



## Mr. William A. Parker Sr.

October 2, 1933 - June 22, 2022

Interment service for Mr. William A. Parker, Sr., 88, of Opelika, AL will be held at 10:00 AM Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Garden Hills Cemetery with the Reverend Monique Summers officiating. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday at 11:00 AM in the Southern Room on Southern Union State Community College campus. Reverend Richard Carter will officiate. Mask are required.

Mr. Parker passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at East Alabama Medical Center. He was a graduate of Alabama State College where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's of Education Degree. Later, he earned a Specialist Degree in Administration from the University of Alabama. Following his marriage to the former Patsy Boyd, they settled in Opelika where he accepted a position as physical education director for the black elementary schools. A few years later, he became assistant principal at J.W. Darden High School. After the schools were integrated, Mr. Parker became the first black principal at Opelika Junior High School. In 1991, he retired from the Opelika City School System and became Director of the Child Advocacy Center for more than ten years. For many years, he served tirelessly on many boards, organizations, and committees to further the progress and development in Opelika, AL. Mr. Parker honorably served his country in Korea in the US Army.

He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter, Nancy Parker Boyd,

parents, Walter and Keelie Parker, and two siblings, Agnes Judson and Walter Parker, Jr. He is also preceded in death by a niece and nephew Varetta Jones and Greg Jones.

His life and legacy will be shared by: his loving wife of sixty-six (66) years, Patsy Boyd Parker of Opelika, AL; son, William A. (Amy) Parker, Jr. of Opelika, AL; a son-in-law, Glynn Boyd of New Orleans, LA; a devoted nephew/godson, Major Patrick A. Jones of Opelika, AL; grandchildren, Aaron (Lauren) Harrelson, Alana Story, Alexis Parker, Alec Parker, Parker Boyd, Piper Boyd, Pierce Boyd, and Chase (Ardasia) Flowers and five great grandchildren; three sisters, Mildred Thornton, Gloria Frazier and Barbara Williams. He is also survived by other special nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

A public viewing and family hour will be held today from 4:00-6:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers and green plants, donations may be made in honor of William A. Parker, Sr. to Southern Union State Community College GAP (Gift Aid Program) Scholarship.

Please make donations payable to: Southern Union State Community College Foundation P. O. Box 1000; Wadley, AL 36276.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden Hills Cemetery

1218 Frederick Road  
Opelika, AL 36801

# Previous Events

## Family Receiving Hour

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Peterson and Williams Funeral Home  
1016 McCoy Street  
Opelika, AL 36801  
(334) 745-6473  
pw1016mccoy@hotmail.com

## Interment

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Garden Hills Cemetery  
1218 Frederick Road  
Opelika, AL 36801

## Memorial Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Southern Union State Community College  
1701 Lafayette Parkway  
Opelika, AL 36801



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William A. Parker Sr.*

January 29, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ *Mary Payne Charlot lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.*



**Mary Payne Charlot** - July 06, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *My earnest condolences and prayers are with you Mrs. Parker and family!! Sending Love and Hugs!!❤️❤️JoAnn LIPSCOMB*



**JoAnn Lipscomb** - July 02, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you during this time of sorrow following the loss of your love one. I wish you comfort during this difficult time, and my deepest sympathies go to you and your family. Helen Flakes Chapman, Colorado Springs, CO*



**Helen Flakes Chapman** - July 02, 2022 at 02:19 AM

IL

“Our heart sincerely goes out to Mrs. Parker and the entire family. Please accept our deepest sympathy.”  
“May loving memories bring you strength and comfort.” Ingram and Shirley



Ingram and Shirley Lilly - July 02, 2022 at 02:09 AM



“ Cynthia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



Cynthia Mitchell - June 30, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ Cynthia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



Cynthia Mitchell - June 30, 2022 at 08:24 PM

SS

“ I know Mr. Bill stayed in our world as long as he still had a job to do. It was comforting to me to see both Ms. Patsy & Billy when Mr. Bill was in the room next to my mom @ EAMC in April/May. This may have been his purpose to bring comfort to me thru them. He was a giver in our community as his entire family. Blessings to you Ms. Patsy & Billy and the rest of your family.

