

## Mark Nelson Durant

Mark Nelson Durant, 67 years of age, of Centre, died Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Kindred Hospital of Chattanooga, TN.

Mark was born December 20, 1953 in Fort Worth, TX to Henry John (Hank) and Jacqueline (Jacky) Durant.

Mark was a native of Florida. He attended Miami Military Academy and later Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania. Mark graduated high school in 1971 at Berlin American High School, Berlin, Germany. Mark was a member of the wrestling team and photography club.

Mark's father, Hank Durant, was a pilot for Pan American Airlines, which afforded Mark and family the opportunity to see the world and travel extensively throughout Europe and the world.

Mark and Megan moved to Centre in 1993. Mark attended Gadsden State, received his EMT license, and worked for Cherokee County. Mark had several businesses throughout his life; Mark's Lawn and Landscaping in Jupiter, FL, Mar-Tex Construction, and Mark's Contracting in Centre. He retired in 2013.

Mark was a member of The Berlin Brats, The Guild of Master Craftsmen, and a member of New Bethel Baptist Church of Centre.

Mark is survived by:

Wife – Darnell (Bone) Durant of Centre.

Daughters – Megan (Steven) Blalock of Cedar Bluff, AL, and Beth (Kevin) Kinder of Detroit, MI.

Sons – Cory George of Sarasota, FL, and Will (Chelsea) George of Millington, TN.

Sister – Toni (Bern) Arenas of Tampa, FL.

Father – Henry John (Hank) Durant of Rainbow City, AL.

Mother-in-law – Virginia Bone of Centre.

Sister-in-law – Kathleen Maples of McAllen, TX.

Brother-in-law – Russell Bone of Smithville, TX.

6 Grandchildren – Jack & Delilah Blalock of Cedar Bluff & Lillian, Oliva, Dallas and Liam George of Millington, TN. Several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his mother, Jacky Durant, his brother, Ronald Oyler, and father-in-law, William (Bill) Bone.

Celebration of Life service will be Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:00am at New Bethel Baptist Church in Centre, AL. Rev. Rodney Averitt of Hammond, LA, officiating.