



The Family Tribute

*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. David Jones Parker, 100, was born in Alexander County, December 26, 1922, to the late Jacob B. Parker and Mattie Bell Clark Parker. He departed this life Monday, May 8, 2023 at the S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House in Mooresville, NC.

David was affectionately called "**Uncle Dave**" by most who knew him. He was a devoted husband to his late wife, he was a father and a brother who dedicated his life serving Jesus Christ and his fellow man. He loved the Lord, his family, his church, and served his community well. He had a lighthearted spirit and did not take life too serious. One of his favorite expressions was "No Problem".



He attended Iredell County public schools. Being one of ten children he sacrificed much to help support the family. As sharecroppers, he worked in the cotton fields picking up to 300 pounds of cotton a day to only receive \$3.00 at the end of the day.

In 1945, he was drafted into the military, serving as a Steward's Mate First Class V6 in the United States Navy on the USS Bunker Hill (CV-17) sailing in the South Pacific during WWII. His greatest joy was sharing military stories with anyone who would listen. He was a proud veteran who loved his country but his country did not love him back.

After returning home, he married the love of his life, the late Ella Mae Sharpe Parker, and to that union two children were born; Peggy and David. The couple was married for 74 years.

In his early career he was employed at Burlington Mills as a truck driver delivering textile materials. Later, he and his brothers, John, and Jesse formed Parker Brothers Construction Company. They were some of the most sought after brick masons and carpenters, building churches and houses in the surrounding areas. David continued to lay bricks until he was in his 80s. He was always fair in his business dealings, even to his own detriment.

He was a lifetime member of Shepherd Church of God in Mooresville, NC where he served as a trustee. He recently moved his membership to Greater Lilly's Chapel in Statesville, NC. He enjoyed traveling to visit his family, especially his children. He also enjoyed Smackdown Wrestling and listening to gospel music, especially the Jimmy Swaggart Singers.

Along with his parents, David was preceded in death by his wife Ella Mae Parker, brothers; John Parker, Phillip Parker, Jesse Parker, Paul Parker, Reuben Parker, and sisters; Florida Mae Parker Mutz, Jannie Parker Cain, and Mattie Parker Sharpe.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, David W. Parker of Bowie, MD; and daughter, Peggy A. Parker of Decatur, GA, one sister; Lucy Parker Mills of Mooresville, NC. Brothers-in-law, Furman C. (Esther) Sharpe of Simpsonville, SC, and Charles Kenneth (Virginia) of Charlotte; two godsons, Keith (LaQuita) Parker of Crestview, FL, and Jermel Stewart of Statesville; sisters-in-law, Mary Parker and Mary Lois Parker both of Mooresville and Magdalene Davis of Statesville, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Submitted with Love by the Family

The Order of Service

Monday, May 15, 2023
New Life Missionary Baptist Church
Troutman, North Carolina

Overseer B. M. Imes, Pastor of
Greater Lilly's Chapel Church
Elder Wade Ikard, Officiating
Elder Keith Williams, Eulogist

The Family Visitation
11:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The Processional
The Moments of Sharing

The Order of Service
11:30 a.m.

The Opening Hymn: "*Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*"
The Invocation Overseer B. M. Imes
The Scripture Meditation
Old Testament Minister David Sharpe
New Testament Missionary Carolyn Mills-Francis
The Selection: "*I Know The Lord*" Lilly's Chapel Choir
The Remarks (Limit two minutes please)

- ♥ Elder Jesse R. Parker
- ♥ Ms. Rachel Stockton
- ♥ Mr. Charles K. Sharpe
- ♥ Bishop Lonnie Gray

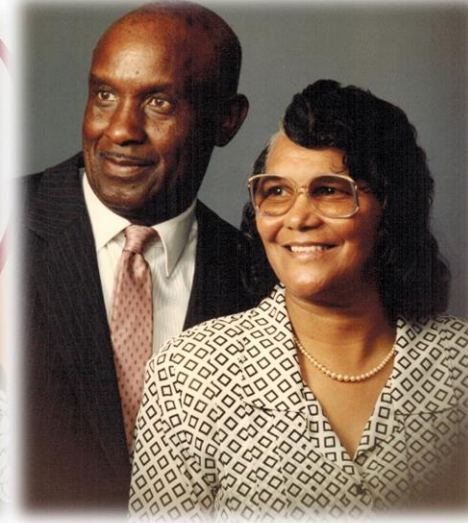
The Musical Selection: "*Amazing Grace*"
.....Ms. Albertena Imes Peacock
The Silent Reading of the Obituary
The Acknowledgments Ms. Queenie Brown
The Church Resolution
The Family Tribute Ms. Peggy Parker
The Musical Selectin: "*If I Can Help Somebody*"
..... Mr. David Parker
The Eulogy... Elder Keith Williams, *Greater Lilly's Chapel Church*
The Musical Selection: "*I Want To Take A Ride*"
The Recessional

In the procession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.

At The Iredell Memorial Gardens
The Gathering of the Christian Community
The Ritual of Consignment
The Military Rites
The Twenty-one Gun Salute and Taps
The Folding and Presentation of the Flag
The Prayer of Benediction
The Final Departure



A Celebration of Life for David Jones Parker



Uncle Dave

A Gift Given
December 26, 1922

A Gift Returned
May 8, 2023

Casket Bearers
Nephews and Friends

Flower Bearers
Nieces and Friends



We the family of David Jones Parker wish to extend a special thanks to his caregivers; Linda Black and Gloria Foster. We are most appreciative to the staff at S. Mitchell Mack Hospice House for the care provided and to Greater Lilly's Chapel Church for all your love and support. May God continue to bless each of you.

The Family

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Visit Uncle Dave's Online Tribute at
www.rutledgeandbigham.com

I have fought the good fight,
finished the race,
kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4:7

