



Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher

May 23, 1949 - April 12, 2026

With sorrow and celebration, we announce the passing of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher, known to many as Pastor Mark, who went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 12, 2026. Mark was born May 23, 1949, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father, LeRoy Wurzelbacher; his mother, Terri Stayton; and his sister, Jacqueline Wurzelbacher. He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Linda Wurzelbacher; his son and daughter-in-law, Joshua and Erin Wurzelbacher; and his grandsons, Elijah, Gideon, Judah, and Noah Wurzelbacher. Mark served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was serving as a Drill Instructor at Fort Ord at the time of his honorable discharge. He later answered the call to ministry and was ordained in February of 1983. He spent more than three decades preaching the Gospel and retired from full-time pastoral service in 2016. Most notably, he served as the Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church and was a founding member of Kerusso Church, both in Hamilton, Ohio. He also served on the Executive Committee of the State Convention of Baptists of Ohio and as Moderator for the Southwestern Baptist Association. Services will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1770 Eaton Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013, on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at 12 p.m. and conclude with a short graveside service at Rose Hill Burial Park. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Burial Park

2421 Princeton Road
Hamilton, OH 45011

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 16. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Immanuel Baptist Church
1770 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

Service

APR 16. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Immanuel Baptist Church
1770 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Mark was truly a man of God. I loved how he would end his sermon with the invite to come forward to accept Christ saying 'if not, why not'. I will miss him.*

Mike Reece - April 17 at 06:23 PM

PJ

“ *Bro. Mark was a great encourager to me as a Pastor. Heaven will reveal the great impact he made for Christ. May the Lord comfort in your great loss.*

Pastor Greg Jackson - April 16 at 09:46 PM

JS

“ *Judy & Gary, Carolyn, Phyllis & Steve purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.*



Judy & Gary, Carolyn, Phyllis & Steve - April 15 at 01:23 PM

LS

“ *RIP Brother*

Larry Stoneking - April 15 at 11:00 AM

CM

“ *Mark married into our family, but he was family. He was my brother in Christ and as close as a brother in life. I will truly miss our talks when we got together. I know that we will meet again.*

Carolyn Daulton Mays - April 14 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.*



April 14 at 08:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.

April 14 at 08:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.*



April 14 at 08:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.

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“ *We will miss you and Treasure the time Lynne and I spent with you and Linda. Great Pastor and Great Friend! We will see you again PTL*

Jack and Lynne Delmar - April 14 at 03:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Mark D. Wurzelbacher.*



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