



Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle

July 16, 1971 - July 25, 2020

Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle was called to Heaven on July 25, 2020 in Saginaw, Michigan, shortly after turning 49 years old.

Mark was born on July 16, 1971 in Brownsville , Tennessee to Charles and Ovallie (Taylor) Pirtle. He graduated from Buena Vista High School in 1989. Called to serve, he enlisted in the United States Navy. He served in the Dental Department, USS America CV-66 as a DT3 from 1989-1992. Mark retired and became a U.S. Navy Reserve, while attending Norfolk State University in Virginia.

He later began working for Bank of America where he met his true love and best friend, Carnissa, and they were married in 2001. The last twenty years have been a journey of love and adventure for them, spreading joy wherever they lived, including Virginia, Delaware, and Michigan.

Mark accepted Christ at an early age while an active member of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He was forever a strong man of faith. In 2004, Mark became a licensed minister at Union Baptist Church in Wilmington, Delaware under the leadership of Dr. Pastor LaBarron McAdoo. Mark and Carnissa were longtime members at Union Baptist and Mark spearheaded many ministries. Mark was currently pursuing a dual degree at Andersonville Theological Seminary. He was a gentle and passionate witness of Christ, sharing testimonies to all that he encountered.

Mark will be remembered for his jovial charisma, his dutiful faith in the Lord, and his compassionate spirit. A child at heart, he enjoyed comics and especially Superman, which was just one way he bonded with the many children he loved and mentored. He saw the truth in Superman's saying: "There Is A Superhero In All Of Us, We Just Need The Courage To Put On The Cape."

Mark is survived by his beautiful wife, Carnissa Pirtle; devoted father, Charles Pirtle Sr., Saginaw, MI; loving brothers, Julian, Nashville, Tennessee and Charles, Merced, California; and caring mother-in-law, Vergie Cornick, Smithfield, Virginia; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family members.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lovelace and Lela Pirtle and maternal grandparents, Ulyess and Lila Mae Taylor; and by his dear mother, Ovallie Pirtle (Taylor). We are heartened that Mark and his mother can be rejoined in heaven after twenty-one years.

Mark recently shared words of hope that are especially fitting now. "I pray that a smile of joy from great memories will ease your tears of mourning. Be comforted in the Lord."

Visitation will take place from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020 at Evans & Browne's Funeral Home, 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607. A private funeral service will be held. Pastor Rodrick A. Smith will officiate with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 N. Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607
(989) 754-0481
evansbrownes@gmail.com
<https://www.evansbrownesfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Evans & Browne's Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Browne's Mortuary - August 01, 2020 at 10:11 AM

TA

Thank you for sharing...sending prayers, love and condolences to the family and friends

Tremonisha Akins - August 01, 2020 at 12:18 PM

MH

Rest In Peace & Power my Friend. 🙏 Keeping my sister in Christ in prayer.

MomPat Hunt - August 01, 2020 at 09:48 PM



Rest in perfect peace 🙏🙏

Satrina Tate - August 10, 2020 at 02:16 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Land- Jones lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Barbara Land- Jones - August 11, 2020 at 10:41 PM

L(

“ It’s with a harden heart to learn one of my classmate has left this earth but joy that he rejoicing with the Lord. Until we meet again class of 89



Lynnette (Jackson)Chavis - August 03, 2020 at 06:30 PM

KW

“ God Bless you bro! I will miss you dearly. Your life was truly a testimony to me and my family. We will cherish all the wonderful moments we spent with you. Rest in Peace.



Kevin Wright

Kevin Wright - August 01, 2020 at 10:02 AM

KG

“ To Carnissa & family:
We are praying that God strengthens you during this difficult time.
Earth has no sorry that heaven cannot heal. Love you.

Kerry & Rhonda Galloway - August 01, 2020 at 09:44 AM

ML

“ Mr. Kip and Koya Lee is sending our love and prayers. Carnissa and family, may you be strengthened by the power of God; find joy and love in the reflection of blessed memories and be comforted by the embrace of family and friends.

Mr. Kip Lee - August 01, 2020 at 09:02 AM

NL

“ *Nola Levelston lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Nola Levelston - August 01, 2020 at 08:58 AM

PW

“ *Patricia A Williams lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Patricia A Williams - August 01, 2020 at 08:57 AM

GB

“ *Gwen Bowman lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Gwen Bowman - July 31, 2020 at 10:18 PM

DM

“ *Deon Mayes lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Deon Mayes - July 31, 2020 at 09:41 PM

SW

“ Extending our deepest condolences and prayers to Sister Carnissa, Deacon Pirtle and all extended families as you mourn the passing of Min. Mark Pirtle. May the Lord give you strength and comfort you in the days ahead. 🙏



Sara & Marvin Walker - July 31, 2020 at 08:39 PM

AC

“ Prayers for the family. Mark worked with the READ program at Arthur Eddy. He will be missed



arwanda conner - July 31, 2020 at 08:23 PM

DC

“ Carnissa

Please know that the Chambliss Family is praying with and for you during this time.

