



## Mr. Richard Eugene Parker

February 25, 1939 - June 25, 2020

Mr. Richard Eugene Parker, age 81 of Mt. Olive, woke up in eternal life after peacefully falling asleep in the arms of Jesus, on Thursday evening June 25, 2020. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina to the late Claude Elijah Parker and Annabelle Walker Parker. Richard proudly served his country in the Army National Guard and was the owner/operator of a helicopter charter business (Rotor Wing, Inc.), as well as a wood and plastic pattern shop (Liberty Pattern Shop, Inc.). His work brought him in contact with many famous people from all walks of life – like President Gerald Ford, Alabama football head coach, Bear Bryant and professional golfer, Arnold Palmer - just to name a few. Even though his job kept him very busy, he always found time to help others, even assisting his children with their school projects. He loved eagles and dogs, especially German Shepherds, of which he had many over the years. Richard was a long- time member of Crocker Assembly of God Church. He was a kind and generous person, who was always there to lend a hand to those in need, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by an infant daughter and his brother, Samuel Buchanan. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Oma Marilyn Parker; three children: Kevin Parker (Jaclyn), Kim Jackson (Jake) and Richelle Newman; five grandchildren: Eli, Hayden, Will, Joshua, and Tina Brooks (Joseph); three great grandchildren: Austin Norris, Payton Norris and Toree McCay; and two great great grandchildren, Ayden and Lennyx. A memorial service for Mr. Parker will be held in the chapel at Gardendale

Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Rev. Buddy Reynolds will be officiating.

# Previous Events

## Receive Friends

JUN **30**. 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home  
2214 Decatur Highway  
Gardendale, AL 35071  
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## Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Great Godly man. I was friends with his daughter, Kim. I would bring smoked Chicken to the Hanger as often as I could. I pray that Kim and the family God's perfect peace.

*Dr. Mark Isley*

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**Dr. Mark Isley** - November 18, 2023 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Just came across this and am very sorry to hear about His passing. Indeed Richard will always be remembered by my family dating all the way back to 1981 when He hired me as one of His helicopter mechanics. I do remember stopping by the family home one day and seeing Him and Oma. I told Him that I always thought that He was always my favorite boss as He treated me very well and always let me log flight time on many test flights and sudden trips that would come up.

*I also knew for sure that Dick was a true Christian just being around Him and seeing His lifestyle around us. I'm sure appreciative that I got the opportunity to spend a seemingly short time with Him here on this earth and know that the Lord is spending His time with him now. God's speed my friend and may many blessings be upon the Parker family.*

*Sincerely, Ray Davies.*

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**William R.(Ray) Davies** - August 26, 2023 at 11:18 AM

JP

“ My name is Judy Walker Peters. My father, Larry, was Annabelle Walker's brother. I last saw my cousin Dick at his mother's funeral in Piedmont, SC...2001 or 2002, I believe. I spoke with Dick several times over the phone. Although I didn't know him well, I know he was a wonderful and caring man. Should any of his children or grandchildren see this and wish to contact me, I would welcome the opportunity to connect with my family. judywpeters@hotmail.com

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**Judy Peters** - June 03, 2022 at 03:47 PM

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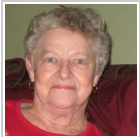
“ Mr. Parker was an amazing, God-loving, man and mentor. This is a huge loss for a lot of people but God has gained a strong angel.

*God bless until we see you again!*

*Greg*

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**Greg Turley** - July 13, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Oma, so sorry to hear about Dick, I know he will be greatly missed. My prayers are with you and your family,

*Chris Saltzmann*

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**Chris Saltzmann** - July 03, 2020 at 02:39 PM

JM

“ I went to grammar school with this fine young man, he has always been a good hearted husband, father, grandfather, great grand father, to me, he was an awesome friend who had a lot of love in his heart. Rest in peace my friend, you will truly be missed. There will always be a special place in my heart for you, we had a lot of good family time, good memories. See you on the other side 😊

Jackie Murphy - July 01, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ 70 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gardendale Heritage Funeral Home - June 30, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Eugene Parker.



June 30, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Eugene Parker.*



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June 29, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard Eugene Parker.*



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June 29, 2020 at 06:59 PM