



John Thomas "Johnny" Parker

May 18, 1947 - November 20, 2020

Funeral service for John Thomas "Johnny" Parker, 73, of Piedmont will be Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at Piedmont Seventh-Day Adventist Church with Pastor Ricky Blythe and Pastor Mike Duman officiating. Mr. Parker will lie in state at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial with military honors will follow at Sims and family cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Thompson Funeral Home. Mr. Parker passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at Stringfellow Memorial Hospital. Survivors include wife, Debbie Murray Parker; two sons, Dustin Parker (Christina) and Jimmy Medley (Michelle); three daughters, Johnna Parker Lance, Deborah Medley Pledger (Paul), and Jamie Medley Sims (Greg); grandchildren, Lauren Sears, Melissa Fortenberry, Brooke Rains, Jessica Parker, Zack Parker, Braden Cardinal, Madelynn Parker, Alexis Parker, Whitney Surrett, Courtney Surrett, Brianna Surrett, Deana Harris, Blake Reaves, Tyler Pledger, Jimmy Lee Medley, Korey Stiefel, and Coltin Sims; eleven great grandchildren; and one brother, Jerry Hulsey. Pallbearers will be Zack Parker, Tyler Pledger, Jimmy Lee Medley, Coltin Sims, Henry Reynolds, Greg McFry, Tank Baty, and Greg Bates. Mr. Parker served two years in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and worked 20 years for CSX Railroad. He loved to hunt and fish and was an avid University of Alabama fan. His special friends from his concrete days were, Greg McFry, Charlie Wallace, Steve Bates, Greg Bates, Henry Reynolds, Billy Reynolds, and Terrance Dixon; and many other special friends, Tim O'Conner, Steve

Peters, Mike and Tracey Duman, Ted Henegar, and Rick and Ginger Blythe.
Mr. Parker was preceded in death by his daughter, Tina Fortenberry;
grandson, Chris Stiefel-Sims; parents, Ed and Ora Parker; and brother, Robert
E. "Bobby" Parker.

Cemetery Details

Sims and Family Cemetery

10518 Rocky Ford Road
Piedmont, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory
6340 Old Piedmont-Gadsden Hwy
Piedmont, AL 36272
(256) 447-7113
<https://www.thompsonfuneralhomepiedmont.com>

Service

NOV **25**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Piedmont Seventh-Day Adventist Church
3140 US Highway 9 South
Piedmont, AL 36272

Tribute Wall

CG

“ So Sorry to see this & too late to visit. He was always just himself. He had Many Friends. Praying for You All.

Carolyn Grimes - August 20, 2022 at 01:06 PM

PP

“ Paula Kelley Parker lit a candle in memory of John Thomas "Johnny" Parker



Paula Kelley Parker - November 30, 2020 at 03:20 AM

ML

“ A good cousin has gone to be with a great family in Heaven. He will be greatly missed from one and all. Johnny was a good person in heart and soul. Love you cousin. Mona Parker Lauing.

Mona Parker Lauing - November 25, 2020 at 09:15 PM

BP

“ So sorry to hear of Johnny's passing. Haven't seen him since school days. We had a good time wrestling around in the 7th and 8th grade. It is sad that times like this bring us together again. We are praying for his wife and family. Brent and Sandra Parker

Brent Parker - November 24, 2020 at 06:30 PM

AH

“ Sorry for your loss. Johnny was special friend from school days. Praying his family will be comforted during this time.

Arlis Hitchcock - November 24, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Johnny" Parker.*



November 24, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *deepest sympathy to Johnny's family & friends...I have fond memories of Johnny from high school & JSC...and, of course, his laugh...Gail Harris, PHS '65*

Gail Harris - November 23, 2020 at 11:32 PM



“ *Johnny aka pawpaw met my mother when I was around 13 years old..about a year and 1/2 after my parents divorced I tried not to get attached to Johnny bc I felt like I would be doing an injustice to my dad but when I was 16 my dad died .. I slowly let Johnny into my life . I am so glad I did!!! Johnny was the best father and pawpaw to my kids.. he loved big and laughed harder.. he would do anything for his family ! The thing that impressed me so much about him was the love he had for my mother .. threw out the years it just grew deeper .. there was hardly ever see them when they where apart! I am so glad he came to know and love The Lord! We all would go to church together our family took up a while pew! He loved his church family and they loved him! God knew he had a great heart she God wanted him on his team! I could go on and on but the moral of the story is Johnny was a wonderful husband, great father, and fabulous grandfather.. Rest In Peace pawpaw..we will all have a pew in heaven soon.. love u*

jamie sims - November 23, 2020 at 09:13 PM

WR

“ Family: My thoughts and prayers to each of you in the passing of Bro Johnny. Met him some years ago with Steve Peters and considered him a friend ever since. I guess by his service in the Navy, Vietnam and Railroad Service sort made us friends from the start. I also served in the Navy for 25 years and worked for the NS RR for years before retiring there. Always spoke to me anytime he would see me working on CR 19. Nice guy and will be missed. God bless and comfort you. Resp, Wendell Rakestraw, Woodsbend , Al(Centre)

Wendell O Rakestraw - November 23, 2020 at 05:14 PM

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“ From your Three Corners Landfill Family XXOO purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of John Thomas "Johnny" Parker.



From your Three Corners Landfill Family XXOO - November 23, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ Blue & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of John Thomas "Johnny" Parker.



November 22, 2020 at 06:14 PM