

### Family Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair.

Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that we saw sitting there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you so much for whatever part.

~ Blanton Family

### One of Mark's favorite verses

And now these  
three remain:

*faith, hope,  
and love.*

But the greatest  
of these is

*love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

# A LOVING *Farewell*



Mark D. Blanton

July 13, 1956 – January 29, 2023

### Funeral Service

Camp Ground United Methodist Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023

1:30 pm

# Obituary

Mr. Mark Douglas Blanton, 66, of Fayetteville, left the better place to be in the best place on Sunday, January 29, 2023.

Mark was the sixth child born to Evelyn and Bill Blanton who always knew he was number one from the bottom up and was grateful to have a family dynamic that included loving parents, two big sisters, and three big brothers.

Mark was competitive in nature and always enjoyed being outdoors and near the water. Many of Mark's fondest memories included snow skiing, water skiing, golf, and fishing. Anytime Mark could be at Lake Tillery with the sun shining on his face, it was a good time as this was truly Mark's happy place.

Mark immensely enjoyed many years of employment with Powers-Swain Chevrolet where he made many close friends and created Cape Fear Team Corvette which brought him much joy. Mark enjoyed supporting his community by his involvement with the Santa's Helpers Skate Party benefiting Falcon Children's Home. Mark was often quick with an awkward joke, to offer a helping hand and assistance to others in need, he will be remembered for his huge heart.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, February 5, 2023, at 1:30 pm at Camp Ground United Methodist Church with Revs. Sarah Pitts and David Wade presiding. The burial will follow at LaFayette Memorial Park on Ramsey Street. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 12:30 to 1:30 at the church.

Mark is survived by his wife, Wendy Blanton; son, Matthew Blanton; mother, Evelyn Blanton; four siblings, David Blanton and wife Alice, Dyann Croteau, Marilyn Hutson and husband Bob, and Durant Blanton; eleven nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Blanton; father, Nathan "Bill" Blanton; and brother, Michael Blanton.

Mark loved his Camp Ground church family and was always grateful for them. The love they have shown him, and our family over the years, has always brought us comfort.

Memorials may be made to either Falcon Children's Home or Camp Ground United Methodist Church.

**SEEEYAAA**

# Order of Service

Greeting

Gathering

The Word of Grace

Prayer

Special Music:

*Scars in Heaven*  
Ciara Crane, soloist

Casting Crowns

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 23

Proverbs 17:22

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

Special Remembrances

Rev. David Wade

1 Corinthians 13:13

Isaiah 43:1-2

Homily

Rev. Sarah Smith Pitts

Congregational Song

*In Christ Alone*

Adrienne Camp

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction