



## Marcus Mt.Castle

March 6, 1992 - October 8, 2021

Marcus Lee MtCastle, age 29, passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Brooklyn, NY, on Friday, October 8th, 2021.

Marcus was born in Napoleon, Ohio, on March 6th, 1992, to Marvin and Julie MtCastle. He attended Napoleon Area Schools, graduating in 2010. Marcus had a love for music from the day he was born and loved being on stage, being in his first musical at the age of 9 with many more to follow. He loved playing the piano, his ukulele, and singing. He began going to church camp at Camp Mowana at the age of 6 and spent his college summers as a counselor there, making many lifelong friendships along the way. Camp Mowana has always been a place very dear to his heart.

He went on to pursue his love of music at Capital University in Columbus, being accepted in the Conservatory of Music and the Capital University Chapel Choir. He took a semester off school to join a Youth Encounter Team and travel the country singing and preaching God's Word. He came back to Capital and graduated in 2014 with a degree in Psychology and minor in music.

He went on to work at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus for a year before his heart led him on an entirely new adventure, deciding to join the Peace Corps. He spent 2-1/2 years in Thailand, teaching English as a second language to children and starting a library in the school. He again made many, many lifelong friendships.

He returned from the Peace Corps in 2018 and moved to New York to attend

grad school at NYU. He graduated in 2020 with a Master's degree in Social Work and began working at WIN, a homeless shelter for women and children. His goal was always to change the world, one person at a time. He was well on his way and had so much more to give.

Marcus never knew a stranger and had friends all across the continent. He had a way of making people feel so special. His light and legacy of love will live on forever.

Marcus is survived by his parents, Marv and Julie, brothers Jeff (Kari), Matt (Stephanie), niece Cameron and nephew Jax (who both adored him), many aunts, uncles, cousins, and literally hundreds of friends around the world. His passing will leave a hole in the hearts of many.

Funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16th at Emanuel Lutheran Church 810 Scott St. Napoleon, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 2- 8 p.m. at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home 1010 Westmoreland Ave. Napoleon, Ohio and Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers and gifts and to keep with Marcus's giving nature, memorials are to be directed to Women In Need (WIN), The Trevor Project, or the Epilepsy Foundation.

Online Condolences may be made at [www.rodenbergergray.com](http://www.rodenbergergray.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon  
1010 Westmoreland Avenue  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

## Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Emanuel Lutheran Church  
Napoleon, OH 43545

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ As I was just reading Emanuel's newsletter and I saw where Marv and Julie were signed up for the flowers in memory of Marcus. I know it was several years ago that Marcus passed away. I'm sorry that I didn't know about it then.

I figure God needed some music in heaven. I knew Marcus was such a talented and gifted boy when I was teaching him the piano. He was always so happy and couldn't wait to show me how he could play his new song. As I read through his obituary my heart was just about busting out with so much love for him. He sure lived a precious life while he was here. He was such a giving, giving young man. I wish I could of met up with him as he grew older. I'd just want to give him a big, big hug and embarrass him! Marv and Julie and boys, I can't imagine the pain you went through and I'm sure you continue to think of him everyday yet. My sympathy and love to all of you.

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**Karla Wolfrum Kenning** - September 21, 2024 at 09:54 PM

KM

“ To the family of Marcus: I just became aware of Marcus's passing. I'm so very, very sorry. Although his years on this earth were few, he certainly made the most of the time he had! It's such a joy for a teacher to learn that a former student has accomplished so much and has done so much good for others, and it's such a sorrow to learn that a former student has passed.

The picture of Marcus I have in my mind is of his face as a fourth or fifth grader in my gifted class. He was a bright young man with a great attitude. Thank you for sharing him with me and giving me the opportunity to work with him as one of his teachers. Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss and the world's loss of a wonderful young man.

*Karen Murray*

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**KAREN L MURRAY** - July 25, 2022 at 07:40 PM

CM

“ *Marv and Julie, I so sorry to hear of your loss. He sounds like a great soul and caring individual. I would have loved to have met him. He sounds like my kind of friend.*

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**Cindy McEwen** - October 20, 2021 at 11:13 AM

MW

“ *I was so very sad and sorry to hear about the death of such a wonderful soul. Marcus was such a light in the world. He was always full of joy and spread love around him wherever he was. I have always had a good laugh with him. He has done so much for Thailand. How connected he is to his site, his students and his co-teachers, his friends and all of the Peace corps staff in Thailand was inspiring and just lovely to see. All the wonderful memories of his time in Thailand will be cherished. In particular, all the fun times will not be forgotten. I was lucky to be his Thai language teacher briefly and to work with him was a joy. My most heartfelt condolences to the family.*



**Mim Wanthida** - October 19, 2021 at 03:42 AM

JK

“ *Marv and Julie, I know your heart is breaking. I feel your loss having lost a child myself. I pray God gives you peace.*

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**Judy korak** - October 16, 2021 at 11:53 AM

GH

“ *Extremely saddened by this premature departure. He will live forever in our hearts.* ”



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**Genevieve Hastick** - October 15, 2021 at 08:39 AM

KG

“ *I worked with Marcus while he was a Peace Corps Volunteer. He was not only an excellent Volunteer, doing fabulous teaching with his Thai colleagues who clearly loved him very much, but he was also just a wonderful person to have around- caring, kind, helpful and positive. He did so much to support his fellow Volunteers and to help everyone have a positive experience. We were so lucky to have him with us during that time. Sending his family much love and appreciation for who he was as a person and deep condolences for your loss. Kathryn Goldman* ”