David and Carolyn Chambliss - July 31, 2020 at 06:01 PM

BB

“ We are sending our Love and Prayers to Our Family. Please know that while we're not there with you in person, we're there in our Hearts and Spirit. Gods Peace and Blessings!
The Brown, Austin and Bunch Families

Bettie Bunch - July 31, 2020 at 05:08 PM

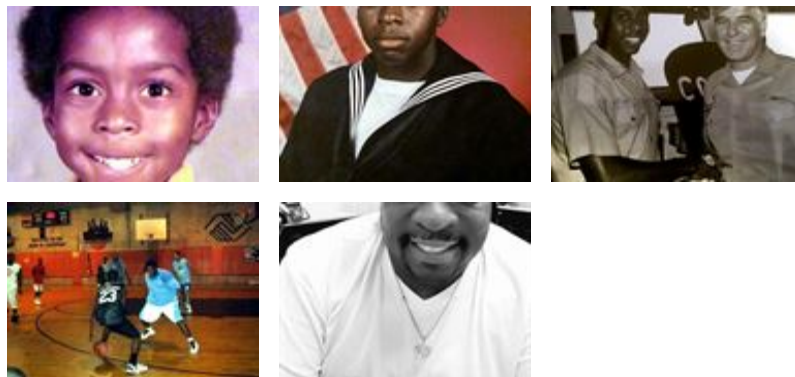
RD

“ To Sis. Carnissa and Family,
We extend our deepest sympathy to your family. We pray that the Lord's supernatural peace will be felt by you and all of those whose lives Min. Mark touched in the days ahead. *Philippians 4:6-7*

Rev. Jay & Dionne Delaney - July 31, 2020 at 02:02 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Browne's Mortuary - July 31, 2020 at 02:02 PM

TM

“ There are never any perfect words to say at such a time as this... BUT please do know Carnissa that you and your family will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I still remember back with you and Mark first came to Union. Those were the good 'ole days. Many days and wonderful memories to be forever cherished...including Mark's many appearances in our Easter and Christmas plays...and his short and sweet, yet powerful sermons which he always delivered with conviction and power. I'm grateful for Mark's season and the crossing of his life with ours. Sending loving hugs your way!! Continue to hold tight to God's unchanging hand!! He'll provide everything you need during this season of bereavement. Love You!!

Tishena Moss - July 31, 2020 at 01:53 PM

TB

“ *My condolences to the Pirtle family. I met Mark in first grade at Our Lady. We graduated from BV together as well. He was a good guy. May God hold him in his bosom.*

Tracy B. - July 31, 2020 at 12:49 PM

DB

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Mark's passing. We met Mark only nine months ago when he shared a room at Covenant with my husband. Although we did not know him for long, he do know he was certainly a gentleman, a joy, and a blessing to us both during that time. We send prayers for peace and comfort for his family until you are together again. God bless.*
Dennis & Sue Browning

Dennis and Sue Browning - July 31, 2020 at 07:37 AM

BB

“ *We are Praying for our Family. Because of the Covid-19 we will not be able to attend but we send our Love. Bowles Family of Stanton, Tennessee*

Brenda Bowles - July 30, 2020 at 10:58 PM

HW

“ *Hazel Wilson lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Hazel Wilson - July 30, 2020 at 10:51 PM

JW

“ JAMES and PAMELA WALKER purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.



JAMES and PAMELA WALKER - July 30, 2020 at 10:00 PM

SM

“ Sig, Jane, and Martha purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.



Sig, Jane, and Martha - July 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.



July 30, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DF

“ DIXON FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



DIXON FAMILY - July 30, 2020 at 05:37 PM

DC

“ Mark was a wonderful nephew that exemplified a Christlike lifestyle. He touched our lives with his quiet spirit, quiet sense of humor, and soothing smile. He endured the storms and trusted God the entire time and for that we have peace in knowing he is with the Lord. He will live on in our hearts and thoughts. Carnissa, Charles, Julian, and Charles Sr. (Dad)...and family, we love you and pray for your strength in the days, months and years to come. I can assure you that Christ will turn your tearful days into laughter and joy when you think of him.

Aunt Ginn and Uncle Dennis Cooper, Decatur, IL.

Dennis Cooper - July 30, 2020 at 05:17 PM

BH

“ Sending my condolences to Sister Carnissa and the entire Pirtle family. May God keep you during this trying and difficult time. I had the pleasure of meeting Minister Pirtle about two years ago at Zion. He was always able and willing to assist me with the youth. He was a true servant of God. Minister Mark had so many gifts, he surely put them to use. He will be. He will be deeply missed by our entire Zion church family and Zion's Youth Ministry. Job well done, rest well!!

