



Roland Parker

September 9, 1924 - March 5, 2020

Roland Anthony Parker, affectionately called “Buddy,” was the son of the late Obadiah and Vernell Parker. He was born September 9, 1924 in Baltimore, Maryland, the second of four children. He departed this life from natural causes on March 5, 2020 at the age of 95.

Roland attended Baltimore City Public Schools and completed his education at St. Joseph Industrial School in Clayton, Delaware. He graduated in 1942.

He returned to Baltimore and started a career as a truck driver for a local food distributor. In addition to the fresh meats and vegetables he supplied to restaurants across the state of Maryland, he was known for always delivering a smile and good cheer to the people along his route.

Roland married Naomi Edmonds in 1957 and became a dedicated father to her 3 sons, Harold, Terry, and the late Albert. Roland and Naomi added to their union and had a daughter, Bernadette.

Roland retired in 1983 and devoted the rest of his life to his family. For many years, until her death in 2002, Roland served as the loving caregiver for his wife, Naomi, who had become blind and years later bed-ridden following a stroke. He was also active in local politics and served as a voting day judge in Roland Park during several election cycles.

He enjoyed sports and was an avid Ravens and Orioles fan. His jovial and gregarious spirit was expressed through his love of jazz, dancing, and lively conversation. He loved telling stories about his life and the history of Baltimore City. He had a great sense of humor and a way with words.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving daughter, Bernadette Guthrie; two sons, Harold and Terry Edmonds; one son-in-law, Peter Guthrie; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Edmonds; three grandchildren, Maya Maroto, Brian and Olivia Guthrie; one great grandson, Mazi Maroto; one sister, Estelle White in California; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. A sister, Adelaide Newton and a brother Jerome Parker preceded him in death.

Cemetery Details

Druid Ridge Cemetery

7900 Park Heights Avenue

Previous Events

viewing

MAR 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - East Baltimore
1101 East North Avenue
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Family Hour

MAR 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

MAR 13. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roland Parker*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Cloves Baker lit a candle in memory of Roland Parker*



Cloves Baker - March 16, 2020 at 07:00 AM



“ *Brenda C. Baker lit a candle in memory of Roland Parker*



Brenda C. Baker - March 12, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Roland Parker.*



March 11, 2020 at 07:23 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 - March 06, 2020 at 03:22 PM