



Mr. John English Parker

August 7, 1942 - October 4, 2020

John English Parker, 78, of Temple Hills, Maryland, passed away on Sunday October 4, 2020 at Southern Maryland Hospital Center. He was born on August 7, 1942 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. John was the ninth of twelve children of Patsy Ellen Forrest Parker and Fred Frank Parker. On June 15, 1968, he married Jeune Carolyn Matthews in Washington, D.C. From this marriage, he became the proud father of their only child, Jeffrey Cordell Parker.

John attended Walker-Grant High School in Fredericksburg, VA and graduated in June 1963. He played the position of running back on his high school football team and was affectionately known as “Batman” because of his speed.

John enlisted in the United States Army on September 23, 1963, achieving the rank of Sergeant, and is a veteran of the Vietnam War ('65-'66). John served his military duties with distinction, dedication and bravery. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Commendation Medal. John was honorably discharged from the United States Army on September 20, 1966. He also served in the Army National Guard in the District of Columbia and was honorably discharged on March 21, 1979.

From 1966 to 1968, John was employed with the Lincoln Technical Institute. Other employment included working for the Drug Fair Distribution Center from 1969 to 1976 and working for Tenco from 1976 to 1977.

John made his career with the Department of Commerce – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, retiring on February 29, 2004 after 27 years of civil service. After retiring from NOAA, John pursued his passion for fishing, rooting for the Washington Football Team (formerly the Washington Redskins) and the Virginia Tech Hokies, watching classic movies, and cooking, and he enjoyed exhibiting his collection of football memorabilia. He was an animal-lover who cared deeply for his dogs Patches and Mojo. John was a member of Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, MD.

He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings Mary Rozina Parker, James Edward Parker, Frederick Douglas Parker, Frances Odessa Parker, Clarence Henry Parker, Leon Rodgers Parker, Van Tyrone Parker, Kate Elizabeth Parker, and Franklin Delano Parker.

John leaves to forever cherish his memory a loving wife of 52 years Jeune C. Parker; son Jeffrey C. Parker; granddaughter Gabriella N. Parker; sisters Louise Lewis (Jesse) and Patsy Brooks (Elvis, Sr.); dedicated sister-in-law, Connie Thomas; nephews Kevin Juggins, Sr., David Parker, Samuel Parker, Terrence Parker, Stephen Parker, Elvis Brooks, Jr., Maurice Parker, and Leon Parker, Jr.; nieces Frances Parker, Gwen Rowe, Bobbie Jean Childs, Nicole Gordon, Rona Davis, and Nonie Gunn; and a host of beloved family, friends, and neighbors. Also left to cherish his memory are dear friends Andrew Kelly, Larry Thomas, and Janet Williams.

Cemetery Details

MARYLAND VETERANS CHELTENHAM

11301 CRAIN HIGHWAY
Cheltenham, MD 20623

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **16**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pope Funeral Homes created a Webcast in memory of Mr. John English Parker*



Pope Funeral Homes - October 16, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ *Mr. John English Parker*

January 28, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mr. John English Parker*

January 28, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Mr. Parker - condolences to your family and may you rest in eternal peace.*

Andria L. Doye - October 16, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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To: Sister Connie J. Thomas and Family

We were saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved brother-in-law, Mr. John E. Parker. Be assured that the entire congregation of Hemingway Memorial AME Church in District Heights, MD, extend their heartfelt sympathy and offer prayers that God will comfort you and your family during this time of bereavement.

We commend you and your entire family to the capable hands of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As you walk through the valley of this shadow of death, we pray that you will find comfort in the sweet memories of your loved one. Know that God gifted him to you and has now afforded him a home on high.

May your faith sustain you and may you be strengthened in the days to come, knowing that God loves and cares for all of you

*Pastor Gerald Folsom, First Lady Joyce Folsom, The Ministerial Staff,
Officers and Members of Hemingway Memorial AME Church
District Heights, Maryland*

Hemingway Memorial AME Church - October 16, 2020 at 06:03 AM

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“ To Jeff and the whole Parker Family: Regina, Rotimi and the whole Ogunsuyi family send our deepest condolences at this time of your loss.

May the soul of the departed Officer John Parker rest in perfect peace!

Rotimi and Regina Ogunsuyi - October 13, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *A Little About John*



Jeffrey Parker - October 13, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Captain Parker, my fishing partner. He taught me so much about the Potomac, Patuxent and Benedict rivers and other areas we fished together for years. I will surely miss your guidance and laughter. Rest in peace my brother.*

Larry Winston Thomas - October 10, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me*



Thomas Widgeon - October 09, 2020 at 05:56 PM



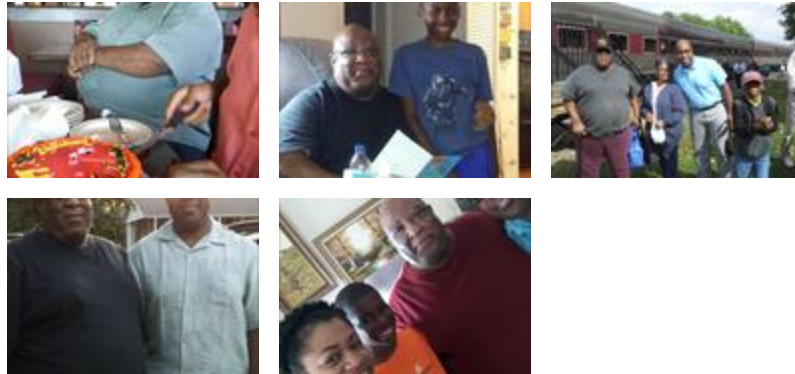
“ *Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me,
We Love You* ”



Thomas Widgeon - October 09, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *21 files added to the album A Little About John* ”



Jeffrey Parker - October 08, 2020 at 11:02 PM