



Donald A. Parker Jr.

September 3, 1961 - August 25, 2020

MY STORY

My name is Donald Allen Parker, Jr. I would like to share a small amount of my story with you.

My Arrival & Family

Donald Allen Parker, Jr. arrived on the scene early in the morning on Sunday, September 3, 1961. Baltimore, Maryland had a new son as did Donald and Shirley Parker. They were ecstatic to welcome their first man-child. I joined a family of two sisters, Gail Marie and Cynthia Ramona. Dale Kevin came later. I did want to mention that my mother Shirley was especially excited that day since I was a special gift to her. Yes, I actually came on her birthday. I know she had a happy birthday! Later, when I was older, my grandmother told me that I messed up her daughter's birthday. We always got a good laugh out of that. I was adored as a child. I think they thought I had dreamy eyes and long eyelashes. That got me a lot of attention as a little one. I had a usual childhood, Boy Scouts, football, fighting with my brother. Oh, come on now... boys were made to roll across the floor. But, make no mistake, I love my brother Kevin! He had my back no matter what. My sisters were there, too and later in my adult life I had a brother-in-law, Robert, lots of nieces, nephews, and a godchild.

EDUCATION

I attended Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated from Carver Vocational Technical High School as a cabinet maker. My dad was pretty

pleased because his sons followed his path of years before. I especially enjoyed track and field in high school and did very well.

I then entered the United States Marine Corps. Oorah! After a short stint in the service, I returned to Baltimore and enrolled in the Coppin State College. By then I was ready to try my hand at marriage. My greatest success with marriage was my children. I am so proud of each of them, Christopher “Chris”, Khristina “Khrissy” (Donte), D’Anita “Dink”, and Donald Keyshawn “Boodah”. Both of my wives had children who I loved and did my best to show a Christian life. The three ladies in my life gave me the joy of being a father.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Speaking of Christian life... I was baptized on June 10, 1973 at Providence Baptist Church, Inc. under the pastorship of Rev. Marcus G. Wood. I was pretty active in church life, especially exercising my gift of singing. Through the years I joined the Youth Choir, the Voices of Providence, the Young Adult Choir, the Psalmodists of Praise and the Gospel and Male Chorus. I was humbled and pleased to be invited to be the speaker for the 2009 American Baptist Men’s Sunday. It was a large and heavy lift to share what the scriptures and the holy spirit had taught me as I grew in the Lord. I was so thankful for that opportunity at Providence. I didn’t just sing; I used my driving skills to serve as a local and long distance bus driver for Providence. And, I enjoyed participating with the Men’s Fellowship

I also spent time under the pastorate of Rev. Terrence Leathers at Prince of Peace Baptist Church where I was given the opportunity to take classes at the seminary level since his wife Dr. Kim Leathers was able to make those arrangements.

FRIENDS AND LEISURE

My friends were so important to me and I had a wonderful relationship with each of them and my cousins also became my friends; like Tony Pindell, Minister Artis Jones and Champ (Rev. Kelvin Fields). I know I am leaving some out, but I love them no less. now, I also had another friend, anything Ravens! I didn’t idolize them, but I like them a whole lot... jackets, towels,

flags. Anything Ravens was a good gift choice for me. Purple became my second favorite color.

WORK LIFE

I worked a variety of jobs, starting with forklift operator for Manor Hill, managing the tire department at Pace Warehouse and then driving. Driving was a large part of my life. It is reported that when I was young I would be the last person at the table because I formed my bread into a truck and rode it around my plate and table. I seem to remember something like that. I don't think my parents were thrilled then, but the truck thing turned out to be prophetic. I drove for several companies including Alliance Services and Panera. I remember telling my sister that she had to try the Bacon Turkey Bravo... or something like that from a new restaurant named Panera! My most recent driving adventure was with Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).

AUGUST 25TH

I had spent time in the hospital, then a rehabilitation center. I was thrilled to be released and my sister and I shared our victories of that Monday. I was coming home from rehabilitation and she finished her treatments. I talked to many family and friends on Monday. On Tuesday my brother Kevin was on his way to pick me up. You know things don't always turn out as we planned. My great neighbors took care of me as they waited for the EMTs. I can tell you for sure, that was not my plan for the day. But, I will also tell you that I am so glad that when that time came, I was in Christ and covered with the blood of Christ.

