



## Irene Parker

June 11, 1926 - August 1, 2018

IRENE BRAKE PARKER, daughter of the late Oza (Leonard) Brake and Willie E. Brake Sr., was born on June 11, 1926 in Nash County, North Carolina. She departed this life on August 1, 2018 after a lengthy illness. Irene accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and personal Savior at an early age. (She loved the Lord). She received her education in North Carolina and went as far as the eleventh grade.

At the age of 19, she married Oliver Parker with whom she conceived two children, Curtis Earl Parker who preceded her in death, and Wilma Tynes her surviving only daughter. Later in life, Irene moved to Baltimore, Maryland where she met Wiley Alston, who became her husband and they conceived three sons, Willie Alston who preceded her in death and two surviving sons, Ronnie Alston and Walter Ray Alston.

Irene was gainfully employed at University of Maryland Hospital for fifteen years until an on-the-job injury forced her to retire. She loved her job and was acknowledged for her attendance and punctuality (she was never late). Years later she became ill and was unable to care for herself. Irene then moved into the Keswick Nursing Facility where she enjoyed the many activities that were displayed, especially ceramic class. She was always making beautiful pieces, which she gave to family and friends as a keepsake. Irene enjoyed playing dominos and bingo as well.

Irene lived a prosperous life that reflected her beautiful smile. She loved to hand dance and dress up and have a good time. She was famous

for making funny faces and had a witty sense of humor. She loved her children and grandchildren and she made sure that they always had a place to call home.

Irene loved all of her siblings who preceded her in death; Madeline Boddie, Velma Henderson, Odessa Lawrence, Lucille Arrington, Willie Brake Jr. and the baby brother who died at birth. When they all were in the same room at the same time, it was hilarious to see how much they looked alike and how much they enjoyed each other's company. They all are truly missed and we appreciate God for giving them to us for the time allotted. The memories that each of them shared with us will help us along the way. Irene may be gone from this place, but her memory will last for the rest of our lives. Sleep on beautiful Queen, until we meet again.

She leaves to cherish her memory: three children, Wilma Tynes, Ronnie Alston(Niecy) and Walter-Ray Alston(Gilda); twelve grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dedicated friends Ms. Odessa Ellis, Ms. Cheryl Wilson and Ms. Lola Friendly.

# Cemetery Details

## Loudon Park Cemetery

3801 Frederick Ave  
Baltimore, MD 21229

# Previous Events

## viewing

AUG **14**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore  
1101 East North Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
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## Wake

AUG **15**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

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**AUG 15.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Parker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Children Of Lee & Martha Alston Clanton lit a candle in memory of Irene Parker*



**Children of Lee & Martha Alston Clanton** - August 15, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *It is my prayer that God provide the family strength and solace as you face these difficult days ahead.  
Love to you all  
Kitty*

**Catherine Aston Simmons** - August 14, 2018 at 04:06 PM



“ *Dorothy Boddie lit a candle in memory of Irene Parker*



**Dorothy Boddie** - August 13, 2018 at 02:48 PM

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“ Grandma you are truly going to be missed, I know that you are ok know because you are with your two sons, mother & siblings. God seen what was best and took you home. As you were going through your journey you said your place wasn't ready, well here we are God said your place is ready now, I love you very much and you will forever live in my heart with good memories. Your grand daughter Puddin. Love you forever



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**Vonneeter Parker** - August 13, 2018 at 08:43 AM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - August 05, 2018 at 01:29 PM