



James T. Parker

April 3, 1934 - July 18, 2005

Life Reflections JIM PARKER was born on April 3, 1934 in Macon, Georgia to the late Charles and Carrie Parker. He was one of six children that included Charles Jr., Betty, Earnestine, Earnest, and Al. As a child, Jim battled a childhood illness which almost claimed his life. He overcame the illness and not only survived, but thrived. Jim began his remarkable football career at Toledo Scott High School, where he excelled in basketball and football. While attending Toledo Scott High School, Jim was recruited and subsequently played for Woody Hayes at the Ohio State University. While at Ohio State University, Jim was a member of a National Championship Team and also won the Outland Trophy which is awarded to the nation's top collegiate lineman. In 1957, Jim was drafted in the first round by the Baltimore Colts. For eleven seasons, he anchored the Baltimore Colts offensive line. Following his football career, Jim was enshrined in both the National Football League Hall of Fame and the College Football Hall of Fame. Many consider Jim to have been the greatest offensive lineman to have played in the NFL. After his playing days with the Colts were over, Jim maintained a successful business in Baltimore for thirty-three years. Jim Parker's Package Goods and Pub was a favorite place to go and talk to Jim about sports, politics, or any topic of interest. Jim always had a warm smile and a kind word for everyone. He was a mainstay in the community and provided inspiration to all who spoke to him. He was not only a great football player, but he also was a popular figure in the community who provided direction and support to countless friends. Jim would

always be available to help those in need and support them emotionally or financially. Jim's football legacy is one for the record books, but the legacy of his warmth and generosity will overshadow his gridiron greatness. Jim Parker was truly a leader who made a difference to every life he touched. Jim leaves behind: his wife, Esther; two brothers, Charles Jr. and Earnest (one brother Al preceded him in death); one sister, Betty Williams (one sister Earnestine preceded him in death); fourteen children, Deborah Graves, Pam Stewart, Sheri Parker, Jimi Parker, Diane Parker-Miller, David Parker, Tina Nelson, Ernest Keyes, Brian Keyes, Miasha Parker, Anwar Parker, Candace Parker, Christian Parker, and Miriam Parker; two daughters-in-law, Nakieta Parker and Angela Keys; one son-in-law, Charles Miller; twenty-three grandchildren, five great grandchildren; Pete C. Wright (just like a brother); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

JIM PARKER'S FOOTBALL BIOGRAPHY

Collegiate: Ohio State University - 1954, 1955, 1956 All Big Ten - 1955, 1956 All American - 1955, 1956 Outland Trophy - 1956 National Championship - 1954 College Football News Top 100 Players Professional Drafted: 1st round (8th overall) in 1957 by Baltimore Colts Uniform Number: #77 All-Pro: 8 consecutive years (4 years guard and 4 years tackle) Pro-Bowls: 8 Enshrined into Pro Football Hall of Fame: 1973: First full-time offensive lineman named to Pro Football Hall of Fame. Enshrined into College Football Hall of Fame: 1976 NFL's 75th Anniversary All Time Team (unanimous selection) New York Daily News Top 50 Football Players Sports Illustrated NCAA Football All Century Team Sporting News 100 Greatest Players

Tribute Wall



“ Jim was a great football player and a good person. We took care of his pets at Dr Schams on Falls Road in Baltimore. I was just a kid but he treated me with respect. RIP #77

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“ James T. Parker

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Hello, I'm sending this message to the family and friends of james parker. having lost my own loved ones in death, including my one year old grandson. It sometimes feels like the grief will never completely go away. nevertheless, I have found some Bible truths to be very comforting to me and i hope they will be for you also.Revelation 21:3,4 gives us a hope for our future welfare and also, that of our reserrected loved ones. Psalm 37:10,11,29 shows the wonderful conditions under which we all can live. Jeremiah 10:23 lets us know that we need Jehovah's guidance, that we can't do it alone. and Proverbs 3:5,6 shows that we will be greatly rewarded if we are obedient. so, may we all closely follow God's written in order that we might one day survive to unite with our loved ones again.##imported-begin##kathy commander##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ to the family of mr parker my deepest sympathy goes out to you the bible gives us hope at revelation 21:3,4 this brings out that one day we wont have to deal with pain and death anymore i hope this has given you some encoragement.##imported-begin##jenelle green##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of your loved one. Take comfort from the scripture at Daniel 12:2 which says “And there will be many of those asleep in the ground of dust who will wake up, these to indefinitely lasting life”.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ How pleased James T. Parker Sr. must be with the abundance of words and thoughts that are being expressed at this time to celebrate his life and achievements. James T. Parker was a giant of a person in many ways. I extend my wish for comfort and peace for his family, friends, and fans at this time.##imported-begin##Judith Kari##imported-end##

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“ To Mrs. Parker & family: Although I didn't know Mr. Parker personally, I'd like to extend my heartfelt condolences to his entire family. May GOD send you peace and comfort in your time of sorrow. You're in my prayers.##imported-begin##Trish Johnson (March Funeral Home West Receptionist##imported-end##

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“ You will be missed dearly #77##imported-begin##Jerry##imported-end##

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“ God bless you family during this time. May God give you strenght to endure, now and forever. Colt Parker was truly an asset to everyone.##imported-begin##Karen Y. Harris##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the Parker family. May God bless and keep you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jackie Martin##imported-end##

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“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Parker. It seems so unfair that death should have the power to take away someone we love. However, the bible gives us the needed strength to cope. Jesus said at John 11:25 that he is "...the resurrection and the life. He that exercise faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life..." May this strengthen you all as it did me.##imported-begin##V Adams##imported-end##

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“ May God be with your family,through your sad times.##imported-begin##Arthur Williams##imported-end##

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“ Jim you were one of my favorite uncles and I will hold with me all the times you made me smile. You were a wonderful addition to mankind. With blessings, godspeed.##imported-begin##Gina & William Montague##imported-end##

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