Sheryl Sevchuk - June 30, 2022 at 02:11 PM

EF

“ We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Parker family for the loss of Mr. Parker. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. 🙏 Eddie and Rebecca Flakes, Las Vegas NV



Eddie and Rebecca Flakes - June 29, 2022 at 02:36 AM

LJ

“ Loretta Cooper Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



Loretta Cooper Jackson - June 28, 2022 at 10:47 PM

MM

“ We are sorry for the loss of your loved one. May God strengthen your family during this difficult time. Jimmie Maddox & Family



Margie D Maddox - June 28, 2022 at 11:27 AM

JW

“ John L. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



John L. Williams - June 28, 2022 at 06:19 AM

AH

“ Addie Hugley lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



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**Addie Hugley** - June 27, 2022 at 09:38 PM

JF

“ To have known Mr. & Mrs. Parker they was a team so many children's was taught in the school systems by both. Always a respectful person. So s sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you.



*Julia Rowell-Finley*

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**Julia Rowell Finley** - June 27, 2022 at 07:45 PM

DF

“ Our sincere condolences and love to the Parker Family. We were all neighbors and friends over on York Avenue and our hearts and prayers are with you during this time and always. Please know that you all are loved.

*Dorothy, Sireta, Brunoto & Muriel*

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**Dorothy M. Flakes** - June 27, 2022 at 07:17 PM

MP

“ To just know Mr. Parker was a blessing, but to be brought up from your elementary school years to adulthood with his Tutelage and Mentorship is an Absolute Blessing. I thank God for having had his influence in my life. Hang in there Mrs. Parker! I bear witness to the loss of your Life Partner and Friend! May God watch over you and your family on this journey.

*Mikeal Pinkard*

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**Mikeal Pinkard** - June 27, 2022 at 05:04 PM



*He touched so many lives to include mine and my eldest son. Rest easy with Nancy now. Mrs. Parker we love you.*

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**Henrietta Snipes** - June 29, 2022 at 11:20 AM

CD

“ Farewell Mr. Parker for you fly with the "Angels" now! You will be missed.



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**Christine O. Driver** - June 27, 2022 at 01:40 PM

BW

“ Betty Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.



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**Betty Williams** - June 27, 2022 at 08:43 AM

RD

“ *Ruth Dowdell lit a candle in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.*



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**Ruth Dowdell** - June 26, 2022 at 12:01 PM

WG

“ *Willie Giles sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William A. Parker Sr.*



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**Willie Giles** - June 24, 2022 at 12:38 AM

WG

“ *Mr. Parker (my friend) will truly be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the Parker family. Mr. Willie Giles*

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**Willie Giles** - June 24, 2022 at 12:29 AM

JH

“ *The world has just become a smaller place. Mr. Parker will always be remembered as one of the most wonderful men. As a human being and a role model, he inspired so many to better themselves. Our prayers are with his family. He will be missed but never forgotten.*

*Jahn and Cindy Herrick*

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**Jahn Herrick** - June 23, 2022 at 03:46 PM

JB

“ Mrs. Parker, my deepest heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you and your loved ones during this difficult time of loss. May God strengthen and comfort you all 🙏 From Joann Baker



Joann Baker - June 23, 2022 at 02:33 PM

MH

“ HE WAS A GREAT MAN A GREAT FATHER LOVED BY ALL WILL MISSED BY ALL AND A GREAT PRINICIPAL

MARGARET HAWKINS - June 22, 2022 at 11:34 PM

ML

I. Beening. Knowing. The. Parker. Family. Long. Time. May. The. Lord. God. Bless. The. Parker. Family

Minister. Williard. Lewis - June 27, 2022 at 12:32 PM

LC

Mr. Parker was indeed a prince of a man. He has left East Alabama a far better place to live, work, worship and play. His rich, deep and far-reaching legacy lives on through Mrs. Parker, through the Parker family, and through all who were influenced and impacted for the better by this life so well lived. Our heartfelt prayers and sincere condolences.

Arthur and Laura Cooper

Laura J Cooper - June 27, 2022 at 03:52 PM



Mr. Parker, Sr, will be missed. He was loved by all of us and will be cherished in our memories forever.  
My sincere condolence to Mrs. Patsy Parker, Billy, and the family. You are in our prayers and thoughts.

Cynthia Russaw-Mitchell

Cynthia Mitchell - June 30, 2022 at 08:23 PM

BP

*Soror Parker, I just learned of the sad news -  
My Deepest Love and Condolences to You My Soror Patsy Parker on  
the Passing of the Love of Your Life, the Phenomenal Mr, William  
Parker, Sr.*

*Blessings and Unconditional Love,  
Barbara Pitts formerly of Auburn, AL / Currently of Decatur, GA*

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**Barbara Pitts** - July 01, 2022 at 05:44 PM

KR

*Always in our hearts. Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy  
at the loss of Mr. Parker. may your precious memories of your times  
together, sustain you during this difficult time. Karen Reese*

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**Karen Reese** - July 02, 2022 at 12:01 PM