



## Mark Robert Pilgrim

August 24, 1952 - August 23, 2025

Mark Robert Pilgrim, beloved husband, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on August 23, 2025, one day before his 73rd birthday.

Born on August 24, 1952, in Youngstown, Ohio, Mark was the son of Robert and Patricia Pilgrim. He carried their legacy of kindness, integrity, and hard work throughout his life.

Mark earned his bachelor's degree from Washington & Jefferson University, setting the foundation for a long and dedicated career. He worked for many years at Santee Cooper, where he formed lifelong friendships and was known for his dedication and reliability.

A loyal and loving husband, Mark shared more than four decades of marriage with his wife, Carolyn Pilgrim. Together, they built a life rich with joy, laughter, and adventure. Mark loved nothing more than traveling with Carolyn, relaxing by the beach at her side, or tending to their huge yard together. Their bond was strong, steady, and deeply rooted in love.

Mark was a man of many talents and interests. He enjoyed golfing with his work buddies, always bringing humor to the game. He was also a skilled handyman and painter, crafting with care and creativity. He was a passionate Duke basketball fan, rarely missing a game and always ready to cheer on the

Blue Devils.

He will be remembered not only for his talents and dedication but for the strength of his character; a good man, humble and generous, who brought warmth to those around him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn Pilgrim; his brothers: David Pilgrim of Bamberg, SC and Kevin Pilgrim (Judy) of Pittsburgh, PA; his niece and nephew: Kristin MacDonald (Tom) and Josh Thorp (Suzi); as well as his great nieces and nephew: Lauren Markley, Thomas Markley, and Olivia Thorp.

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Dear Carolyn,

*My heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. We will miss Mark and his friendly spirit. May God bless you, surround you with His love, and bring you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Bakari Jackson*

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**Bakari Jackson** - August 30, 2025 at 04:23 PM

MB

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear about Mark's passing. I really got to know him better when you were at the museum. Please take care of yourself.

*Mary S. Bell*

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**Mary s bell** - August 26, 2025 at 12:36 PM

GS

“ Carolyn, my prayers and condolences are with you and your family. Mark was a man of integrity, and I enjoyed working with him.

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**Gerald Stinson** - August 26, 2025 at 12:17 PM

RS

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a great man and I always enjoyed talking and working with him. My heart goes out to you and his family.

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**Randy Sapko** - August 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM

SD

“ I am so saddened to hear of Mark's passing. Carolyn, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time!

Stephanie Dukes - August 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

DE

“ So sorry to hear about Mark's death. I considered him a dear friend. I felt as though we had a wonderful relationship. He was one of the most intelligent people with whom I worked. He was a great contract employee and even better employee. Of the 100 or so employees I hired, he was clearly at the top. I could ALWAYS count on Mark to follow through. I will miss Mark as will quite a few people he touched. I wish I could have beat him on the links more often but, if you gotta lose, Mark's a good choice. He was a wonderful friend.

David Evans - August 25, 2025 at 09:15 PM

MR

“ Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was great to work for! I'll keep you and his family in my prayers.

Mary Rudloff - August 25, 2025 at 09:12 PM

BC

“ Carolyn and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mark's passing. He was a kind, gentle man and someone I considered a friend. A hard worker, always with a smile. I will keep you and the family in my prayers.

Bonnie Cooper

Bonnie Cooper - August 25, 2025 at 03:49 PM