LEGACY

Think of all of the wonderful things you'd like to leave in this world to be known and remembered. Wow. In addition to those and at the top of the list I wish to offer Salvation. If you are fighting against claiming Jesus as your savior, don't. I can definitely recommend Him. I have no treasure that can outlast Him or of greater value. Well... that's enough about me. You may have learned a little more about me, And, I hope that knowing me has added something to your life, or even given you a smile as you remember something we shared. Well,

here I come Daddy. Oh, I want to say just one more thing that my children like
... “not Goodbye.. but....See Ya Later!”

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

2130 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207

Previous Events

viewing

SEP 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Wake

SEP 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church
1401 Pennsylvania Ave
Baltimore, MD

Service

SEP 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Providence Baptist Church
1401 Pennsylvania Ave
Baltimore, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Donald A. Parker Jr.

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Donald was a church member. Always with a smile and kind word. He will be missed. Thankful for the friendship and fellowship he offered at Providence Baptist. Deepest condolences from the Jessup Family to the Parker Family.

Kenneth Jessup - September 23, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ Mr Donald was good neighbor friend good person he will be missed give the family strength god bless kia

Kiatoland - September 22, 2020 at 07:25 PM



“ To Family: GOD has called Donald home. HE has Blessed him by saying "COME HOME MY SON, JOB WELL DONE." GOD has Donald name written in the palm of HIS hand. Much Love from SANDRA 🧐 and RUSSELL ❤️❤️



Sandra and RUSSELL ❤️❤️ - September 20, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Donald was a dear friend of mine as we grew up in church together. I will remember Donald for the times he kept me laughing. May God continue to comfort and strengthen the family and may His peace rest upon you all. My prayers are with you all.

Toni Smith Matthews - September 19, 2020 at 01:38 PM

DH

“ Praying the Lord comfort you and give you peace.
Debbie Henry

Debbie Henry - September 19, 2020 at 12:52 PM

DG

“ To my cousin!!! You will be missed!!!! I will always remember the Wonderful times we shared together... The Ravens and Falcons game, The time we spent the entire day at the Harbor, the time you lived with us in Georgia!! All the many times we spent hours on the phone because you loved to talk..Rest well darling!!! Much Love

Cousin Tina

Donna Garrett - September 19, 2020 at 10:19 AM

VD

“ We went to school together and he was still a part of my life and my family's life. You would look for him sometimes and he would be over at my house with my family at cook out For Thanksgiving dinner. He have the laugh like no other and he love his ravens. He will be missed and I want the family to know that my family Will continue to pray for the Parker's family because you are a part of our family hold on don't give up because God is able. Much love Valerie Durant -Thompson💕💕💕

Valerie DTHOMPSON - September 18, 2020 at 09:06 AM

GS

“ To the Parker Family: My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time in the passing of your Son, Father, Brother, Uncle, Cousin, Nephew. I sang on the Young Adult Choir with Donald that year ago. I remember that he sang at the church on Park Heights Avenue and Donald came to my house and got dressed. He was always pleasant, nice, kind and caring.



Gretchen Spencer - September 18, 2020 at 08:06 AM

SO

“ Prayers and concerns to the family from Cousin Sandy, Ernie , Mary and Leon

sonia - September 18, 2020 at 07:20 AM

CS

“ My Condolences and Prayers to my brother and friend , may God continue to watch over you while you R.I.P. 🥹🥹🙏🙏 " GO RAVENS "

Charles R Lucas Sr - September 17, 2020 at 04:54 PM

SP

“ Selina Pindell lit a candle in memory of Donald A. Parker Jr.



Selina Pindell - September 17, 2020 at 04:58 AM

BD

“ Behavioral Health Staff, Charles Co. Health Dept. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald A. Parker Jr..



Behavioral Health Staff, Charles Co. Health Dept. -
September 16, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald A. Parker Jr..



September 15, 2020 at 07:33 AM

AJ

“ Christopher, our deepest condolences to you and your family in the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. We pray that God will strengthen you at this time and that you find comfort in the memories of times together.
In Christ, Dr Wallace and Pastor Anita Johnson and family.

Anita Johnson - September 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM

AJ

“ Anita Johnson lit a candle in memory of Donald A. Parker Jr.



Anita Johnson - September 14, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ 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 - September 11, 2020 at 08:43 AM