. There is now a void in our writing community that cannot be filled till we meet up with him again in Heaven. Praying for you, Jeanette and your precious family. And hoping you experience Jesus' arms holding you close to His heart. — Lisa Ingelse

Lisa Ingelse - February 07, 2020 at 08:16 PM