Quincy & Brandi Hayes

Brandi Hayes - July 30, 2020 at 02:30 PM

BH

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Quincy & Brandi Hayes

Brandi Hayes - July 30, 2020 at 02:16 PM

FF

“ Freddie Mitchell and Family purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.



Freddie Mitchell and Family - July 30, 2020 at 01:30 PM

TL

“ A gift from God as a childhood friend and brother in Christ. I will definitely miss you my brother.

Teleo Laury & Tina Laury-Fisher

Teleo Laury - July 30, 2020 at 09:08 AM

TN

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers to the family .*

I had an opportunity to work with Mark at MBNA and he was such a great coworker and MOG. Continue to RIH.

Tracy Newman (DE)

Tracy Newman - July 30, 2020 at 08:26 AM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Leah O'Daniels - July 29, 2020 at 11:20 PM

YS

“ *Yvonne Sanders lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Yvonne Sanders - July 29, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ *So sorry for you all loss.*

Sarah Callaway Tate - July 29, 2020 at 10:06 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Dorothy Price-Omar - July 29, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.



July 29, 2020 at 08:34 PM

DH

“ Deacon Noland And Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Deacon Noland and Karen Heath - July 29, 2020 at 04:51 PM

PA

“ PatFrazier lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



PatFrazier - July 29, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.*



July 29, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Vanda Strode lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Vanda Strode - July 29, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ *Carnissa you and the entire family have our deepest sympathy and condolences. Mark was a friend and a brother minister in the proclamation of the gospel of Christ. You, my sister in Christ, and I work for the same company. So there are deep connections with you guys so Pam and I feel and share some of your hurt and since of loss in this moment. However our God is faithful and in our weakness his strength is made perfect. So hold on to God's unchanging hand. As Minister Pirtle would say now give God some praise. He would go on to say "now that was cute, but give God some real praise!!!" Even now God is worthy to be praised. God bless you and keep you Sister.*



Minister Stan & Sister Pam Salaam - July 29, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.*



July 29, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.*



July 29, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle.*



July 29, 2020 at 12:17 AM



“ *Thank you Minister Pirtle... I will use my gifts!!
Condolences, love, and prayers to the Pirtle
Family and the Zion Missionary Baptist
Church Family!!*



K. Barkley - July 29, 2020 at 12:16 AM

EG

“ Elaine Greer sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Elaine Greer - July 29, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ Our prayers are with you during this difficult time . Lord please wrap ur arms around Carmissa & the entire Pirtle /Taylor Fm,. You have our deepest condolence ,sorry we can't be there but our hearts are with you . Much Love. Bernard,Carol,Shaneka Estes

Carol Estes - July 28, 2020 at 11:46 PM

MG

“ Melissa Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Melissa Gray - July 28, 2020 at 11:03 PM

SM

“ To the Pirtle Minister Pirtle will truly be missed. Looking back on the years that I got to spend with Minister Pirtle and the rest if the Zion youth was nothing short of amazing. May God give you all the strength to go on. You all are in my Thoughts and Prayers.

Stacey Marshall - July 28, 2020 at 11:00 PM

BR

“ TO: *Carnissa and the Pirtle Family*

*If we could bring you back again,
For one more hour or day,
We'd express all our unspoken love;
We'd have countless things to say.*

*If we could bring you back again,
We'd say we treasured you,
And that your presence in our lives
Meant more than we ever knew.*

*If we could bring you back again,
To tell you what we should,
You'd know how much we miss you now,
And if we could, we would.*

By Joanna Fuchs

Brenda Carter and Family

Brenda - July 28, 2020 at 10:44 PM

HG

“ *Henry & Brenda Gibbs sent a virtual gift in
memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Henry & Brenda Gibbs - July 28, 2020 at 10:35 PM

LE

“ *LUCY ERBY sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



LUCY ERBY - July 28, 2020 at 10:20 PM

CM

“ *Charles And Dale Mitchner lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Charles and Dale mitchner - July 28, 2020 at 09:38 PM

CP

“ *Cynthia Polk lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Cynthia Polk - July 28, 2020 at 07:50 PM

PW

“ *As you walk through this time of loss, may you know that the Lord walks with you and he will comfort you.*

Love

James and Pamela Walker

Pamela Duckworth Walker - July 28, 2020 at 06:49 PM

DC

“ Sister Carnissa, there are no words to ease the Pain and lost of Minister Pirtle. He also leaves a Emptiness and a cloud over Union Baptist. We Will continue to lift up you and the family for The Father God to keep His hand upon you in The name of Jesus. For the Holy Spirit who is Our company keeper, comforter and friend to Intercede for you when you know not the words To pray. In time your joy will be restored. Love 💕 you we miss you God Help and Bless you. Deacon JP and Brenda Christie



