



# Mark Michael Vogt

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## **Mark Michael Vogt**

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**M**ark Michael Vogt, 74, passed away Thursday, July 31 in Lakeland, FL following a long illness. He was born on October 21, 1950 in Jacksonville, FL, to Edward and Mary Vogt.

Mark is survived by his son Michael Vogt, sister Donna Clark, niece Deanna Torres (Jr) their children and grandchildren, nephew Ed Clark (Karen), many cousins and his ex-wife Debbie Vogt. He was a member of Southside Assembly of God in Lakeland.

Mark served in the Royal Rangers and played on their softball team as a catcher, pitcher and then became the manager. He also became a member of the Inmate Encounters Softball team as their catcher and pitcher. At a young age, the family moved to California where he was a member of the Cub Scouts of America, he also played little league baseball as a pitcher, catcher and in the outfield.

At 12 yrs old he held down a paper route for the LA Herald Examiner, 7 days a week for four years. He also bowled in the bantam, junior and adult leagues and even became a member of the Los Angeles All Star traveling bowling league. He once worked at Tropicana Lanes, as well as Bumpershoot restaurant flipping burgers and was a Pin Chaser at 3 additional bowling alleys.

As he got older, he became a member of the Professional Coast Bowler's Association and even bowled in a few PBA regional tournaments on the west coast. Mark graduated Morningside HS in Inglewood Ca. in 1968. From 1974-1995 Mark successfully completed various trade school tech courses and seminars in Iowa, Ca, Michigan and Florida.

At 19 yrs old Mark started as a journeyman mechanic at Knudsen Dairy Plant in Los Angeles. He then went on to work at Safeway Dairy Plant in City of Commerce, Ca. Additionally, over the years- held down multiple part time jobs repairing blow molding equipment. He retired from Publix Super Markets in 2013 where he began in 1990 as a Maintenance Mechanic in the dairy plant.



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His favorite Scripture verse was: Even before He made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in His eyes. Ephesians 1:4(HCSB) Those closest to him described him as: Quiet, gentle, kind, an avid learner, hard-working, considerate and generous.

He loved Motown music, classic cars, comedy, baseball, bowling, and pasta. A Celebration of Life service will be Saturday, August 23, 11:00 am at Southside Assembly of God, 4750 Cleveland Heights Blvd in Lakeland, FL with Pastor Rich Gorgone.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Mark's memory to the Alzheimer's Association at [alz.org](http://alz.org) Tributes to Mark can be made at Gentry-Morrison Funeral Home website.




# Events

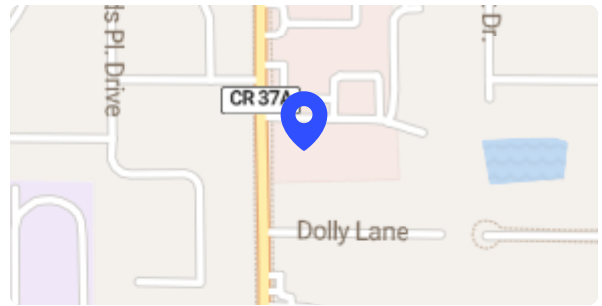
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## Celebration of Life

 **Saturday**, August 23, 2025

 11:00 AM ET

 **Southside Assembly of God**  
4750 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland FL 33813





## Tribute Wall

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BD

**Bill Demartines** posted:

Mark is my cousin, I'm 2 1/2 years younger and always thought of him as my big brother, and his sister as my big sister. From elementary through high school our families lived next to each other. I still tell people how a few times he would let me help him with his paper route. We'd walk to the bowling alley, on the way picking up empty bottles and turn them in for 5 cents a piece. Enough to play a video game. A few times we cruised (famous) Van Nuys Blvd in his supercharged 68 Chevelle. I wish I had that car now. He and his girlfriend at the time set me up on my FIRST EVER DATE! Before the date he explained there was a thing called "French Kissing". Only a big brother, my big brother, would give me that heads up.

August 17 at 11:15 AM

GR

**George Ruiz** posted:

I worked with Mark at Safeway dairy. I remember Mark for his quiet spirit and his gentleness. Mark worked at his own pace and was always patient. We always exchanged Christmas cards every year up until two years ago. Sadly, I, now know why. I never forgot Mark, to this day we still remember him! 😊 Mark, you finally made it home! I will miss your Christmas cards! I will root for the Dodgers for both of us! Goodbye, until we meet again!

August 16 at 8:49 PM

HF

**Hal Foster** posted:

Mark was the very 1st Mechanic to take me under his wing as I was a new mechanic at the Publix Dairy plant in December of 2007, I only had the pleasure of working with him until he retired in 2013. His gentle nature was accompanied by his extreme level of expertise in our Milk filling room as I was a 3rd shift mechanic just learning the operation. His absence was missed immediately as he was key part of our support in our fluid filling and blow mold operations. His attitude was infectious and the operators all loved him. Always making folks smile. God speed bud the world will miss ya

August 13 at 8:26 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mark by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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