



Louise A. Parker

April 2, 1923 - May 11, 2019

Louise Amanda Pope Parker was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 11, 2019.

Born on April 2, 1923, in Hampton, Virginia, Louise was the beloved daughter of the late Shadrick and Eunice Pope. The family moved to Baltimore when she was an infant.

After graduating from Frederick Douglass High School in 1943, Louise attended Cortez Peters Business School. While working at Montgomery Ward in Southwest Baltimore, she met “the only love of her life,” Robert E. Parker, and the two were married on November 4, 1944. From this union two beautiful daughters, Roberta and Celeste, were born.

Louise worked at Spaulding Realty for over 35 years. She began working there as an assistant manager and, later, worked her way up to become the general manager. She soon realized she had an extraordinary aptitude for both finance and real estate. Together with her husband Robert, they built a very successful real estate business, Parker Enterprises, which Louise continued to manage even into her early 80s.

Louise was an active and dedicated member of her community. She often delivered meals to those who were ill or shut in. She attended St. Edwards’s Church regularly and served in The Blessed Mother Sodality, the St. Edward’s Adoring Loving Seniors (SEALS), the Helping Hands Ministry, and the Senior Usher Board. Louise was also an active member of the Le Grande Dames Social Club, where she served as historian for several years.

A sassy and stylish woman, Louise enjoyed the life that she and Robert had worked hard to build together. They enjoyed traveling with friends to Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Canada and the Caribbean. She and her husband loved music and would take trips to New York to attend the jazz clubs popular in Harlem and along 52nd Street. They loved to dance and would host parties at their home and go to many social events, including those given by the Masons where Robert was a 33 Degree Mason. Louise loved the old Baltimore Colts and later, the Baltimore Ravens. She enjoyed attending the games

and would host football parties to watch her favorite team's televised away games.

Louise was known for many things, especially her homemade yeast rolls and crab cakes, her well-manicured yard where she grew huge tomatoes and other vegetables, her adeptness at picking crabs and her love of ginger ale and ginger snaps. She had a sense of fashion and enjoyed looking her best every day. On Sundays, she looked forward to spending time with her daughter Celeste, son-in-law Kevin, and granddaughter Haley. The four of them would sit outside when it was warm while Louise sipped Hennessy and coke and Kevin would smoke a cigar.

Louise has touched so many with her smile, wit, knowledge, generosity and courage. She helped many young adults who were either just starting out in life or who were trying to get started in their own businesses. She has taught us well how to be humble and gracious.

She is survived by her two daughters, Roberta Cardwell (John) and Celeste Simmons (Kevin); her grandchildren Candace Cardwell, Kenneth Cardwell (Rachel), Haley Romero (Andres); three great grandchildren, Chloe Cross, Christian and Brandon Cardwell; a niece Marion Harmon (Macklin); and a host of other nieces, nephews, friends and relatives. Louise was preceded in homegoing by her husband Robert; and by siblings Tyler Parker, Rubin Pope, Shadrick Pope Jr., Doris Johnson and Eunice Lee.

Events

MAY **Viewing** 08:30AM - 08:00PM

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March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue, Baltimore, MD, US, 21215

MAY **Family Hour** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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MAY **Wake** 10:30AM - 11:00AM

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St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church
901 Poplar Grove St., Baltimore, MD, US

MAY **Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 14 at 07:50 AM