Deacon J.P. and Brenda Christie - July 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM

LW

“ Latrice Chandler Williams lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Latrice Chandler Williams - July 28, 2020 at 06:10 PM

DJ

“ Sister Carnissa, you have our deepest condolences for the lost of your husband. Minister Pirtle was a caring bible school youth teacher and his absence from Union Baptist Church has been felt. Please take comfort in knowing God is still in control and he will never leave nor forsake you. Lean and trust in God during this most difficult time in your life. You are in our prayers.

Doretha and Hayes Johnson - July 28, 2020 at 06:00 PM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Corliss Dawkins - July 28, 2020 at 05:05 PM

DH

“ *Rest in Eternal Peace Minister Mark Pirtle.*

Deacon Noland and Karen Heath - July 28, 2020 at 04:58 PM

DR

“ *Deacon Carl And Rosemary Ruth sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Deacon Carl and Rosemary Ruth - July 28, 2020 at 03:52 PM

CH

“*Sister Carnissa, you have my deepest sympathy. Please know that I feel Minister Pirtle's earthly separation and mourn with you. However, we mourn with hope knowing, trusting and believing that will be forever connected with him through the Provision of the Father, the Preparation of the Son, and the Presence of the Holy Spirit and will see him again. I pray that your faith and trust in God be strengthened in this season and that you experience His strength, comfort, love, and peace in a manner that you have never experienced it before. Allow Him to carry you through and allow those He has sent your way to support you. Minister Pirtle preached a sermon on "A Season of Promises" and told us "if God says He is going to do it, He will do it." So, I encourage you to hold on to God's promises, have the same belief in God's promises as your husband, and watch God bless your faithfulness, trust, and belief in Him. I love you and am here for you.*

Carmella Harrigan - July 28, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DV

“*Our sincere condolences to Mrs. C. Pirtle, Dea. Charles Pirtle, and other family members. Mark was truly a soldier in Zion's army. He was a wonderful neighbor also. Prayers for you all, including our Zion's Church Family. We will truly miss him. Much Love to all.*



Deacon Robert and Linda Veasley - July 28, 2020 at 02:57 PM

DG

“*Delphine Greene lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Delphine Greene - July 28, 2020 at 02:31 PM

KC

“ *Katie Claude lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Katie Claude - July 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

DA

“ *Dona Austin-Bigby sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Dona Austin-Bigby - July 28, 2020 at 01:00 PM

HS

“ *Helen Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Helen Scott - July 28, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SS

“ *Shelva Scott-Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Shelva Scott-Veal - July 28, 2020 at 11:04 AM

JA

“ To the Pirtle family, you all have my deepest condolences. May the God of all comfort strengthen your entire family. Keeping you all in my prayers.



JJ Akins - July 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM

MG

“ Ms. Debra Guster lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Ms. Debra Guster - July 28, 2020 at 09:05 AM

TA

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family, and my church family. This right here hit me so hard and different. I definitely know GOD is able to mend. I'll definitely cherish the memories of our chats about Sunday School lessons. 💔

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"



Tremonisha Akins - July 28, 2020 at 06:46 AM

SS

“ Shawn Surles lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Shawn Surles - July 27, 2020 at 11:37 PM

DT

“ Deacon John And Lillian Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Deacon John and Lillian Thomas - July 27, 2020 at 11:20 PM

DT

“ We are praying for the Pirtle Family. Minister Pirtle was such a blessing to the Zion MBC Family. He will certainly be missed.



Deacon John and Lillian Thomas - July 27, 2020 at 11:17 PM

JW

“ Jimmie And Beverly Westbrook sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Jimmie and Beverly Westbrook - July 27, 2020 at 10:35 PM

DP

“ Dennis And Gail Porter sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Dennis and Gail Porter - July 27, 2020 at 10:20 PM

AL

“ Annie Lowery sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Annie Lowery - July 27, 2020 at 09:43 PM

MM

“ I am at a loss for words as I extend condolences to Minister Pirtle's wife, father, brothers, other relatives and church family. God has truly called a soldier from labor to eternal rest. I will remember his wonderful spirit, his teaching, preaching, and his smile. Rest in heavenly peace Minister Pirtle!

Mary McDonald - July 27, 2020 at 08:43 PM

MM

“ Melleretha Moses-Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - July 27, 2020 at 08:40 PM

GR

“ *Glen Rush lit a candle in memory of Minister Mark Lorenzo Pirtle*



Glen Rush - July 27, 2020 at 06:51 PM