

Obituaries

Mr. Mark Edward Bennett

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On Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Mr. Mark Edward Bennett, 64, beloved husband, father, son, friend and blessed Child of God was welcomed into the glories of Heaven and reunited with his loving parents.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Deep Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Perko and Rev. Maner Tyson officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

The family greeted friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2026, at Leavitt Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Mark was born January 14, 1962, in Union County and was the son of the late Carl Edward Bennett and the late Ivah Lee Broome Bennett. He was a 1980 graduate of Southview Academy in Wadesboro and a graduate of Wake Forest University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting.

Following graduation from Wake Forest University, Mark was employed with Cherry Bekaert & Holland as a staff accountant in Charlotte. Not long after that he was asked to join B.C. Moore and Sons' corporate offices in Wadesboro. Alongside his wife, he became a partner with J.B. Watson and Co. in Wadesboro. Mark later left J.B. Watson & Co. to become the

chief financial officer of Jordan Lumber and Supply, which he often described as his dream job. After retiring from Jordan Lumber and Supply he owned and operated MDME Consulting.

Mark learned at a very young age to love the Lord from his parents and those who influenced him as a young child at Union Grove Baptist Church in Marshville, and later First Baptist Church in Wadesboro when his family moved there. Over the years Mark was ordained and served as a deacon, taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and worked with youth.

He later became a member of Deep Creek Baptist Church, the Bennett family's home church, where he served as a deacon, substitute Sunday school teacher and leader of the prayer ministry. He was actively involved with Anson County Baptist Men, serving as treasurer and assisting with building ramps in and around Anson County for those in need.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 35 years, Deneal Hicks Bennett; his daughters, Maria Elizabeth Bennett and Emily Mikhaila Bennett, both of Wadesboro; his aunts, Carolyn Gaddy of Oakboro, Bobbie Stegall (Ray) and Joanne Parker, both of Marshville; his cousin who was more like a sister, Elizabeth Gaddy Parker (Anthony) of Oakboro and their children, Nicholas Parker (Brooklyn) of Albemarle and Matthew Parker and Madison Parker, both of Oakboro; his sister-in-law Lisa Hicks Kirkley (Everette) of Rockingham; his niece Natalie Kirkley Smith (Brandon) of Seven Lakes; and an "adopted" daughter, Lindsay Lowery Biggers (Jamie) and their son Sawyer of Wadesboro. Mark leaves behind loved ones and friends who considered him a man of great faith and one of God's greatest masterpieces.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Neal and Peggy Blakely Hicks.

The family is most grateful to the staff at Fresenius Dialysis in Albemarle for the care and compassion they showed Mark and their family while assisting with his at-home dialysis care.

Throughout Mark's life he held firmly to the promises of God's Word that God would never leave or forsake him. Mark believed the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:1-9: "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands... Now the One who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Deep Creek Baptist Church Building Fund, 1280 Beck Rd., Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home, and online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

Raymond "Scott" Morgan

On March 5, 2026, Raymond "Scott" Morgan, 59, of Mint Hill, NC passed away peacefully at Novant Presbyterian Main following a courageous battle against lung cancer.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. at Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro with his sister, Pastor Lisa Morgan Moore, officiating. Dress is casual so feel free to dress like Scott would. Interment will follow in Shiloh Christian Community Church Cemetery (formerly Shiloh United Methodist Church) in Morven.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday.

He is survived by his three daughters, Megan Belk (Tyler), Mckenzie Morgan and Lindsay Morgan; his beloved granddaughter Anne Stewart; his sister Lisa Moore (Brian); his mother Rebecca Pruett (Howell) and father Ray Morgan (Barbara); his niece and nephew; and many aunts, uncles and cousins, including his beloved cousin Kimberly Poole, who was more like a twin sister than a cousin.

Scott graduated from Independence High School in 1986. His first job was at Pine Lake Country Club, but most of his career was spent in the HVAC industry. He worked for several companies in Charlotte, including Maye Heating and Air, Miller Contracting Services, and DAC Services. He did HVAC work on multiple CVS stores in North and South Carolina. He attended Central Piedmont Community College to become certified in medical gas installation. Throughout his working career he never turned down someone in need. When he was off work, he would go to the homes of relatives, friends and people he had met along the way to work on their HVAC systems. His "side jobs" were not always lucrative as often he would "forget" to bill someone old or struggling financially. His heart always spoke first. Even when he started chemo three years ago, he would get calls while he was in treatment from co-workers who needed help diagnosing a problem.

Scott was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed camping, hiking, rock climbing, and paddling in any body of water. He canoed and kayaked rivers all over North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. He was enthralled with Three Sisters Swamp. His friends have described him as a "River Legend," and he will be missed by the many paddling communities he journeyed with. He had a vast collection of rocks found on his adventures which he gifted many to family and friends. He loved family history, and exploring old church cemeteries was a major hobby and passion. He would get so excited whenever he discovered the grave of a distant ancestor. He leaves behind jars that look like sand but are the results of him enjoying a beer and panning for gold in area creeks.

Scott was famous for telling stories. His exploits of driving, occasionally exceeding the posted speed limit, were always entertaining. He always seemed on the ragged edge of encountering the law in his adventures, but usually he got away with it. He did suffer from road rage and whoever rode in the car with him suffered as well.

In his own words from a Facebook post, "I love rivers, mountains and beaches, but most of all I love all of my girls and seeing smiles on their faces." He was a single father for many years and enjoyed spending time with his daughters. He took them on many memorable adventures to beaches, Gold Hill, old forts, battlefields, canoeing, and more. He loved making s'mores with his granddaughter Anne. During our last snowstorm he scared his twins to death doing donuts in the Food Lion parking lot. He also leaves behind his grand-dogs, who made him smile his beautiful smile.

Scott was a humble man who did not need fancy things to enjoy life. He loved fiercely; when a family member or friend died, he took it the hardest. He lived generously; when he would receive a bonus, rather than spend it on himself, he preferred to take his girls to Academy Sports and buy things for them. It made him happy. He spoke simply. For him, "I gue-ess" meant yes and "Nah, man" meant no. He had a simple love for God and pursued Him in nature.

Scott spent the last three years of his life fighting cancer even though he was terrified of doctors, hospitals, and needles. He did this selflessly to continue to provide for his girls.

In lieu of flowers, Scott would wish for monetary gifts to provide for his daughters and granddaughter. Please consider a donation to a trust fund for them (via his sister, Lisa Morgan Moore, 1102 Millheim Ct., Wilmington, NC 28411, gardengirl@ec.rr.com) or a donation to the Three Rivers Land Trust.



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