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If you are reading this I am busy leading praise and worship with the ultimate choir. So I am going to take a big risk and let my darling wife tell you my story. Please know that I loved my family, friends and parishioners and will be lifting each of you up to our Lord in person. It is my dearest wish that each of you will join me here one day for eternity. Love you all! Mark

The love of my life, Frank Mark Fisher III passed away on January 31st 2018 after battling Diabetes for more than 20 years. He passed away just after undergoing a dialysis treatment for his failing kidneys. He was 66. Mark loved to laugh, he had a wonderful witty sense of humor. In his last year of life he was in almost constant pain and discomfort and yet, first and foremost he wanted to make people feel at ease through humor. During his 30 year career Mark was a music teacher (Choir, band and orchestra) and a pastor for the United Methodist Church in West Virginia. He was a 1969 graduate of North Allegheny High School. A 1973 Graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan. He held two Masters degrees the first in music theory and choral conducting from West Virginia University. In 1984 he felt the call to ministry, and so shortly thereafter got accepted to the Candler school of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta Georgia where he received a Master of Divinity degree in 1987. He served New Fayette Circuit from 1987 – 1989; Meadowdale 1989 – 1993; Highland Avenue 1993 – 1999; St. Mark's, Charleston 1999 – 2003 and Bethesda, Huntington 2003 – 2011. During his high school career he was on the Wrestling Team and the Swim Team, He also competed in Gymnastics. He was also in our school Pep band, our Orchestra, Concert Choir and Marching band. In College he was on the Diving team and traveled all around Europe in the WWI show choir. He learned to play almost every instrument and could pick up one in a heartbeat. His favorites were the French Horn, the Trumpet and the Guitar. He had the patience of Job and believed with all his heart that God is in control. His last words to me were “Remember Daniels 3 friends in the fire, there were 4, “God” was there too,



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in control and protecting them.” He could fix anything, physical, financial or emotional. Mark was born in Pittsburgh PA. He was related to half of Ingomar coming from a huge family on both sides. He is survived by his mother Midge Hamburg Lutz; step father Reverend David Lutz; children: Terry Fisher Ari ( Omer); and Jeremy Fisher ( Kristin). He had 3 beautiful grand daughters Rhua, Madeline and Evie, and one grand son Grant. Siblings: Joyce Fisher Ratvasky ( Rick) and Jeffrey Fisher ( Patti) Doug Hess ( Alicia) Scott Hess ( Laurie) and Kim Fitzgibbons. Many nieces and nephews, Beloved Aunt Florence Peet, and a legion of cousins. He was also loved and cared for by his in laws Bill and Gloria Watts; Jerry Watts ( Janice); Dan Watts; Nick Watts ( Rhea), Mike Watts ( Cindy) and Jean Rowan ( Paul) , and his step daughter Laura Hogan and step son Michael Owen ( Audrey) Although Mark never served in the military, he helped many service men heal their wounds once they returned from duty. For this reason he believed in and supported the Wounded Warrior Project, donations can be made in his name by going to their web site: [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) He was also incredibly grateful that he could afford all of the adaptive equipment he needed toward the end, and realized that many people could not. An alternate charity that we supported is The Free Wheelchair mission at: [www.freewheelchairmission.org](http://www.freewheelchairmission.org) Memorial service will take place in Pittsburgh PA on March 3rd. Mark will be interred at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens in April.



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