



## Herbert Bernard Marks

March 31, 1936 - December 12, 2021

Herbert (Herb) Marks of Mooresville, NC, better known as Pops, peacefully entered eternal life on Sunday, December 12th at his home. He was one of the toughest, most hardworking men we've ever known. Herb was born March 31, 1936 in Deerfield, MI, to the late Elwin and Elsie Ahlemann Marks. He spent his childhood in Michigan, and after graduating from Morenci High School, he married his high school sweetheart, Jan, on April 27, 1957. His love of showing cattle in 4-H led him to showing beef cattle for Mahogany Farms of Williamston, MI. He then worked for Premier Beef Cattle in various management positions in three different states, which led him and his family across the country. They made Highmore, SD home in 1972 and lived there for 26 years. Herb loved farming and ranching and was passionate about raising high quality beef cattle. He was a talented cattleman and was widely respected by beef producers throughout the country. While in Highmore, he made many lifelong friends while working for Premier and then while working at Do It Best Lumbar Yard. He and Jan retired in 1998 and moved to Mooresville to be closer to their grandchildren. Once they got settled in North Carolina, he was asked to assist with odds and ends in order to help get the new hospital ready to open. He went on to work at this temporary job in plant operations at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center for a mere 17 more years before retiring a second time at 80 years old. He loved seeing so many people each day, and made wonderful friends during his time there. A talented craftsman, he could usually be found in his garage building furniture, or working around the shop and fixing something at Southeast Turf. Herb was a lifelong member of the Lutheran church and served on the church councils of several different congregations. Herb greatly enjoyed working with young people and volunteered many hours as a 4-H leader, FFA supporter, and many other community groups and organizations. Herb was also a proud member of the Stumptown Tractor Club in North Carolina. He loved displaying his restored John Deere tractors at area tractor shows and pulling the Boy Scout float in the Mooresville Christmas parade each year. Herb was a devoted member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and was very passionate about his involvement with their mission church, Living Waters Church in Cherokee, NC. He visited often, bringing donations of artificial turf for those in need, and was recently honored for his generosity that impacted so many. Herb was welcomed into Heaven by the love of his

life, Jan, whom he missed terribly the past 6 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents, brother William (Mildred) Marks, sister Leola (Wesley) Hunt, and nephew Bradley Marks. Left to remember him always are his three sons-Todd (Terry) Marks of Harrisburg, SD, Gregg (Dana) Marks of Bristol, TN, and Scott (Marie) Marks of Mooresville, and grandchildren Jaycee (Bobby) Dedmon of Mooresville, Trevor (Tiffany) Marks of Catawba, NC, and Tregg (Leigha) Marks of Stanley, NC. He also leaves behind one great-grandson, Riggs Dedmon, who brought him so much joy over the past 5 months, along with his brother, Stanley (Judy) Marks, sister-in-law Carole (Joesph) Ignarski, and many nieces and nephews. We know he is in Heaven fixing everything, and making sure no one throws away an item that can be recycled. He had a gift of turning something old into new again. We will miss your handlebar mustache, belly laughs, knowledge about everything, and stories about the good old days.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 11:00am at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with a memorial service immediately following at 1:00pm. Pastor Vern Kinard will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County, or St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mooresville. The family wishes to thank the Joe and Andrea Nemechek family for their friendship and Marie Parker for her daily care over the past 8 months.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, Mooresville, is serving the Marks family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive

Mooresville, NC, 28115

**DEC**

**18**

**Receive Friends**

11:00AM

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St. Mark's Lutheran Church

454 Fieldstone Road, Mooresville, NC, US, 28115

# Comments

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“ Yes, as written in the obituary, Mr. Marks for many years until this year drove his antique John Deere tractor in the Morresville Christmas parade pulling a trailer he furnished with Cub Scouts from Cub Scout Pack #173 in Mt. Mourne sitting on artificial turf with the float looking like a campsite. I do not know how many years ago this started but it was when grandson Tregg was a little Cub Scout. Mr. Marks always wore a Santa cap in the parade. The Cub scouts loved him. It was always a pleasure for me to talk and joke around with him.

Bill Hicks

Bill Hicks - December 22, 2021 at 08:45 PM

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“ So sorry to here of Herbs passing always enjoyed talking to him at the lumberyard.

Babby Blair - December 16, 2021 at 11:00 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Herbert Bernard Marks.



December 15, 2021 at 08:18 PM

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“ I have fond memories of both Herb and Jan. Both very community minded people who were missed when they moved from Highmore. It does make me feel better knowing they are reunited with each other now in heaven. Peace to all the family.

susan bast - December 14, 2021 at 10:43 PM

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“ I was a senior in high school when Herb was remodeling our kitchen and dining room. I was sitting in the new kitchen on the cupboard countertop watching Herb mud the soffit I guess...I can't recall exactly most likely my brain was in a stupor yet from the night before plus this was almost 40 years ago, haha...but, I loved to watch hom work...anyway Herb was on a step stool and when he stepped down he landed a foot in the mud...I nearly fell off the counter laughing and he was trying not to step that foot down and make more of a mess. We laughed about that many times over the years and that broke the ice between he and I. I started helping him finish things in the house. Herb, you were a dear man, a good friend to many here in South Dakota and we are all better to have known you...Godspeed, good man, Godspeed

Karla Kerr - December 14, 2021 at 10:13 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Herbert Bernard Marks.



December 14, 2021 at 08:12 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Herbert Bernard Marks.



December 14, 2021 at 06:41 PM