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**Kathryn Goldman** - October 15, 2021 at 08:26 AM

DR

“ *Marvin & Julie, so sorry for your loss. Jim & I are praying for you & your family during this difficult time in your life. May God be with you. All our love, Jim & Darlene* ”

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**Darlene Reimond** - October 14, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.* ”



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October 14, 2021 at 08:59 PM

TN

“ *The Nashu's purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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**The Nashu's** - October 14, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RS

“ *Sending love from a fellow Capital alum and his fiancée. We were heartbroken to hear of Marcus's passing and will miss him terribly. His family and everyone who loves him are very much in our thoughts.*



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**Ryan Sherrock** - October 14, 2021 at 03:15 PM

BP

“ *Marcus was the only child who wasn't afraid of Gary! He gave it right back to him and won him over! He will be sorely missed! My heart is with you Julie, Marv, Jeff, and Matt, along with Kari, Cameron, Stephanie and Jax! Love, Bonnie*

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**Bonnie Palamara** - October 14, 2021 at 01:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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October 14, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 10:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 07:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 05:44 PM

DW

“ *Marv, Julie and family. I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your son. Keeping you all in my prayers..*

Deb Middleton Wensink - October 13, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



October 13, 2021 at 01:37 PM

NS

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Marcus passing. I remember all three boys fondly, from our time as neighbors many years ago. I pray that God gives you all comfort and peace.  
With deepest condolences.

Nickie Smith - October 13, 2021 at 01:08 PM

KS

“ Julie & family, I am so very sorry to read of your loss. Words are not enough for the loss of a child. Will be thinking of you and remembering Marcus & WIN. Kathleen Sworden

Kathleen Sworden - October 13, 2021 at 10:16 AM

RM

“ Marvin, Julie and Family I'm deeply sorry to hear about your Son! My Prayers are for Peace and Comfort from the Lord for you and your Family. My DEEPEST Condolences!



Reda (Daniel) Maynard - October 13, 2021 at 07:35 AM

HW

“ I knew Marcus as his Country Director when he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Thailand. He exemplified what Peace Corps represents, serving while learning, and spread good will among Thais and fellow Volunteers with ease and grace. Marcus will be missed by friends he made wherever in the world he has been and we will be grateful for the time we had with him.

Howard Williams - October 13, 2021 at 05:12 AM

SU

“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Marcus. He was one of the nicest Peace Corps Volunteers I have ever met. He will be truly missed. May our condolences bring you comfort. Peace/ Suthanya, ECA, Peace Corps Thailand

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Suthanya - October 13, 2021 at 03:13 AM

TY

“ I am so deeply sorry to hear about Marcus's passing. I still remember vividly how determined and active he was during all Peace Corps trainings. At his site, in the northern part of Thailand, he adjusted his life to blend in with local people very well. I will not forget his smiles and laughs when we met during his service as a Peace Corps volunteer. Marcus was a wonderful person, and will be greatly missed.

Thanakom

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Thanakom Yospolsakul - October 13, 2021 at 03:04 AM

RC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Rumpai Chalongsuk - October 13, 2021 at 03:02 AM

PA

“ *My deepest condolences on the loss of Marcus.  
May his soul Rest in Peace.*

*Passara - TEFL Specialist, Peace Corps Thailand.*

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**Passara** - October 13, 2021 at 02:51 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family  
of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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October 12, 2021 at 09:39 PM

BS

“ *Marv & Julie, my heart goes out to you & family. So sorry to hear  
about your son.*

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**Becky Snyder** - October 12, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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October 12, 2021 at 06:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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October 12, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *To Julie and Marv. I can not thank you enough for sharing your awesome son Marcus with the choir department at Napoleon High school. Marcus changes my life and my girls life too. Thank you for giving him so much LOVE to share with all of us. Love and prayers to all of you. Teresa*

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**teresa morgan** - October 12, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *My heart is shattered into a million pieces for Marv and Julie. I watched Marcus grow up at Emanuel Lutheran Church. He was a loved member of our church family performing music on many occasions. His commitment and devotion to God and to helping others was second to none. Well done..good and faithful servant... well done.*

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**Mary Eickhoff** - October 12, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Marcus Mt.Castle.*



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October 12, 2021 at 02:12 PM

SS

“ *What a beautiful soul!! I still remember Marcus and Alison dancing in the basement at church as just little squirts. All the songs that Angela had Marcus and Alison sing together at church are that much more precious memories! I keep thinking what he and Pastor are discussing. Can't you just hear them laughing? This picture is just the way I see them engaged in conversation about their journey's. Marv, Julie, Jeff and Matt I wish I could help with your pain, but I am afraid my words will not do a thing. Thankfully God has given you a tight knit family and a love that has served you all well. As Pastor would say, Marcus' legacy lives in you!! May God grant you His peace and help you with the days and years ahead.*

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**Shelly Storch** - October 12, 2021 at 01:31 PM

WW

“ *Marve Julie and family. We are so sorry to hear of Marcus passing we send our Sympathy and Love. God Bless all of you. will and pat*

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**will and pat wagner** - October 12, 2021 at 10:27 AM