

# The Family Tribute

*"Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be misinformed about those who sleep in death, so you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope."  
Thessalonians 4:13-14:*

**Mr. Willie James Parks**, 73, was born in Iredell County on December 14, 1947, and was the son of the late Jule Ray Parks and Ruby Lee Freeman Parks. He went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 29, 2021.



Shotgun, as he was affectionately called, attended the Iredell County Schools and was a truck driver for Skrap Hauling, LLC. He was united in marriage to Sheila Martin Parks. A loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he will truly be missed.

Mr. Parks was preceded in death by his daughter, Sharon Elaine Parks; great grandson, Vince Parks; brothers Norman Parks "Inka", Jesse Parks, Jule "Pee Wee" Parks, Lee Parks and Joshua Harrelson and a niece, Kimberly Parks.



He leaves to cherish the memory of his life, his loving wife, Sheila Martin Parks of the home; two children, Willie "Baldy" (Jackie) Parks Jr. of Taylorsville, NC and Edna "Meatball" Parks of Statesville; his step-children, James (LaKisha) Harrelson of Kannapolis, Josh Groce of Hawaii, Brandon (Mikayle) Groce of Greensville, and Angela (Torey) Martin of Troutman; his brothers, Melvin Parks of Mooresville, Allen "Chubby" (Mattie) Parks of Troutman, Walter (Patricia) Parks and Artis Parks, both of Statesville; his sisters, Joann (Harold) Ikard and Annette (Melvin) Parks-Bey, both of Troutman; his brother-in-law, Curtis (Karen) Martin of Rhonda; his grandchildren, Justin Michael Shuford, Brittany Michelle (Lamont) Atwaters, Tashika Sharon Parks, Cameron Shuford, Willie James Parks, III, Damion Sharatt, Jaquis Parks, Jessica Parks, Vince Booe, Rashida Parks, Rashad Booe, Torey Torrence, Jr., and Kaliyah Martin Pawpaw's Mumpchkin; great grandchildren, Jaden Shuford, Aubrey Atwater, Mattox Atwater, Cameron Shuford, Jr., Taylor Sydel Pauling, London Nicole Feimster, Aaliyah Parks, Gene Steele IV, Aubrielle Serenity Price and Tedrick Jerel Wall, special friends; Lonnie Waugh, Scott Groce and Mamie Lou Parks, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, co-workers and friends.

# The Celebration of Life for Mr. Willie James Parks

**Reverend Glenn J. Usry, Pastor**  
**Minister Roger D. Crider, Officiating**

## The Order of Service

- Processional
- The Invocation
- The Selection: "I'm Blessed" ..... Charlie Wilson
- The Scripture
- Old Testament:
- New Testament:
- The Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister Roger Crider
- The Selection ..... Glenda and Dwain Southern
- The Reading of the Obituary
- Remarks: *(Limit two minutes please)*
  - ♥ Alan Parks
  - ♥ Josh Groce, Special Remarks
  - ♥ Others
- The Acknowledgements and Commemorative Presentation  
..... Funeral Director
- The Selection
- The Eulogy ..... Minister Roger Crider
- The Recessional Selection

## At The Belmont Cemetery

*Statesville, North Carolina*  
*The Gathering of the Christian Community*  
*The Committal*  
*The Placing of the Casket*  
*The Final Departure*



*Celebrating the Life of*  
**Mr. Willie James Parks**



**SHOTGUN**

**GIVEN**  
 December 14, 1947

**RETURNED**  
 March 29, 2021

**Friday, April 2, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Christian Outreach of the Piedmont**  
**Statesville, North Carolina**  
**Pastor Glenn J. Usry, Pastor**  
**Minister Roger Crider, Officiating**



With Our Heartfelt Thanks

*...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. God's Word has been manifested through your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved "Willie" and for remembering us during his illness and passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.*

*The Family*



*Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"*  
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