



Mr Mark Edward Pate

July 14, 1944 - October 25, 2023

Mark Edward Pate was born on July 14, 1944, to the late Lemuel "Lem" Pate and Mariah Alston Pate in McBee, South Carolina.

Mark was a member of the Galilee Baptist Church during his youth years. He attended Pine Forest High school and graduated in June 1962. While attending high school, he drove the school bus and played basketball.

At age 19, Mark entered the U.S. Army on August 22, 1963, and served until being honorably discharged in August 1965. He then relocated to the Washington D.C. area where he was employed by Western Union at the Pentagon. In 1966, Mark moved on to Giant Food where he worked for 34 years as a meat manager, retiring in May 1999. Mark joined Barbara Howell Pate in marriage on April 15, 1967, and they remained married for 56 years. They had two children, Daryl and Crystal.

Mark and his wife raised their children in Fort Washington, MD, and were members of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Hillcrest Heights, MD. During Mark's career with Giant Food, he worked at several locations around the beltway, but landed close to home at the store in Eastover towards the end of his tenure. In the first 10 years of retirement, Mark went on to become an entrepreneur and started his own company, Memories Promotional Products, where he sold products to local business, like Maryland Lottery, Teamsters

and union locals. Mark inspired his son and three of his grandchildren to all become entrepreneurs today.

Mark and his wife returned to Florence, South Carolina, in 2007 where they lived for 15 years. They met and became close to many new neighbors and attended Galilee Baptist Church in his hometown of McBee. During this time, Mark's health began to decline. For this reason, they returned to Odenton, Maryland, in January 2022. He passed away after a long illness on October 25, 2023.

Mark was preceded in death by his brothers, Hampton Freddy Alston, Tanka Recona Alston, Franklin Alston, Birdie William Alston, and Jimmy Lemuel Pate.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Howell Pate of Odenton, Maryland; one son, Daryl Maurice (Elizabeth Marie) Pate of Hanover, Maryland; one daughter, Crystal Michele (James Jermaine) Wade of Fort Washington Maryland; two grandsons, Daryl Maurice Pate Jr. and Demarco James Taylor-Wade; two granddaughters Skylar Mystique Greene, and Jenesis Jadyne Wade; and one great granddaughter Alaia Zani Wade; one brother, Charles (Shirley) Pate of Hillcrest Heights, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Ann Rackas Pate of Annapolis, Maryland; and two nieces who were raised with Mark, Maria Romero of Columbia, South Carolina, and Royetta Alston, of Central Islip, New York. He leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, close relatives, and very dear friends.

Mark was a kind and gentle person, always willing to lend a helping hand or give a word of advice. He served as a confidant to many and assisted with helping them find employment. He was a great husband to his wife and father to his children. He loved sports (basketball and football) and was a proud fan of the Washington Redskins as well as a huge fan of the "Splash Brothers" of

the Golden State Warriors, who he followed closely. Mark will be sorely missed....

Mark will be funeralized at Galilee Baptist Church and laid to rest at Pine Forest Memorial Cemetery in McBee, SC.

Cemetery Details

Pine Forest Memorial Cemetery

McBee, SC

Previous Events

Wake

NOV 4. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *Mr. Freddie Alston, your loving nephew*



Family - April 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM

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“ *My fondest memory of uncle Mark & aunt Barbara was that they open up home to their nephew Freddie & my wedding @ their beautiful home in Ft Washington back in 1983. That was one on the best days of my life. I will be forever grateful for their love & hospitality. That was my fondest memory of uncle Mark. Love u Uncle Mark U will be missed! R.I.P always.....*

SANDRA R ALSTON - November 05, 2023 at 10:07 PM

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“ *To The Pate Family: I will always remember Uncle Mark of his pleasant personality sound words of advice that carried weight like a anchor and a smile that would light up a room. I Thank GOD for the opportunity to see him and to have prayer. Uncle Mark mouthed to me " Sabrina how is your mother" that touched my heart he thought of his sister in law Mary Alston a memory of this Blessed encounter will forever be remembered so Uncle Mark Rest on you have fought a good fight you have Blessed people near far and abroad. We Love you will miss you and hold Blessed memories of you in our hearts and mind. Family Be Encouraged Jesus is holding you close. Sincerely Sabrina Alston and Family*

Sabrina - November 05, 2023 at 04:27 PM

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“ *Uncle Mark gave me my first job, cutting grass around his house
I'll always remember Uncle Mark
May he rest in peace*

William Billy Alston - November 03, 2023 at 06:35 PM