



Carl E. Parker II

September 21, 1961 - April 10, 2024

Obituary for Carl Edward "Eddie" Parker II

Carl Edward Parker II, affectionately known as "Eddie", 62 years of age, while residing in Waldorf, Maryland, peacefully transitioned into the hands of our Lord and Savior shortly after midnight on April 10, 2024. Born to the proud parents of Carl Edward and Mary Elizabeth Bush? Parker on September 21, 1961, in Frostburg, Maryland. Eddie, a Strong Man of God yet a Gentle Giant, dedicated his life to serving and Praising God and Living with Valor. A true testament to his strength is how he overcame a one-year brain cancer diagnosis in early 1998, and a partially paralyzing stroke in December 2015. He pushed through both life altering challenges by leaning on his Faith and the Promises of God for the last 26 years. He NEVER once complained about the disabilities these illnesses brought upon him and NEVER lost his praise. An amazing example of a true Man of God, Faith and Valor!

He was educated in Prince George's County Public Schools. After graduating from Suitland High School in 1979, he was accepted into Frostburg State University "FSU" where he continued his love for music and his Hometown of Frostburg. He easily moved into college life with the help of his loving Frostburg family members. He was simply happy to be back home in his beloved Frostburg. In 1981, he became an active member of the world's oldest and largest secret national fraternal society in music, Phi Mu Alpha

Sinfonia. He was so proud of the friendships and brotherhood he experienced with frat, even until recently. During his college tenure at FSU, he further developed his love for the parade marching band-drill was his forte.

In 1984, after graduating from FSU with a Bachelor of Science in Music Education, he returned home and began working as a substitute teacher and volunteered as Assistant Director of Bands at Largo High School. He also worked to transform the Friendly High School Color Guard team. He took that group of young ladies to a new high—they rocked under his leadership! In 1985, he was hired by Prince George's County Public Schools as a Music/Band Teacher and Gospel Choir Director at the currently known Andrews Jackson Academy, formerly known as Andrew Jackson Middle School. Throughout his 32-year career at the Academy, he utilized both his extensive music training and past experiences to construct a method of music education that would motivate and inspire the life-changing interests of his students. Until his retirement in 2018 he dedicated his life to educating children in the appreciation and joys of music. The students all loved and respected him—his very presence. The bond and friendships he developed with his fellow co-educators while serving at the Academy was amazing. They were more than just a team—they were family to him. He received numerous festival awards and acknowledgments for his musical gifts and talents. After a few years of retired life, he recently stepped out to continue his passion for music as an Instrumental Music Instructor/Tutor and Voice Coach at KDF Music Connections, LLC and joined the New Horizon Gospel Ministries band.

In 2000, a man of many talents, Eddie accepted God's call to the ministry and became an ordained minister and licensed Local Preacher in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. In 2006 he was appointed Pastor of Capital Heights C.M.E. Church. During his many years growing up in the C.M.E. church he proudly held the position of Minister of Music and Choir Director. He mastered many instruments to include clarinet, saxophone, flute, tuba,

trombone, trumpet, violin, piano, bass, drums and many more. Needless to say "music" was a major part of his life, for which he graciously shared with the world.

Eddie is survived by his father Carl Edward Parker I and his siblings: Valerie Parker-Leatherbury, Patricia Parker-Casey, and Timothy Parker I (wife Natasha Parker). He is also survived by his son, Carl Edward Parker III, his one and only niece Renee Parker-Abdullah, his nephews Alexander Parker, Timothy Parker II, Quentin Parker, Cornell Casey II, his great nephews Rasheed Abdullah, and Amir Abdullah. He was preceded in death by his beautiful mother Mary Elizabeth Bush Parker, his older brother Daniel Bernard Parker, brother-in-law Samuel Eli Leatherbury, and nephew-in-law Raouf Bashir Abdullah and a very large Parker-Bush-Harper family of love! Also added to this family is his special friend/sister Rosalyn Hamilton, who always showed him love, care and appreciation until the very end of his earthly life.

Eddie will truly be missed by his family, friends, and all of the many lives he touched through his ministry, music, and gentle spirit. His family will miss the pillar of strength that he represented and the way he always held his head high.

A wake to honor Carl's life will be held on April 26, 2024 at the Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel from 6:00 - 8:00 pm allowing friends and family to pay their respects and bid farewell. Mr. Parker, II will be laid to rest on April 29, 2024, at Heritage Memorial Cemetery - 13472 Poplar Hill Rd, Waldorf, MD 20601 at 11:00 am

On April 27, 2024, there will be a memorial service at New Horizon Gospel

Ministries 8324 Woodyard Road Clinton, MD 20735 starting at 11:00 am

Previous Events

Wake

APR **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pope Funeral Home Forestville Chapel
5538 MARLBORO PIKE
FORESTVILLE, MD 20747

Memorial Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Horizon Gospel Ministries
8324 Woodyard Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Interment

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Heritage Memorial Cemetery
13472 Poplar Hill Rd
Waldorf, MD 20601

Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Carl E. Parker II*



Pope Funeral Homes - April 26, 2024 at 03:58 PM

JP

“ In 2018, I was in Target with a friend and heard some yell out to get my attention. At first I didn't pay it any mind, but when I turned around I saw Parker standing there with a big ole grin on his face. I ran through that store like that little girl I remember in school and gave him the biggest hug. Definitely the last person I expected to see. Parker was my band teacher when I was in middle school. Going to his class, talking to him in the hallway, or any chance I got to see him was the highlight of day. He would play his saxophone in the hallway at the end of the day as kids walked through, and sometimes after when the hallways were quiet. Sometimes my friends and I would stop by his classroom if we hear him playing the drums just because, when we were definitely supposed to be in class. I just remember being so amazed by his talent, and how everyone knew and loved him even if they didn't have his class. He was loud, funny, very kind, stern when needed, and got the respect he deserved. I called myself looking him up to see if I could find him and this new broke me down.. I'm just a little bit too late to catch up. I'm 26 now and after all these years I still think about him and how much of an impact he made. One of my ALL TIME favorite teachers. You will forever be missed Mr. Parker ☐☐



Jakia Powell - September 13, 2025 at 09:01 AM

JR

“ I know Carl Parker from Frostburg State College (now University), where we were both active in the music program. Carl was a generous, sweet, and funny guy, always a joy to be around. Here is a photo of Carl playing sax at my wedding reception, June 25, 1983. (Also pictured: Barry Foreman and Craig Harvey; not pictured: Jim McIntyre).

My condolences to Carl's family, friends, parishioners, and former students. The world has lost a truly good man of faith, teacher, and leader, but God's jazz band has gained a smoking tenor sax.



Joyce Comer Rose - April 26, 2024 at 03:30 PM

LS

“ Lynelle S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Parker II.

Lynelle S. - April 23, 2024 at 01:44 AM

TG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Parker Family during this difficult time. May your many happy memories of Eddie bring you comfort.



Tom Garry - April 17, 2024 at 12:38 PM