



## Mark Falzone

March 18, 1954 - September 9, 2020

Lawrence Mark Falzone, known to all as “Mark”, being 66 years old, entered into the presence of Jesus Wednesday, September 9, 2020. He was a resident of Dayton, Tennessee for two and a half years, moving from Hopewell, New Jersey, born to the late Lawrence and Josephine (DiMaio) Falzone on March 18, 1954 in Brooklyn, New York. He was raised in a family of faith in God and loved the church.

Mark graduated from Rutgers University with a B.A. in Music Education followed by Organ Study at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. He also trained and acquired his CDL to operate tour buses, a loved profession as a Motor Coach Operator during the summer months off from teaching.

Mark held three major careers: he was a Motor Coach Operator for 22 years, charting over one million miles traveled in over thirty states and five provinces in Canada. He proudly could name them all! His musical talents blessed many as Church Organist and Choir Director at Kirkpatrick Memorial Presbyterian Church in Ringoes, NJ, then Organist for the remainder of his career at Montgomery Evangelical Free Church in Belle Mead, NJ, a combined 42 years in organ music ministry. His teaching career in music spanned 29 years for elementary, middle and high school. The majority of his career was spent in New Brunswick Public School District in New Jersey, in vocal and instrumental music.

Mark was a type A, an extrovert, very outgoing with a great sense of humor. He had a servant's heart and was always concerned about the spiritual course of others. He took great pride and responsibility in providing for his family. He loved family traditions which included Sunday Italian pasta dinners around a table full of family. He was incredibly handy with high standards; he always had a home remodeling project that he tackled with great expectations. Since he was a young boy, he loved Lionel trains and Hess trucks and accrued quite the collection over the years. Having spent most of his life in New Jersey, Mark always enjoyed the Northeastern winter snowstorms and all the things that accompanied them – tracking the weather, shoveling snow and building fires in the fireplace. He was an animal lover which meant that there was at least always one family

pet (usually a dog). His passions were centered around family, music and travel.

Mark will be missed dearly by his wife, Dawn (Tallamy) Falzone of Dayton, TN, of 40 years. His children, Anthony (and wife Dayna of Dayton, TN), Melanie Williams (and husband Kyle of Bentonville, AR), Colin (and wife Kelly of Hillsborough, NJ) and Angela McVicker (and husband Johnny of Alpha, NJ) will carry on their father's legacy of love, faith in God, a servant's heart, compassion and a strong work ethic. Mark leaves behind generations of love: sisters Deborah Ritter (New Tripoli, PA), Sharon Jiorle (and husband Ralph of Phillipsburg, NJ); brothers Loren (and wife Kathy of Honey Brook, PA), Garrett Falzone (and wife Donna of Westfield, NJ); and grandchildren, Addyson, Aurelya, Danyca, Dempsey, and Avonlea Falzone; Colette Williams; Gianna, Kayley and Sabrina Falzone; and Dustin McVicker.

A Visitation will be held at Vanderwall Funeral Home at 164 Maple Street, Dayton, TN on Thursday, September 10th, from 6-8pm. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Vanderwall Funeral Home on Friday, September 11, at 9am. A procession will go from Vanderwall Funeral Home to Rhea Memorial Gardens followed by a brief graveside interment.

Funeral services for Mark will also be live streamed at: <https://my.gather.app/remember/mark-falzone>

Please share your memories and photos of Mark on his online guest register at <http://www.vanderwallfh.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN.

In lieu of flowers arrangements, a memorial garden will be planted with roses at the Falzone residence.

# Cemetery

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## Rhea Memory Gardens

Hwy 27

Dayton, TN,

# Events

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**SEP** **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Vanderwall Funeral Home

164 Maple Street, Dayton, TN, US

**SEP** **Celebration of Life** 09:00AM

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Vanderwall Funeral Home

164 Maple Street, Dayton, TN, US

# Comments

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“ Dawn and Family:

You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you try to "go back to your lives". Mark was the brother who was always busy, going and doing. He looked for challenges like when he and I started a lawn business. I think we had only 3 customers and he would stick me on the riding mower and say "go". I suspect he had a lot of touch-ups to do but that he chose me meant a lot! He also helped me raise squirrels and when we tried to release them, one climbed a huge tree and a storm came. You can guess who got the extension ladder out and handled a panicked squirrel to then come down the ladder in the wind, rain and thunder! Mark was just that kind of brother. It extended to his wife, children and grandchildren. His level of care, love and desire to help was as strong as his love of music I hope he is busy, going and doing as he urges each of us to continue the Lord's work and love our families daily because every day the Lord gives us is a precious gift. Our family has had a lot of loss but I'm glad the Lord took Dad and then Mom home so they could be spared losing a child but rather gaining a heavenly one. Miss you more than words can say but glad you are healed and 'home'.

Sharon (Falzone) Jiorle

Sharon Jiorle - September 17, 2020 at 11:44 AM

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“ Mark Falzone was a dear friend and accomplished organist who participated in my father's funeral. His music was always enjoyable and inspiriunt. I hope the Lord allows Mark to play his dear organ once again in Paradise!

With our sympathy, Jean & Michael in Lititz, PA

PS: Dawn, you are in our prayers for His comfort and peace at this time.

Jean S Kessler - September 13, 2020 at 07:25 PM

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“ To Dawn and family, I would like to send my love and prayers to you and family. Mark was always special to me. He gave my joy and loved singing in the choir. I thought of him often and all the times he was KMC. I found this out this morning when watching KMC on zoom. Often wondered where he was. My heart goes out to you and the family.

He is with God now.. Up there running the music with Bert and with Linda. MY very best to you . May God put his arms around you get you peace. Yours always Jan Godown

jan godown - September 13, 2020 at 11:01 AM

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“ Mark and I shared 65 trips around the sun together. Being only 11 months apart, we shared 1,317 days of being the same age which would blow people’s minds. My heart is filled with so much love and so many memories of our life adventures together – especially as kids, young adults, and our journey into ‘adulthood’ - while still maintaining the joy, love, faith and such that we were raised on thru the generations of love in our family, creating our own as well.

One fond memory as a child was Mark and me as toddlers up in Attica, NY. The manse was attached to the church and when there was so much snow outside – we had the inexplicable joy of you pedaling your little John Deere tractor and me, my tricycle – careening around the pews and up and down the church aisles, to squeals of delight and of course – you with your motor sound effects. All that driving was obviously a precursor to your million miles plus and your ministry of music. We not only grew up in the church but in Christ. I remember Mom and Dad allowing you to take me out when I had my permit. You were so calm, and I felt so at ease until going home up the hill on Black Point Montgomery Road when I slammed on the brakes and laid some rubber on the road. You said with a little bit of angst, “What the heck was that for?” When I replied I did not want to run over the large frog that was in the road, you calmly but dryly replied, “So kill your brother instead.”

There are years and tears of memories that I will forever cherish. My heart is so heavy and grieving, but I rejoice in your homecoming in heaven. Know that your love and legacy is a part of all of us, and those you have touched along the way, along those million plus miles - which will live on. Hug Mom & Dad, Grandma and Grandpa and all those we so love and miss but look forward to being with again. Love you, my big brother.



Deb Ritter - September 11, 2020 at 07:03 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - September 11, 2020 at 03:20 PM

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“ Mark will be missed by all. I have a lot of childhood memories as he was always active with family and church gatherings. He was always a hoot. I also remember him teaching me how to play the piano which I wish I kept up with, though I do remember most of his teachings. He also drove up to Maine where I lived to bring me back to NJ when my sister Gail passed. I had no way to get home to NJ and he came up without hesitation. Mark was selfless, funny, caring and so many more things.

With love and condolences,  
Kathy, Michael & our fur baby Lacy

Kathleen Torrone - September 11, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ Mark, you are missed. God blessed us with your life and many gifts, especially your music. We will remember you as always involved, active, engaged and giving your all.

Sincere condolences to Dawn, your children, grandchildren, siblings and friends.  
John & Geniene Lorenz



Geniene Lorenz - September 11, 2020 at 08:43 AM

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“ Mark was such a fun guy to be with. His love for music was infectious. Kevin and I have such fond memories of game nights with Mark and Dawn, dinners together, picnics, etc. Also, of Kevin and Mark working on one of Dawn's kitchen remodeling projects! Or the time Mark drove the bus for a church group outing to Williamsburg, VA. I also remember one Sunday evening where Mark and Kevin's cousin, Maryanne, played spontaneous duets on the church organ. I will miss him especially on the organ every Sunday morning, where I still see him playing before the service.

Lisa Bellizio

Lisa Bellizio - September 11, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ I will miss "brother" Mark. When I had more hair, people from MEFC, that knew Mark for many more years than me, would stop and compliment me on his organ playing. Even Jo, "Ma", came up behind me one day in the narthex thinking I was her son. I still say I look more like Larry. Another MEFC Pizza Fellow at home with Jesus. Mark "Pipes" Falzone with Larry " The Godly Father" Falzone and Eddie " The Preacher" Damiani.

Kevin "KB the Hammer" Bellizio

KEVIN BELLIZIO - September 11, 2020 at 12:27 AM

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“ Mark had more cars than teeth, and even more memories with them: like driving up to unsuspecting Dawn at a stop sign and intentionally bumping bumpers... just to see her get flustered; like letting me on my 10 speed bicycle hold on to his VW while driving up hills to get to Ringoes quicker; like stopping on the side of the road to clean off his car from puddle water... crazy wonderful memories.

Loren Falzone - September 10, 2020 at 01:40 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mark Falzone.



September 10, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Among countless memories as Mark's 6 year younger brother, a powerful one was at KMC (church) where he played an organ instrumental that HE composed which described the entire life of Christ WITHOUT lyrics. His God-given skill and anointing on the massive Allen digital organ spoke deeply to all Bible-literate listeners. I remember and cherish the passionate articulation of our Savior's life on that Resurrection Day like no other before or since. I expect to hear him play it again (and again) upon my graduation when I catch up to him at our eternal home. Until then, missing him is very difficult but thankfully temporary. Loren

**Loren Falzone** - September 10, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ So many great memories of our time together at KMC. It was Mark who let me drive his VW whenever we went somewhere (and I was only 15!) We would entertain his family by reciting, word for word, comedy routines from our collection of albums. Later, I had the privilege to be a part of his wedding to Dawn (I think that might have been payback for having to work with Dawn's dad). Although our lives led us to different parts of the country, I will always have those great memories of the times Mark and I spent together. Till we meet again.

**Brad Baker** - September 10, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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“ Mark was a precious part of our church family. He took his role as our church organist seriously and would come to church on Saturdays to practice. He was an accomplished musician and blessed many people over the years.

He has left us with many good memories!!

**Brian Cooper** - September 10, 2020 at 10:27 AM



“ When we all get to Heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! I can almost hear him playing it now. We will always be thankful for the years with Mark at MEFC. We will always miss him. Our hearts break for those of you he leaves behind. He loved you well!

We will be praying,

Lovingly,

Keith & Melissa Arnesen

**Melissa Arnesen** - September 10, 2020 at 05:38 PM

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“ I miss you so much, Dad. You were just the best. Thank you for your love and devotion. Until we are reunited in heaven...”



**Melanie (Falzone) Williams** - September 09, 2020 at 10:25 PM