



## Mr. Shawn Craig McDowell

December 26, 1957 - October 28, 2023

Shawn McDowell of Baltimore Maryland passed Saturday afternoon, October 28th, 2023 after an extended illness. Shawn was born on the 26th of December 1957, just a few minutes past Christmas in Lima Ohio. He attended elementary, Jr. High, and High School in Columbus Grove, Ohio where he was involved in band, choir and the annual HS musical all four years. He was also selected for the All Ohio State Fair Band in 1975, All Ohio state Fair Choir 1976. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from Bowling Green State University and Master of Music degree from Southwest Texas State University.

He marched in General Putnam's Drum & Bugle Corps and remained a lifelong fan of the drum corps activity. A youth activity that not only teaches brass, percussion, and marching performance at a high level, but also teaches life skills of cooperation and challenges young adults to become their best.

After college Shawn moved to Texas and taught elementary music and band for several years mostly in and near San Antonio. He moved to Baltimore in August 1998 and taught in the Baltimore City schools for 4 years and eventually worked for Johns Hopkins University.

He played and sang in a number of church and community groups all his adult life including 13 years in the Texas Bach Choir, St Andrews Bell Choir, 4 years in the Baltimore Symphony Chorus, occasionally participated in the Society of

Early Music of Northern Maryland, and in 2007 joined the Baltimore Symphonic Band. He started attending St Marks Lutheran Church in Baltimore regularly in fall of 2000 and soon became a member of the choir and often played his flute for services.

Shawn was preceded in death by his father Byron Milton McDowell, mother Mary Jane Roberts McDowell and brother Michael McDowell. He is survived by his brother Dean McDowell of Palm Springs, California and sister-in-law Robin McDowell of Bluffton, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 12th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1900 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21218. Donations in his memory can be made to St. Marks.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Marks Lutheran Church  
1900 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, MD 21218

# Tribute Wall

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