



Mr. John E. Parker

May 26, 1946 - December 8, 2024

ATTN: FAMILY & FRIENDS: CORRECTED SERVICE DATE: THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MR. JOHN PARKER WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 9, 2025 AT OUR FUNERAL HOME. PLEASE SEE SERVICE INFORMATION BELOW

***NOTE: A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MR. JOHN EDDIE PARKER, ALSO KNOWN AS "BILL", WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025, AT OUR FUNERAL HOME

***PLEASE SEE VISITATION & SERVICE TIMES LISTED BELOW

***MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED BY REQUEST.

Mr. John E. Parker, also known to family and friends as "Bill", departed this life December 8, 2024 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was born May 26, 1946 in Sunflower, Mississippi to Jesse and O.D. Parker. At an early age, John confessed his faith in Christ at Baptist Grove, M.B. Church in Sunflower, MS, where he worked at General Motors from the late '60's John attended and graduated from Sunflower Elementary and Gentry High School.

After high school, John joined the United States Army on March 26, 1965 and served until March 28, 1968. Upon returning from the Army, John moved to

Kalamazoo, MI where he worked at General Motors from the late '60's until retirement. John was a member of Mason Lodge Organization

He loved fishing, playing golf and visiting family and friends out of state. John loved cooking, although he wasn't very good at it, but he really enjoyed cooking.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Jessie Mae, Florine, Deloris (Baba), Mary and one brother, Joseph.

John is survived by two daughters, Samantha Erin and Shannon Parker, along with two grandchildren of Evanston, IL; one sister, Clora Beasley of Chicago, IL; 2 special nephews, Terry Parker of Kalamazoo, MI; Taiwan Parker of Pearland, TX and a very special niece, Hattie Parker of Chicago, IL who was more like a dear sister to him, and a host of nieces and nephews. Also, special friends, Charley Coats, of Fort Wayne, IN; Darryl Wheeler of Kalamazoo, MI; Frank Kelly of Chicago.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation For Family & Friends

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

A Celebration of Life

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. John E. Parker



Harper Funeral Home - July 07, 2025 at 10:38 PM

DA

“ Doris Abbott lit a candle in memory of John Parker



Doris Abbott - July 11, 2025 at 08:48 AM

SS

“ In fond memories of my fast-talking Cuz Bill Parker. Sometimes, Bill spoke so fast that you discovered he was now on another subject while you're still trying to follow the first one. He and my brother, Sonny, were often the entertainment at family gathering. Bill taking fast and Sonny talking loud. What memories... I think of you often, Cuz.

Shirley Sykes aka Ms. Florida

Shirley A. Sykes - July 10, 2025 at 03:55 PM

RL

“ *Ramona K Lumpkin sent a virtual gift in memory of John Parker*



Ramona K Lumpkin - July 10, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JE

“ *Jo Ann Embrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker*



Jo Ann Embrey - July 08, 2025 at 08:08 AM



“ *11 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - July 07, 2025 at 10:28 PM

AS

Ms. Beasley and you know I can't forget you Ms. Hattie Parker you two have weathered some storms but though it all your beacons of light has kept this family staying to the path. Keep shining Ladies. I know Bill is smiling down on you two, he loved you guys. I'm so glad that God granted me the opportunity to be a part of the Parker family!!!! Keep the beacons shining!!
Andre

Andre Short Sykes - July 10, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DT

“ *Delinda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker*



Delinda Thomas - July 07, 2025 at 04:01 PM



“ *Brenda Godbold lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker*



Brenda Godbold - July 07, 2025 at 03:52 PM

DT

“ *Delinda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker*



Delinda Thomas - July 07, 2025 at 03:04 PM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker*



Pauline Gardner - July 07, 2025 at 09:09 AM

AT

“ *Angela Buchanan Tabron lit a candle in memory of John Parker*



Angela Buchanan Tabron - July 06, 2025 at 12:11 PM

JB

“ *Jeanette Buchanan lit a candle in memory of John Parker*



Jeanette Buchanan - July 06, 2025 at 12:10 PM

TP

“ *Terrance Parker lit a candle in memory of John Parker*



Terrance Parker - July 05, 2025 at 11:01 PM

TP

“ Prayers for the family of Bill, He was my former late Husband's best friend they are together again. Tell Charles "AKA" Ajax hello.

Theresa L. Powell - July 05, 2025 at 08:14 PM

TP

“ Theresa L. Powell lit a candle in memory of John Parker



Theresa L. Powell - July 05, 2025 at 08:11 PM

HF

“ Helen Mills Brooks And Barbee Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John E. Parker



Helen Mills Brooks and Barbee family - July 05, 2025 at 11:44 AM

MM

“ To the family of John “Bill” Parker. My family and I are so sorry for your loss. May the love of God surround you and bring you comfort in the days ahead.

My friend, Bill, was an extraordinary kind of guy. I have a host of memories of him on and off the golf course. Good friends are like stars. You don't always see them, but you know they're always there.

So, let us celebrate Bill's amazing life and the impact he had on our lives rather than weep over our loss.

Michael D. McKinley

Michael McKinley - July 05, 2025 at 09:49 AM