

# The Family Tribute

*Mr. Paul Gray Parker*

*A smile for all, a heart of gold, one of the finest this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind; these are the memories he leaves behind...*

**Mr. Paul Gray Parker**, 91, was born in Iredell County on October 4, 1931, to the late Jacob Parker, and Mattie Bell Clark Parker. He departed this life on Sunday, April 23, 2023.



Paul graduated from the Iredell County School System, and he was a Life Long member of Shepherd's Church of God, where he served on the Deacon Board. He was employed for thirty-two at Burlington Mills and ten years as a chef, at Little Kitchen Steak House. He was also a janitor, cook, and yard general maintenance. Paul's favorite hobbies were working and cooking. He will truly be missed.



In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Paul E. Parker; four brothers, Dr. John Parker, Elder Jessie Parker, Phillip Parker and Reuben Parker; three sisters, Evangelist Janie Cain, Prophetess Florida Mae Mutz, and Mattie Sharpe, sisters in law, Mrs. Ella Mae Parker and Mrs. Ada Mae Parker; brothers-in-law, Grady Mills, Thurman Cain, Avery Mutz and Carter Sharpe.

He leaves to cherish the memory of his memory, a wife, Mary Lois Davis Parker, of the home; two sons, Ronnie Jerome Parker, and Mark Delane Parker (Kim), of Mooresville NC; one daughter, Lynda Parker, of Charlotte, NC; one brother, David Parker, of Mooresville, NC; one sister, Lucy Mills, of Mooresville, NC; a sister-in-law, Mary Lois Parker of Mooresville; four grandchildren, Latoya Parker, of Charlotte, NC, Marquis (Jessica) Parker and Simone (Derrick) Ward, both of Statesville, NC and Sarah Duncan of Charlotte; six great grandchildren, Samaria Parker, Marquis Parker, Jhamir Parker, Jhanae Parker, Jordan Parker and Londyn Parker, all of Statesville; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends; his dog and best friend, Gimzo.

# The Order of Service

*Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home  
Statesville, North Carolina  
Friday, April 28, 2023*

**Senior Bishop Gary Graham, Officiating  
Elder Rayvon Parker, Eulogist**

**The Moments of Sharing  
12:00 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.**

The Processional

The Visitation: *Friends may visit with the family until 12:30 p.m.*

**12:30 p.m.**

The Invocation..... Bishop Jerome Temoney

The Selection ..... Sister Tyna Redmon and Lillie Chapel Choir

The Scripture Meditation

Old Testament ..... Bishop Rhinehardt

New Testament ..... Assistant Pastor Carolyn Cuthrell

The Prayer of Comfort..... Elder Keith Williams

The Selection ... Albertena Imes Peacock

The Remarks: (Limit two minutes please)

♥ Rachael Stockton

♥ Jessie Summers

♥ Dereese Byers

♥ David L. Parker

♥ Bishop E. L. Gray

♥ Bishop Terry Cherry

The Acknowledgements ..... Mrs. Queenie Brown

The Solo ..... Mrs. Queenie Brown

The Commemorative Presentation ..... The Funeral Director

The Selection ..... Exalt – Mt. Carmel Choir

The Eulogy ..... Elder Rayvon Parker

The Selection ..... Combined Choir

The Recessional

The Interment: *Shepherd's Church of God*

*Highway 21 S., Mooresville, NC*

**Dinner will be served at Lily's Chapel Dining Room  
1522 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Statesville, North Carolina**



*Memories*



As We Remember  
*Paul Gray Parker*



*"Paul G" and Gizmo*

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