



Mark Brubaker Martin

March 25, 1944 - March 21, 2025

Mark Brubaker Martin, age 80, of Sarasota, Florida, died Friday, March 21, 2025 at Sunnyside Village, following a period of declining health. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jean Graybill Martin.

Mark was born on March 25, 1944 in Lancaster County, PA, to William K. and Sarah E. Brubaker Martin. He attended Elizabethtown Area High School, class of 1962. After high school, Mark spent 3 years in Congo with Mennonite Central Committee's PAX program, as an alternative to military service. This experience led him to a long career in construction and missions. Mark spent his early career working for Ammon Schrock construction in Sarasota, Florida as construction supervisor and vice-president. In 1982, Mark joined Eastern Mennonite Missions and served 13 years at Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, where he oversaw school maintenance and new building projects. While in Kenya, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from United States International University. Upon return to Sarasota, he earned his residential contractor certification and real estate licence and continued as a construction supervisor until his retirement.

Mark was a member of First Presbyterian Church and Covenant Mennonite Fellowship in Sarasota. Mark was an avid follower of international and

national news, enjoyed listening to music, loved classic cars, and was always ready to fix anything. He loved to travel, to discover new places, and to learn about the past. In later years when he couldn't travel, he loved to retell many stories of his life.

In addition to his wife Jean, Mark is survived by two daughters, Krista (Craig) Martin of Wooster, OH, and Andrea (Brad Siemens) Martin of Portland, OR; four grandchildren, Bryan and Annika Martin of Wooster, OH, and Oliver and Ada Martin Siemens of Portland, OR; one brother, Fred (Iris) Martin of Elizabethtown, PA; and three sisters in law, Elva Martin of Millersville, PA and Ava Lee Martin of Marietta, PA, and Patricia Martin Gruber of Mount Joy, PA. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings Richard, Sara Ann Keener, George, Orpha, John, and Joel.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 PM on April 3, 2025 at Sunnyside Chapel, 5201 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota. Chaplain Jarvis Hochstedler (Sunnyside) and Pastor Tim Boggess (First Presbyterian Church) will officiate the service. Live stream link: <https://www.christianworldmedia.com/livechannel/sunnysidechapel>. Memorial contributions may be made in Mark's honor to Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) <https://mds.org/>, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) <https://mcc.org>, or Covenant Mennonite Fellowship <https://covenantmennonite.com/>.

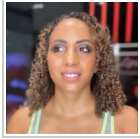
Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

APR 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

Sunnyside Chapel
5201 Bahia Vista St
Sarasota, FL 34232

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of years spent as neighbors at Rosslyn. Mr. Martin was kind, steady, and fun....a great dad. Pole sana.

Emily Shaffer - June 07, 2025 at 06:10 PM

FG

“ From; Harold Good purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mark Brubaker Martin.



From; Harold Good - April 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM

FG

“ From; Harold Good planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark Brubaker Martin.

From; Harold Good - April 02, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark Brubaker Martin.



April 01, 2025 at 02:09 PM



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March 31, 2025 at 04:02 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mark Brubaker Martin.*



March 31, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mark Brubaker Martin.*

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“ *Brother Fred and Iris Martin purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Mark Brubaker Martin.*



Brother Fred and Iris Martin - March 30, 2025 at 07:23 PM

RK

“ When my husband, Warren, died Mark's wife came over to my house and helped me clean out the closet of all Warren's clothes. She was taking all of his things to Worlds Attic, but I said since Mark was similar size feel free to let Mark wear any of his clothes that he would like. What a joy one Sunday when I went to church and saw Mark with one of Warren's shirts on and I went up and gave him a big hug and told him I liked his shirt. In fact, I got many hugs from Mark for that reason. It was such a good feeling to know that someone was able to wear his clothes. And I hope Jean didn't mind the hugs.

Renee Krabbe - March 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM

RH

“ We've so many fond memories of being with you Jean and Mark in Kenya and Sarasota. You were most welcoming and encouraging, and we had many common interests and values. Both of us valued our friendship with both of you. We also grieve your loss, dear Jean and with your children and grandchildren. Our love and prayers for God's comfort with hugs, Bob & Linda

Robert L Hovde - March 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

SD

“ My memories of Mark as husband and father is one who was a calm, steady man who was there for you all. His giftings were very evident and well used in his life in all the settings God took him. I know he will be very missed in the years ahead but I'm very thankful for his life and legacy in you his girls and Jean may his presence, though physically absent, be felt by you in the love and life memories you carry in your heart until we all meet again in the wonderful presence of our Lord, Counselor and Comforter, Jesus Christ. We love you all and will keep you in our prayers in this new journey you are experiencing.

Sylvia Dannelley-McCree - March 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JS

Dear Jean and daughters, the news of Mark's death brought many wonderful memories flooding back -- visiting with you in Sarasota, Kenya, and Turkey as our lives and ministries intersected in various ways over the years. So grateful for the faith and commitments that fuelled your lives! Lots of love, Jewel Showalter. an old HS friend of Jean's

Jewel Showalter - March 25, 2025 at 02:14 PM

MD

My memories of chatting with Mark are the twinkle in his eye and his focused attention. It was always a gift.

Michele Dicke - March 26, 2025 at 09:23 AM

HW

My condolences to Jean and the girls. I really enjoyed our visit in Sarasota and hearing some of Mark's incredible stories!

Heidi Wenger - March 26, 2025 at 09:45 AM

JK

I remember helping Him to roof a new house after I got married to his sister Sara Ann. May the Lord touch you with His living Grace

A brother inlaw Jim Keener

Jim Keener - March 27, 2025 at 09:04 PM

HG

Mark was like a brother to me. I will always trasure the adventures and memories we shared! Harold Good

Harold Good - April 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM