



Neil M Goode

April 5, 1961 - May 2, 2025

Goode, Neil (Mark)Ham- age 64, of Lakeland, Florida, passed away, Friday, May 2, 2025, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House of Lakeland, of ATTRwt Amyloidosis. Mark was a native Floridian born in Jacksonville, FL. Mark attended Dommerich Elementary School and recently attended his 6th grade class 50th Reunion, and had a blast. He also attended Maitland Junior High (now Maitland Middle School) and Winter Park High School. Mark was a baseball/football star athlete and played during his school years, and in college at UCF and later, transferred and graduated at Appalachian State University with two majors. Mark's hobbies were golf, gardening, dancing, traveling, volunteering as Santa and other charitable endeavors of the Sawdust Engineers in his neighborhood. Survivors: wife, Theresa Bouchey-Goode of Lakeland, FL., And daughter, Katherine (Kasia) Collins; sisters, Toni Goode of Louisiana; Terri Matz of Florida, Clara Atkinson of FL; brothers, Richard Goode III of Louisiana and John Goode of North Carolina. Pets: Rin, Daisy and Milo; grand pups: Olive, Onyx, Chi-Chi and Reynolds.

Lakeside service 11:00 am on Friday, June 6, 2025, at Serenity Gardens, 3350 Mall Hill Dr., Lakeland, FL, in the Lakewood Arches section of the Lake, with the Rev. Michael McCurdy officiating.

Following the service, a Celebration of Life will be held at Ariana Village clubhouse, 1070 Cosmos Drive, Lakeland, Florida at 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The family will receive friends and family at the Mercy Dinner following the ceremony, even if they were unable to attend the internment. Music to be provided by Kelly Cunningham. Please advise the family on your attendance to the Mercy Dinner for an approximate count.

We thank, especially the doctors and nurses of hospice house, Dr. Nayeem, and our family doctor, Dr. DeCordova and Tracy, his nurse; our special nurse, Julie, Barbara, Brittany, Carrie and Susan, and so many more, for their dedication and love for us. We also thank, especially Alex Adamson for his support and love of our daughter, Kasia, and sense of humor, even in dark times; Tom and Micki Higgins for UNO nights, and coffee days, meals and repairs; Terry and Karen Frasier for golf outings in his later months; our community for their gifts of time and meals and moving furniture, etc., and of course, our daughter, Kasia, for her unending support and love for her stepdad. They were inseparable. We also thank Theresa's sister, Bertha and Harold for visiting often from Pittsburgh; Randy and Terri Matz for helping us move to Ariana; Susan Kornegay Henson and Jennifer Kornegay Smith for making Mark's recent birthday one of absolute joy and fun. We also thank Lisette Marrero for her love and support, and Theda Burnham for her, most delicious soul meals. Special thanks to Dean Harisis of Dommerich. Many thanks to the Ariana Village Community for their support and assistance, especially Jen Castaneda, Lisa Nelson, all the ladies and their gentlemen, and the Sawdust Engineers. We are blessed to live here and know you.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests, memorial donations be made to the Good Shepherd, Hospice House of Lakeland.

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens - Cemetery

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 853-5959
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

Previous Events

Graveside

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ I am so heartbroken 😭😭😭😭 Mark helps me and did so many amazing things for me. I will forever be grateful for everything he taught me. He was the best boss I will ever have, and then he became my dearest friend. He believed in me like nobody else. God will receive him in heaven with so much love and happiness. I will miss you sooooo much. R.I.P. Boss, forever grateful and forever in my heart. I love you.



Lissette Marrero - June 05, 2025 at 12:32 AM

LM

What an amazing soul!

Lissette Marrero - June 05, 2025 at 12:35 AM

LJ

“ Love, Cousins Susan, Cindy & Jennifer purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Neil M Goode.



Love, Cousins Susan, Cindy & Jennifer - June 04, 2025 at 12:55 PM

CB

“ Mark and I met in second grade in Mrs. deGuehery's class. We then were in Mrs. Kaufman's fourth grade class together. We went to Maitland Junior High where he dominated in sports-playing football and baseball. We started hanging out again our senior year at Winter Park and our freshman year at UCF. We had a lot of fun times together those two years. I remember us standing in line for hours to vote for President for the first time directly across from his house in 1980. Mark was one of my oldest friends and I will miss him!

Charlie Beal - June 04, 2025 at 12:21 AM

TB

“ MEMORIES: I give thanks for my memories of Neil Markham Goode. Some recollections are tender. some make me laugh. and some bring a tear to my eye. Joy was the highlight of Mark and Theresa's relationship whenever you saw them together. They relished the happy times, moments, and blessings of their lives. Mark's gentle presence, his sparkling and twinkling eyes, his great sense of humor, his caring and kind heart shape my thoughts. I am grateful for Mark's presence in my life. I wish it had been longer. 'Till we meet again in God's time.

Theda Burnham - June 03, 2025 at 11:28 AM

“☀️ *Life According to the Formula*

$$X = \text{Faith} \times (\text{Love} \times \text{Light})^2$$

$$X \uparrow (A - 12 \times \text{Æ})^2 = 22$$



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1. In the beginning stands the A

I enter this world –

born as A:

a human being with longing, with questions, with shadow and light.

I am still separated

from the archetype (Æ) that dwells within me

and yet surpasses me.

12 forces – like gates, like trials –

lie between me and my true self.

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2. The Call for Light

Yet within me resounds a call,

quiet but irresistible:

“Become who you are.”

I reach for truth,

but knowledge alone does not redeem me.

Only when the light of insight

is united with the power of love

does my innermost begin to shine.



3. Love Carries the Light

*Not every insight heals.
Only the one that is rooted in love.*

*For light without love burns,
and love without insight gets lost.*

*Thus, my formula is clear:
(Love × Light)²
– a fire that does not destroy,
but creates.*

4. Faith Holds the Path

*Yet all this sustains me only
if I believe:
not blindly, but livingly,
not in a theory,
but in the goodness of God,
who carries me,
even when I fall.*

*Faith is the ground on which light may act.
Faith is the YES within me.*

5. The Transformation Begins

*When faith, love, and light
are united,
X – my true life – begins.*

*Not a superficial functioning,
but spiritual fulfillment.*

*I do not become perfect –
but real.*

*I do not become flawless –
but fulfilled.*

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6. The Ascent to 22

*But that is not enough:
X longs for more than unfolding.
X is elevated –
for I am more than flesh and dust.
I am spirit.
I am a child of the Eternal.*

*Thus life leads me through
 $(A - 12 \times \text{Æ})^2$
– through separation, trial, refinement –
until that which came from God
returns to God.*

*And then, at the very end,
stands the number 22:
not a number –
but the fulfillment of all things.
The New Jerusalem.
Oneness with the Origin.*

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✧ ✧ *Life according to the formula is not a dogma –*

it is a path back into the light.

*And whoever walks this path
will recognize:*

Lifetime = Energy × (Love × Light)²

... and in the depths:

Energy = Faith.

Light = Christ.

Love = God's nature.

X = Transfiguration.

22 = Homecoming.

Andreas Löffler - June 01, 2025 at 03:52 AM

JS

“Long ago, when I was a teenager, I used to LOVE when Mark came to visit our family in Blacksburg, VA, from Appalachian State, where he was in college. Mark would drive up in his Camaro, along with his tarantula spider (which I didn't love!). He was so much fun - a bundle of energy and adventures - and everyone looked forward to Mark's visits. Over the years, I didn't see Mark as much as I would have liked. However, my sister and I were blessed to spend time with him and Theresa just several weeks before he passed. We had a wonderful few days around his birthday, including some nights in Siesta Key - one of his favorite spots. Mark also taught me about “fishing for metal objects” with a magnet - an activity I plan to pursue! Mark lived and loved life to the fullest, and all who knew him will miss him. I look forward to seeing him on the other, upper side someday!



Jennifer Smith - May 17, 2025 at 09:00 AM

SH

“Mark was one of my favorite cousins, and I'll deeply miss his easygoing personality, warm smile, and those sparkling eyes. He was always up for an adventure and brought so much joy wherever he went. I feel incredibly grateful that my sister, Jennifer Smith, and I were able to share one last visit with Mark and Theresa in Lakeland and at Siesta Key earlier in April—just a few weeks before he passed. It was a fun time filled with laughter, memories, and that classic Mark spirit. What a gift it was to have that final hurrah with him.



Susan Henson - May 16, 2025 at 06:19 PM